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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published on-line the 2019 edition of the Manual for Food Imports that explains in detail the procedures and requirements to export food products to India.

## **General Information:**

**DISCLAIMER:** The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>. The Office of Agricultural Affairs, USDA and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

FSSAI published its 2019 edition of the 'Manual for Food Imports' that explains in detail the overall food import clearance process. It is important that exporters maintain close contact with their agents on possible revised import procedures.

In comparison with the earlier food imports manual published in 2016, the new manual has a broad table of contents ranging from an introduction to FSSAI and imports, to guidelines relating to labeling of imported food products and food import clearance processes. Readers may note that the new manual has an additional annex with a list of Indian Trade Clarification-Harmonized System (ITC-HS) codes of food products (Annexure-1). The manual also includes all relevant forms (Form-1 to Form-13A) available in the import regulation. The title of the forms are listed below:

- Form-1: Visual Inspection Format
- Form-2: Report of Laboratory Analysis
- Form-3: No objection certificate
- Form-4: Non-conformance report
- Form-6: Review application to the Review Officer
- Form-7: For imported food consignment meant for personal use
- Form-8: For imported food consignment meant for 100 percent export/re-export
- Form-9: For imported food consignment meant for research and development purposes
- Form-10: For imported food consignment meant for display purpose in trade fair/exhibition
- Form-11: For imported food consignment meant for sports events
- Form-12: Declaration regarding issue of P-NOC for frozen and chilled imported food consignment
- Form-13: Declaration regarding issue of P-NOC for imported food consignment with less than 07 days' shelf life
- Form-13A: Declaration regarding issue of provisional NOC for imported food consignment with less than 07 days shelf life

The full text of the manual is accessible on FSSAI's website at:  
<https://www.fssai.gov.in/flipbook.php?bookid=327&doc2=0#book2/>