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India Extends Ban on Milk and Dairy Product Imports from China

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India extended the ban on milk and dairy product imports from China for six months. 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 Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) extended the ban on milk and dairy product imports from China until December 23, 2018 or until further notice, whichever is earlier (See current GOI notification pasted below). The notification also prohibits chocolates and chocolate products, candies, confectionary, and food preparations made with fluid milk or dairy solids as ingredients. The notification is in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) [Advisory](#) notified on June 14, 2018. The ban was first implemented in September 2008, and has been in effect for almost ten years.

Further details, including the notification, are below.

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

GOI Publication Date: June 14, 2018

Date of Implementation: Immediate

Date of Expiry: December 23, 2018 or until further orders, whichever is earlier

WTO Notification Date: Not notified (as of June 19, 2018)

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

GOI Agency in Charge: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi

Notification No. 12/2015-2020
Dated the 22 June, 2017

Subject: - Prohibition on import of milk and milk products from China.

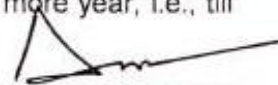
S.O. (E): In exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of FT (D&R) Act, 1992, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-2020, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby, makes the following amendment in ITC (HS) 2012, Schedule 1 (Import Policy):

2. The prohibition on import of milk and milk products (including chocolates and chocolate products and candies/ confectionary/ food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient) from China is effective till 23/06/2017 as per the Notification No. 12/2015-2020 dated 24/06/2016.

3. The matter has been reviewed and the prohibition on import of milk and milk products, as mentioned in paragraph 2 above, from China is extended for one more year, i.e., till 23.6.2018 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

4. Effect of this Notification:

Prohibition on import of milk and milk products (including chocolates and chocolate products and candies/ confectionary/ food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient) from China is extended for one more year, i.e., till 23.6.2018 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.


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No. 1-13/FSSA/DP/2008

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006)

(International Cooperation Division)

FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002

Dated, the 13th June, 2018

Subject: Ban on import of milk and milk products from China

The Government of India (Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) had imposed a ban on import of milk and milk products from China for three months vide Notification No. 46 dated 24.09.2008. 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 for another six months upto 23.06.2009 vide Notification No. 67 dated 01.12.2008. 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.

2. The ban was extended from time to time, vide various Notifications, the last being Notification No. 10/2015-2020 dated 22nd June, 2017 which extended the ban upto 23rd June, 2018.

3. The issue was reviewed in a meeting held in FSSAI on 11.06.2018 with the concerned Departments/Ministries of the Government of India, wherein it was recommended to extend the ban on Import of Milk and Milk Products from China for a further period of six months. Accordingly, **"Ban on import of milk and milk Products, including chocolates and chocolate products and candies/confectionary/food preparations with milk and milk solids as ingredients from China may be extended for a period of six months i.e. upto 23rd December, 2018 or until their safety is established on the basis of credible reports and supporting data, whichever is earlier."**

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