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GOI announces an Amendment to the Import Ban on Live Vaccines

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Report Highlights:

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Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates:

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**Time period for receiving
Comments/suggestions:** N.A.

Products Affected: Live Vaccines

Agency in Charge: Drugs Controller General of India, Directorate
General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and
Family Welfare, Government of India

Proposed Major Changes:

Imports of live poultry vaccines for Marek's Disease, IBD, IB, and Salmonella will be permitted, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The registered importer has to seek a new No Objection Certificate from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying regarding the disease strain to be incorporated in the live vaccine.
- 2) These live vaccines have been sourced only from Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) eggs originating from countries that are free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.
- 3) The certificate of origin for the SPF eggs and the certificate of any vaccines from these eggs should come from the National Controller Authority of the country of origin.
- 4) Every batch of the live vaccine is to be tested at the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (via the High Security Disease Animal Laboratory, Bhopal) for the presence of the HPAI virus before it is marketed in India.

The full text of the letter can be requested from the Office of Agricultural Affairs, New Delhi, AgNewDelhi@usda.gov