

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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**Report Name:** India's FSSAI Issues Order on Rectifiable Labeling  
Information for Imported Food Products

**Country:** India

**Post:** New Delhi

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**Report Highlights:**

On November 18, 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published the Order F. No. Import/TFM/APEX/2022-FSSAI. The FSSAI, aiming to help facilitate trade, while ensuring the safety of food being imported into India, issued the directive authorizing the rectification of all non-compliant labels on imported food consignments to be done at the port-of-entry. The direction permits the rectification of labels to be carried out by affixing a single non-detachable sticker or by any other non-detachable method within the confines of a Customs bonded warehouse before the visual inspection, or the re-inspection, by the FSSAI authorized officer or representative.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

On November 18, 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) (national food authority) published the **Order F. No. Import/TFM/APEX/2022-FSSAI** (see, Appendix I).

The FSSAI, aiming to help facilitate trade, while ensuring the safety of food being imported into India, issued the directive authorizing the rectification of all non-compliant labels on imported food consignments to be done at the port-of-entry. The FSSAI order permits the rectification of labels to be carried out by affixing a single non-detachable sticker or by any other non-detachable method within the confines of “Customs bound [sic] warehouses” before the visual inspection, or the re-inspection, by the FSSAI authorized officer or representative.

Following the visual inspection, the FSSAI authorized officer or representative will verify the label’s compliance, determining whether the consignment is subject to sampling and testing as per the Food Safety and Standards Regulations.

The full text of the **Order F. No. Import/TFM/APEX/2022-FSSAI** is located on the FSSAI website at:

[https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2022/11/63844b1bcf856Order\\_label\\_Food\\_Import\\_28\\_11\\_2022.pdf](https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2022/11/63844b1bcf856Order_label_Food_Import_28_11_2022.pdf)

**APPENDIX I: FSSAI ORDER F. NO. IMPORT/TFM/APEX/ 2022-FSSAI –  
RECTIFIABLE LABELING INFORMATION FOR IMPORTED FOOD PRODUCTS.**

File No. Import/TFM/APEX/2022-FSSAI  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)  
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002

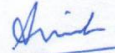
Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**ORDER**

**Sub: Rectifiable labeling information for imported food consignments –reg.**

With a view to facilitate ease of trade while ensuring the safety of food imported into India, based on the provisions under Reg 6(4) of FSS (Import) Regulations, 2017, it has been decided by the Competent Authority that all non complaint labels on imported food consignment may be permitted for rectification at port itself.

2. This rectification has to be carried out at Customs bound warehouses, before visual inspection or re-inspection by the Authorised Officer or his representative, by affixing a single non detachable sticker or by any other non-detachable method.
3. The Authorized Officer/his representative shall verify the label compliance during visual inspection and the consignment shall be subject to sampling and testing only if it is compliant on labeling requirements as per the FSS Regulations.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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**Attachments:**

No Attachments.