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India Extends Ban on Chinese Milk and Dairy Product Imports

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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority (FSSAI) of India issued an advisory extending the ban on Chinese milk and dairy products for one year. The ban has been in place since 2008.

Executive Summary:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority (FSSAI) of India issued an advisory extending the ban on Chinese milk and dairy products until June 22, 2015. The advisory also prohibits chocolates and chocolate products, candies, confectionary, and food preparations made with milk or milk solids. The ban has been in place since 2008.

General Information:

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive interpretation of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority (FSSAI) of India issued an advisory extending the ban on Chinese milk and dairy products until June 22, 2015. The advisory also prohibits chocolates and chocolate products, candies, confectionary, and food preparations made with milk or milk solids. The ban was first implemented in September 2008, and has been in effect for almost six years. Please refer to GAIN reports [IN1057](#), [IN1106](#), [IN2001](#) and [IN3061](#) for further information.

Further details, including the advisory, are below.

Government of India (GOI) Notification No.: 1-13/FSSA/DP/2008

GOI Publication Date: June 19, 2014

Date of Implementation: Immediate.

Date of Expiry: June 22, 2015 or until further notice.

WTO Notification Date: Not notified (as of June 23, 2014)

Products Affected: Milk and dairy products including chocolates and chocolate products, candies, confectionary, and food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient.

GOI Agency in Charge: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

Proposed Changes: Advisory (Text as published is attached).

No. 1-13/FSSA/DP/2008
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
3RD Floor, FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road,
New Delhi – 110002

Date: -19.06.2014

Subject:- Advisory on Ban on import of dairy products from China

The Government of India (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) had imposed a ban on import of milk and milk products from China vide notification No. 46 dated 24/09/2008 for three months. The ban for three months was imposed as an interim step to enable other Departments to put in place suitable measures, to restrict import of contaminated milk products in the country. The ban was extended vide notification No. 67 dated 01/12/2008 for another six months up to 23/06/2009. The import of chocolates and chocolate products and candies/ confectionary / food preparations with milk and milk solids as an ingredient were also included in the ban. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 111 (RE-2008)/ 2004-2009 dated 16/06/2009 for another six months up to 23/12/2009. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 22/2009-2014 dated 23/12/2009 for another six months up to 23.06.2010. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 49/2009-2014 dated 24th June, 2010 for another six months up to 23/12/2010. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 16 (RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 3rd January, 2011 for another one year up to 23/12/2011. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 91 (RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 26th December, 2011 for another six months upto 24/6/2012. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 4 (RE-2012)/2009-2014 dated 2nd July, 2012 for one year upto 23rd June, 2013 again the ban was further extended vide notification No. 23 (RE-2013)/2009-2014 dated 18th June, 20103 for one year upto 23rd June, 2014.

Consultations were held on 18th June, 2014 with the concerned Departments / Ministries of the Government of India to review the ban on import of dairy products from China. Based on these consultations the following advisory is issued:

1. Ban on import of milk and milk products including chocolates and chocolate products and candies/ confectionary / food preparations with milk and milk solids as an ingredient from China may be extended for a period of one year from 23rd June, 2014 unless there are dependable reports available about a significant improvement in the situation.


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