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Extension to Clearance of Imported Alcoholic Beverages Guidelines

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Report Highlights:

On April 30, 2012, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) gave further extension to the clearance of imported alcoholic beverages via letter no.1/2008 on its website.

General Information:

Introduction: In continuation to the previous circular (circular no. CP CE- 044-2011-CIRCULAR (3)) and letter(s) issued by FSSAI, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) gave further extension to the clearance process pertaining to alcoholic beverages on its website. The guidelines state that minor labeling “defects” may be corrected at the customs warehouse under the supervision of the customs department for another three months. The policy is in effect until July 20, 2012, or until FSSAI issues official guidelines. This procedure will enable importers of alcoholic beverages to correct inconsistencies in labeling after products arrive in India.

Disclaimer: This report presents the link to the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Important Dates:

Publication Date: April 30, 2012

Notification to the WTO: Not notified to date.

Valid Till: Three months from date of issue of this letter or notification of FSSAI’s Rules/Regulations, whichever is earlier.

Effective Date: April 20, 2012

Products Affected: Alcoholic Beverages

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI

The full text of this announcement can be accessed on the internet by following this link [FSSAI Guidelines](#).

See text as attached:

SPEED POST/FAX

**No.1/2008/Import Safety/FSSAI
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi-110002**


Dated: 30th April, 2012

Subject: Ad-hoc guidelines for Alcoholic Beverages related to Imported Food Clearance Process by FSSAI's Authorized Officers - reg.

In continuation of FSSAI's letter of even number dated 16.02.2012 on the subject cited above, the undersigned is directed to convey that relaxation regarding rectification of minor labelling defects for clearance of imported alcoholic beverages issued vide aforesaid letter is extended from 20th April, 2012 for another three months or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


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