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Report Name: FSSAI Publishes List of HS Food Product Codes Requiring Health Certificate

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Report Highlights:

On December 28, 2022, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified on its website No: 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports-2021. The notification is in continuation to the FSSAI order from August 3, 2022, requiring all milk and milk products; pork and pork products; and fish and fish products, imported into India to be accompanied with a health certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country. The order includes a list of HS codes that a FSSAI health certificate is required for import into India, including new commodities not previously mentioned in the August 3, 2022 order. Additionally, FSSAI advises interested stakeholders to verify the applicability of the listed HS codes in line with the food products specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations (2011).

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 geo-block site access on a rolling basis].

GENERAL INFORMATION:

On December 28, 2022, the Government of India’s Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified on its website File No: 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports-2021. The notification is in continuation to the earlier FSSAI order from August 3, 2021, requiring all milk and milk products; pork and pork products; and fish and fish products, imported into India to be accompanied with a health certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country in the format published in the FSSAI notification. The order includes a list of harmonized system (HS) codes that a FSSAI health certificate is required for import into India, including new commodities not previously mentioned in the August 3, 2022 order, such as HS Code 02069010, “of sheep and goats.” To date, the Order has not been notified to the World Trade Organization.

Additionally, FSSAI advises interested stakeholders to verify the applicability of the listed HS codes in line with the food products specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations (2011). All product standards covered under the three categories of products mentioned in the notification will now require health certificates to be accompanied with consignments imported to India. This includes standards under sub-regulation 2.1 for “Milk and Milk Products”, sub-regulation 2.5.2(7) for “Pork and Pork Products” and sub-regulation 2.6 for “Fish and Fish Products.” FSSAI officials noted to FAS New Delhi that additional commodities (with HS codes) will be added from time to time at FSSAI’s discretion.

The HS codes covered for each chapter that require a health certificate for import into India are listed below. Commodities listed in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 15, 16, and 21 are categorized as “High-risk.” Conversely, commodities under Chapter 17 are deemed “Low-risk.”

Chapter 2: Meat and Edible Meat Offal
HS Codes 0203/0206/0210

Chapter 3: Fish and Crustaceans, Mollusks, and other Aquatic Invertebrates
HS Codes 0302/0303/0304/0305/0306/0307/0308/0309

Chapter 4: Dairy Produce; Birds’ Eggs; Natural Honey; Edible Products of Animal Origin, not elsewhere specified or included
HS Codes 0401/0402/0403/0404/0405/0406

Chapter 15: Animal, Vegetable or Microbial Fats and Oils and their Cleavage Products; Prepared Edible Fats; Animal or Vegetable Waxes
HS Codes 1501/1504

Chapter 16: Preparations of Meat, of Fish, of Crustaceans, Mollusks or other Aquatic Invertebrates, or of Insects
HS Codes 1601/1602/1603/1604/1605

Chapter 17: Sugars and Sugar Confectionery
HS Codes 1702- Other Sugars, including chemically pure lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid form, sugar syrups not containing added flavoring or coloring matter; artificial honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey; caramel

Chapter 21: Miscellaneous Edible Preparations
HS Code 2105 – Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa

For additional information on the subject, refer to the following GAIN reports:

- [GAIN-INDIA-IN2022-0096-India's FSSAI Extends Compliance Timeline for its Health Certificate Requirements for Imports of Milk and Milk Products - Pork and Pork Products - Fish and Fish Products](#)
- [GAIN-INDIA-IN2022-0082-India's FSSAI Issues Clarification Notice on its Requirement that Health Certificates Accompany Imports of Milk and Milk Products - Pork and Pork Products - Fish and Fish Products](#)
- [GAIN-INDIA-IN2022-0069-India's FSSAI Issues Notification Requiring Health Certificates to Accompany Imports of Milk and Milk Products - Pork and Pork Products - Fish and Fish Products](#)

The full text of the FSSAI notification is available on FSSAI's website located at: https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2022/12/63ad67da65918Letter_Health_Certificate_28_12_2022.pdf. The notification, along with the list of HS codes are provided as an attachment to this report.

Attachments:

[221208-HC-Reqd_HS_Codes.pdf](#)