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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

Introduction: On July 7, 2011, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) posted draft 'Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations', 2011 on its website inviting suggestions and comments from stakeholders.

The Regulations detail:

- the powers and duties of FSSAI's Authorized Officers at the port of entry
- licensing of food importers
- prohibition and regulation of imports
- risk categorization of imported food
- import requirements: documentation, labeling, packaging, and channelization
- clearance of special categories of imported food: perishable goods, imports by diplomatic missions, food export oriented units, etc.
- Inspection of imported food at the port of entry by FSSAI's Authorized Officers
- sampling and testing of imported food
- clearance of imported food
- disposal of rejected food and food samples
- uncleared and unclaimed foods
- review process in case the importer requires a review of imported food item

Note: These regulations are strictly applicable to the imported food items and should not be confused with [Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2010](#). All imported foods irrespective of the country of origin must meet requirements laid under Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2010, and will also need to adhere to the specific regulations laid under the 'Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations', 2011 applicable at the ports of entry. For details see [GAIN Report: IN1104](#).

Details on Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2011

Type of Regulation: Drafts

- **Publication Date:** July 7, 2011
- **Notification to the WTO:** Not notified to date
- **Final Date for Comments:** July 25, 2011
- **Effective date:** will be notified by the FSSAI in the Official Gazette of India
- **Products Affected:** Various imported food items

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

The full text of the proposed draft Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2011 can be accessed from [Draft Food Safety and Standards \(Import\) Regulations, 2011](#)

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