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Draft Food Import Regulations Re-Operationalized

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Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and
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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published its Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations, 2017. The updated food import regulation supersedes the food import regulations that were made operational on September 2, 2016.

General Information:

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FSSAI published a draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations, 2017, and implemented the updated standards on January 14, 2017. According to guidance from FSSAI, the Food Import Regulations operationalized earlier in September 2016, required modifications to incorporate comments received from various stakeholders. Until the final notification of the regulation is issued, the draft Food Import Regulations 2017, along with FSSAI's new directive dated January 13, 2017 (pasted below), will be operational. Interested parties who reviewed the September, 2016 draft should also review the January, 2017 document, including the forms near the document's end to note any major revisions.

The 32 page modified document on 2017 Food Import Regulations is available through the following link: [FSSAI's new directive along with the modified Food Import Regulations](#). It can also be accessed through FSSAI's website: www.fssai.gov.in.

F.No. 1/2008/Import Safety/FSSAI
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-110002

The 13th January, 2017

Subject: Direction under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding operationalization of Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations, 2017.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), the FSSAI has framed the Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations, 2017.

2. The draft notification of said regulation was notified in the Gazette of India vide F.No.1/2008/Import Safety/FSSAI dated 25.10.2016 inviting comments and suggestion from the stakeholders. These regulations were operationalised up to 13.01.2017 in exercise of the power vested in the food authority under section 18 (2) (d) read with section 16 (5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

3. After considering the suggestions received from the stakeholders, these regulations are being modified and are in the process of final notification. Since this is likely to take some more time, and it is neither possible to suspend food import nor allow unrestricted food import that may endanger food safety and public health, the competent authority has decided to re-operationalise the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations, 2017, as enclosed herewith, w.e.f. 14.01.2017 by invoking the provisions under section 18 (2) (d) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

4. It is directed that all Authorised Officers/ Officers authorised by Food Authority shall implement the above mentioned Standards till the issuance of final notification in this regard.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Section 18 (2) (d) read with Section 16 (5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



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Enclosure: as above

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