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Report Highlights:

On February 26, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published its Authorized Officers' list for food import entry points. Effective March 10, 2021, the Authorized Officers will control the food entry points as listed in the notification's Annexure 1. Prior to this date, some of the locations were Customs controlled points.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

On February 26, 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India notified its Authorized Officers of their designation to 22 new food import entry point jurisdictions. The Authorized Officers listed in Annexure 1, of the FSSAI notification concerning control of the additional food import entry points began March 10, 2021 (see, Appendix I).

BACKGROUND

On October 9, 2019, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India notified its order listing 150 food import entry points that will be controlled by FSSAI Authorized Officers. To date, the FSSAI is now manning 42 food import entry points. The Other 108 food import entry point locations remain <u>Customs</u> controlled entry points; until the FSSAI finalizes designating and stationing its own Authorized Officers. Authorized Customs officials, until then, remain approved to operate the FSSAI's clearance control systems for food imports. It is anticipated that the FSSAI will add additional locations under its jurisdiction in the coming weeks.

The October 2019 order's intent as issued, aims to increase the FSSAI's presence at India's major food import entry points. It seeks to prevent the entry of unsafe or substandard food product imports. The effective implementation date of April 1, 2020 has been set to provide designated officials with sufficient time to transition to their new assignments.

The full text of the current FSSAI notification is accessible on the FSSAI website located at:

https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2021/02/6038ad840e3cbOrder_AO_Notification_26_02_2021.pdf

APPENDIX I – FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA, NOTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED OFFICERS IN ADDITIONAL FOOD IMPORT ENTRY POINTS

File No. 1-1685/FSSAI/Imports/2017 Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006) FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002

26 February, 2021

Office Order

In partial modification to FSSAI Notification No. 1-1715/FSSAI/Imports/2017 dated 09.10.2019 (copy attached), the Competent Authority hereby notifies FSSAI officials as Authorised Officers w.e.f. 10th March, 2021 (Wednesday) for the jurisdiction of food import entry points as mentioned in the Annexure I, for imported food clearance process till further orders in terms of the provisions contained in Section 47 (5) of FSS Act, 2006 and Regulation 13 (1) of FSS (Import) Regulation, 2017.

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SI No.	Authorised Officers	FSSAI Regional Office	Location	Point Of Entry	Port Code
1.	Mr. Nilesh Dundhale, Assistant Director and Authorised Officer	FSSAI, Western Region	Mundra, Gujarat	MUNDRA SEAPORT	INMUN
2.				OLD MUNDRA SEAPORT	INOMU
3.				SEZ MUNDRA	INAJM
4.			Kandla,	KANDLA SEAPORT	INIXY
5.			Gujarat	KANDLA SEZ	INKDL
6.	Mr.Anupam Abraham , Assistant Director &Authorised Officer	FSSAI, Southern Region	Krishnapatn am, AP	KRISHNAPATNAM SEAPORT	INKRI
7.	Ms Asha Chourasia, Assistant Director and Authorised Officer (Delhi)	FSSAI, Northern Region	Haryana	ICD GARHIHARSARU	INGHR
8.				ICD SONIPAT	INBDM
9.				ICD PATLI	INPTLO
10.				ICD SAMALKHA, PANIPAT	INDWN
11.			Uttar Pradesh	CFS STARTRACK DADRI	INSTTO
12.				ICD PAKWARA MORADABAD/ MEERUT	INMBDO
13.				CGML DADRI	INCPLO
14.				ICD CFS ALBATROSS DADRI	INAPLO
15.				ANFTWZ LTD - BULAND SHAHAR	INBUL
16.				NOIDA (EPZ/SEZ)	INNDAG
17.	Ms K. K. Jitha, Deputy Director and Authorised Officer (Chennai)	FSSAI, Southern Region	Tamil Nadu	ICD IRUNGATTUKOTTAI- CHENNAI	INILPO
18.				SEZ J. MATADEE CHENNAI FREE TRADE ZONE	INCJJ6
19.				SEZ PEARL CITY FOOD PORT SEZ (CCCL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED)	INTNC6
20.	Dr. Jesto George, Deputy Director and Authorised Officer (Cochin)	FSSAI, Southern Region	Cochin	SEZ COCHIN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE	INCOK6
21.	Sh. Subburaj M, Deputy Director and Authorised Officer (Kolkata)	FSSAI, Eastern Region	Kolkata	SEZ FALTA EPZ- KOLKATA	INFLT6
22.	Shri K.U. Methekar, Deputy Director and Authorised Officer (JNPT)	FSSAI, Western Region	Mumbai	SEZ ARSHIYA LTD MUMBAI	INPNV6

Attachments:

No Attachments.