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Report Highlights:

This GAIN-INDIA report is an addendum to FAS India's (New Delhi, Mumbai) (Post) GAIN-INDIA | IN2024-0012 | India's Wine Product Labeling Requirements – Update 2024. Post sought out additional regulatory review, and has obtained a revised confirmation from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) that its Food Safety and Standards (Labeling and Display) Regulations now do not require an expiry date for wine products. All other information found in the GAIN-INDIA | IN2024-0012 | report remains the same and in effect. **DISCLAIMER:** The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) website http://www.fssai.gov.in. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Office of Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, USDA, and/or the U.S. government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The Government of India has not officially endorsed this report. Import approval for any product is subject to local rules and regulations as interpreted by Indian officials at the time of product entry. [Note: Use Google Chrome to access the links that do not open in Microsoft Edge. Indian host sites will geoblock site access on a rolling basis].

GENERAL INFORMATION

This GAIN-INDIA report is an addendum to FAS India (New Delhi, Mumbai) (Post) <u>GAIN-INDIA | IN2024-0012 | India's Wine Product Labeling Requirements – Update 2024</u>. Post has sought out additional regulatory review and has obtained revised confirmation from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) that its <u>Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations (2018) Compendium updated as of August 28, 2023</u>, in conjunction with the FSSAI Notification No. Stds/SP (Water and Beverages)/Notification(1)/FSSAI-2019 (published on December 18, 2021) and the FSSAI Order F. No. TIC-B02/3/2023-Imports-FSSAI – Updated Rectifiable Labeling Information for Imported Food Products do not require an expiry date for wine products. All other information found in the GAIN-INDIA | IN2024-0012 | report remains the same and in effect.

Background:

With inputs provided by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, on the product specific updates for the labeling of wine products Harmonized Tariff System (HS) codes 2204 and 2205 to be imported into India, FAS India submitted GAIN-INDIA | IN2024-0012 | India's Wine Product Labeling Requirements – Update 2024. Post's report inadvertently included the requirement of an <u>expiry date</u> for wine products if more than 10% by volume, as an FSSAI general labeling requirement.

Impact on Trade – So, What Does it Mean?

On March 26, 2024, Post sought out additional regulatory review, securing a revised confirmation from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India that wine products now <u>do</u> <u>not</u> require an expiry date on labels.

This means that point (ii) of the general labeling requirements for wine, as contained in the Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations (2018) Compendium updated as of August 28, 2023, stands deleted. All other information found in the GAIN-INDIA | IN2024-0012 | report remains the same and in effect.

Attachments:

No Attachments.