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Report Highlights:

Weekly report as of July 31, 2020, of COVID-19 impact on India's food retail sector

India Food Retail Update as of Friday, July 31, 2020



- 1. Mumbai:** In effort to prevent new COVID-19 infections, authorities at Navi Mumbai's agricultural produce market committee (APMC) are only allowing licensed squatters, vehicles, and vendors to enter the vegetable market. This APMC is a major supplier of fresh produce, pulses, and tree nuts to the greater Mumbai area.
- 2. Bhopal:** At present, the city is in the middle of 10-day lockdown with restrictions on grocery retail operations. Municipal authorities have authorized select vans/vendors to sell fresh produce, but locals report that vendors have few suppliers to offer. Vendors, in turn, have complained that new vegetables shipments are not arriving at local wholesale markets.
- 3. Cochin:** Various parts of Western Kochi have been declared containment zones by local authorities. However, these areas are also home to distributors of essential food items, who have been unable to deliver to wholesalers and grocery stores, because of movement restrictions and road closures. This has led to a shortage of food supplies in various parts of the city.
- 4. Kolkata:** According to media reports, the price of local food staples such as Hilsa fish, mustard oil, green chiles, and ginger have risen significantly. This is the result of lower supplies due to lockdown restrictions and high diesel prices that are limiting deliveries to markets.
- 5. Visakhapatnam:** Due to falling supplies, fish prices have increased dramatically over the past few weeks. This is the result of fishermen not manning boats after high detection rates of COVID-19 among crews. According to the District Fisherman's Youth Welfare Association, there were over 100 positive COVID-19 cases in fishing villages in the city.
- 6. Goa:** On July 29, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant proposed the development of a new wholesale fish market in Margao.

Attachments:

No Attachments.