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## Food Import Regulations Supersede Certain Advisories and Guidelines

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### Report Highlights:

On July 13, 2017, the Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an order to list certain advisories and guidelines previously issued over the years' on imported food products as invalid. The 2017 Food Import Regulations include the subject matter of these advisories/guidelines and therefore supersede them.

## General Information:

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FSSAI has issued several advisories and guidelines from time to time on imported foods. Their recent order dated July 13, 2017, provides a list of advisories and guidelines that stand invalid and are superseded by the 2017 Food Import Regulations. The full text of the July 13<sup>th</sup> order including the invalid list of advisories and guidelines is pasted below at the end of this report and is also available on FSSAI website [www.fssai.gov.in/](http://www.fssai.gov.in/)

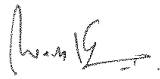
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Dated, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

### ORDER

The Food Authority had issued order or advisory or guideline, from time to time for ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of food articles imported into India. The advisories at serial no. 1 to 8 and serial no. 9 to 11 are covered under FSS Food (Import) Regulations, 2017 and FSS (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016 respectively. Hence, the following advisories are superseded by the above mentioned regulations and are no more in force.

S.No	Advisory Subject	Advisory Date
1	Guidelines related to imported Food Clearance Process by FSSAI's Authorised officers	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2010
2	Re-testing of sample of imported food articles	3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2010
3	Ad- Hoc guidelines related to imported Food clearance Process by FSSAI's Authorised officers	20 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011
4	Ad- Hoc guidelines related to imported Food clearance Process by FSSAI's Authorised officers	12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2011
5	Ad-Hoc instructions related to imported Food clearance process by FSSAI's Authorised officers regarding Date of manufacture and Batch number	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2011
6	Guidelines regarding Clearance of food consignments imported in India for Research & development purposes	30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2012
7	Guidelines for import of food articles meant for exhibition and tasting purposes	19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015
8	Introduction of self-declaration system to substitute affidavits in the Food Import Clearance System	27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
9.	Clarification regarding chocolates containing vegetable oil	14 <sup>th</sup> November, 2012
10.	Use of Vegetable fat in chocolate	26 <sup>th</sup> November, 2012
11.	Clarification regarding testing of filled chocolate	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2013

  
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