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Timeline to Import Specialty Foods Gets Extended Further

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Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

Exporter Guide

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Report Highlights:

On May 2, 2019, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published a notice to extend its timeline for imports of specialty foods for special medical and therapeutic purposes. In its earlier notification published on November 1, 2018 (uploaded on FSSAI's website on November 2), import of such foods are allowed until May 2, 2019. The current notification extends the timeline for another year from May 2, 2019, or until FSSAI establishes their corresponding standards.

General Information:

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On May 2, 2019, FSSAI extended its timeline to allow imports of specialty foods for special medical and therapeutic purposes beyond May 2, 2019. The current notification allows a one-year extension or until the time the standards for these specialty foods are established, whichever is earlier. As stated in its earlier notification, the import of such food products is allowed only through Delhi and Mumbai ports. All other details remain the same as provided in the previous FSSAI notification of November 1, 2018 (uploaded on FSSAI website on November 2). Readers may refer to [GAIN report IN8127](#) to know further details of the November 1 notification.

The full text of the [current notification](#) along with the previously issued notification and their Annexures are pasted below and are also available on FSSAI's website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

F. No. Stds/Nutra -IEM/FSSAI-2016
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)
(Regulation division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002


Dated, the 02 May, 2019

Subject: Direction under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding import of specialty foods for IEM and hypoallergenic conditions.

In continuation to the earlier direction dated 01.11.2018 (copy enclosed), it has been further decided to allow the import of Food for Special Medical Purposes (i.e. Food for Inborn errors of metabolism and hypoallergenic conditions) as listed in the Annexure-A for a further period of one year from 02.05.2019 or till their standards are notified, whichever is earlier.

2. Further, for better control, the import of such products shall continue to be permitted through Delhi and Mumbai ports only.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested with Food Authority under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.


(Suneeti Toteja)
Director (Import)

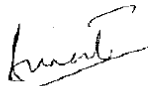
F. No. Stds/Nutra-IEM/FSSAI-2016
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002

Dated, the 1 November, 2018

Subject: Direction under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding import of specialty foods for IEM and hypoallergenic conditions- Reg.

In continuation to the earlier direction dated 02.11.2016 (copy enclosed), it has been further decided to allow the import of Food for Special Medical Purposes (i.e. Food for 15 Inborn errors of metabolism and two hypoallergenic conditions) as listed in the Annexure-A for a further period of six months from 02.11.2018 or till their standards are notified, whichever is earlier. The Hypoallergenic condition at Sr. No. 2 of Annexure enclosed with direction dated 02.11.2016, may be read as those mentioned in Annexure-A enclosed. Further, for better control, the import shall still be permitted through Delhi and Mumbai ports only.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Suneeti Toteja)
Director (Imports)
FSSAI HQ, New Delhi

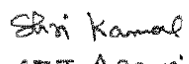
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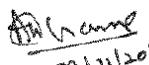
To

1. Sh. Zubair Riaz, Director (Customs), Ministry of Finance
2. All Commissioners of Food Safety
3. All Authorized Officers, FSSAI
4. All Central Licensing Authorities of FSSAI

Copy for information to:

1. PPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
2. PS to CEO, FSSAI
3. All Directors, FSSAI.
4. CITO, FSSAI - for uploading on website of FSSAI.


(IT Associate)


02/11/2018

Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM) Conditions		
S. No	Medical condition	Description
1.	Maple syrup urine disease	Isoleucine, Leucine and Valine free diet powder
2.	Glutaric Acidemia Type I	Lysine free and Tryptophan low/free diet powder
3.	Homocystinuria	Methionine free diet powder
4.	Isovaleric Acidemia, 3-Methylcrotonyl-CoA, Carboxylase Deficiency, 3-Methylglutaconyl-CoA, Hydratase Deficiency	Leucine free diet powder
5.	Methylmalonic Acidemias, Propionic Acidemia	Isoleucine, Methionine, Threonine and Valine free diet powder
6.	Amino acid metabolic disorders	Protein and amino acid free diet powder (with and without fat)
7.	Phenylketonuria (PKU)	Phenylalanine free diet powder
8.	Urea Cycle Disorders, Argininemia, Argininosuccinic Aciduria, Carbamoylphosphate Synthetase Deficiency1, Citrullinemia	Non-essential amino acid free diet powder
9.	Tyrosinemia	Phenylalanine and Tyrosine free diet powder
10.	Galactosemia	Galactose free formula
11.	3-Hydroxy Long Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency	LCHAD Deficiency
12.	Defects in the intraluminal hydrolysis of fat; defective mucosal fat absorption; defective lymphatic transport of fat	Milk protein-based powder with medium-chain triglycerides (MCT) for children and adults
13.	Disaccharidase deficiencies; Disorders of carbohydrate metabolism Sucrase/ isomaltase deficiency, Fructose intolerance	Protein hydrolysate formula base powder with iron for use with added carbohydrate.
14.	Non-ketotic Hyperglycinemia, Lysinuric protein intolerance	Protein free formula
15.	Glucose transport defect (Glut1)	Low carbohydrate, sucrose, fructose, sugar free

	def),Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex deficiency	formula
Hypoallergenic Conditions		
1	Severe allergy due to multiple food protein intolerance that cannot be effectively managed by extensively hydrolyzed formula	Amino acid based Hypoallergenic formula
2	Cow milk protein (CMP) allergy	(i) Amino acid based formula (1 st preference) (ii) Extensively hydrolysed formula (2 nd preference) (iii) Soy based formula (3 rd preference)