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**Report Name:** US Exporters of Nutraceutical and Certain Other  
Categories of Products Face Trade Challenges at the Indian Ports

**Country:** India

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**Report Highlights:**

Effective September 1, 2024, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) commenced its implementation for the mandatory registration of foreign food manufacturing facilities (FFMF) who import certain categories of foods such as milk and milk products; meat and meat products including poultry, fish and their products, egg powder, infant food; and nutraceuticals to India. The non-registered FFMF exporting to India under these specified categories will be subject to mandatory registration. Past the implementation date of September 1, 2024, all non-registered FFMF whose products arrive at the Indian Port will be put on hold until they are registered with FSSAI.

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### **General Information:**

Effective September 1, 2024, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) commenced its implementation for the mandatory registration of foreign food manufacturing facilities (FFMF) who import certain categories of foods such as milk and milk products; meat and meat products including poultry, fish and their products, egg powder, infant food; and nutraceuticals to India. The non-registered FFMF exporting to India under these specified categories will be subject to mandatory registration. Based on the information provided, the FSSAI will register these facilities on its web portal "[ReFoM](#)" and generate a unique registration number for each facility registered. Past the implementation date of September 1, 2024, all non-registered FFMF whose products arrive at the Indian Port will be put on hold until they are registered with FSSAI.

The non-registered FFMF may submit the application in the FSSAI format (Reference: **FSSAI order No. TIC-B02/2/2022-IMPORTS-FSSAI dated April 4, 2024**), pasted at the end of this report. A certificate of free sale from its respective State regulator is also required to be submitted along with the application. The respective State authority may use its discretion whether to issue such a certificate or otherwise. Upon receipt of application in the required format along with the certificate of free sale, FSSAI will seek the approval from the Competent Authority who regulates the above-mentioned categories of products. FSSAI has designated the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service in New Delhi as the Competent Authority for poultry and poultry products. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office in New Delhi will be the competent authority for milk and milk products, infant food, egg powder and nutraceutical products. FDA implemented its India Dairy List in FDA's Export Listing Module (ELM) in August 2024. The India Dairy List is updated and transmitted to FSSAI at the end of each fiscal quarter. At this time, FDA does **NOT** maintain export lists for other product categories identified by FSSAI, including products classified as **nutraceuticals**. To receive the latest updates from FDA on new or changing facility registration requirements, please subscribe to FDA's Human Foods Program Export Certification listserv. Visit the [Food Export Lists](#) page and click "Subscribe to Email Updates" at the top of the page. You can also visit the [FDA Food Export Library](#) web page for country-specific information.

A chronology of the USDA-GAIN India reports related to this topic and their hyperlinks are provided below for easy reference.

Report Number	Title of the Report
<a href="#">GAIN-INDIA-IN2024-0019</a>	India's FSSAI Extends Effective Implementation Date for Mandatory Registration of Foreign Food Manufacturing Facilities
<a href="#">GAIN-INDIA-IN2023-0027</a>	Holding Our Breath-India's FSSAI Updates on the Mandatory Registration Requirements
<a href="#">GAIN-INDIA-IN2022-0086</a>	India's FSSAI Requires Mandatory Registration of Foreign Food Manufacturing Facilities for the Import of Certain Categories of Foods

### **FSSAI FORMAT FOR REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES**

Country Name:	
1	Competent Authority in Exporting country Name: Address and contact details:
2	Details of Food Manufacturer: Name: Address and contact details:
3	Approval/License no. issued by the Competent Authority:
4	Name and HS Code of Product/s to be exported to India:

#### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.