

FSSAI heat on Nestle baby food

New Delhi: India's food regulator said on Friday it had found a Nestle baby food sample to be substandard and was pursuing legal action against the Swiss company in one of its biggest growth markets.

Nestle did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the action by authorities, the latest in a crackdown on India's \$100 billion food industry which has included surprise factory visits and product testing.

Officials found a sample of Nestle "follow-up formula", which is a milk product for infants, was "sub-standard with respect to biotin", the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) said.

The regulator specifies a standardised reference range for biotin, more commonly known as vitamin B7, in baby food.

"A re-analysis" of the sample found it was "non-conforming" with respect to prescribed biotin requirements under Indian laws, the regulator said in a social media post.



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The FSSAI did not say whether it would order a recall of the product.

Nestle, whose shares in India fell almost 3 per cent following news of the action, counts India as a key growth market.

Milk and nutrition products, including infant formulas and baby foods, were Nestle India's biggest revenue category in the year ending March 2026, generating a third of its product sales worth \$2.4 billion.

The FSSAI said it has also filed cases over two other Nestle baby food products, NAN Excella Pro Stage 1, and Lactogen Pro 1, for making misleading claims in breach of regulations. Reuters