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**Report Name:** India Extends Compliance Timeline for Genetically Modified-Free Certificate for Imported Food Products

**Country:** India

**Post:** New Delhi

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**Report Highlights:**

On December 3, 2020, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) extended the compliance date on the requirement of a genetically-modified (GM)-free certificate for imported food products until March 1, 2021.

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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 Office of Agricultural Affairs, USDA and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is extending the timeline to comply with the requirement of Genetically-Modified (GM)-free certificate issued by a competent authority of the exporting country for specific food product imports (e.g., fruits, vegetables, and grains) to India. The new compliance date is March 1, 2021, which applies to the delivery arrival date and not to the bill of entry.

For additional background, please refer to the [GAIN-INDIA \(IN2020-0108\) New Government of India Order Requires Genetically Modified-Free Certificate on Imported Food Products](#) and to [GAIN-INDIA \(N2020-0111\) Update on GAIN INDIA Report IN2020-0108 Highlighting Details on New Government of India Order for Genetically Modified-Free Certificate on Imported Food Products](#) reports.

The full text of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's order is attached immediately below, as well as is also available on the [FSSAI](#) website at:

[https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2020/12/5fc8ea47d1d2dOrder\\_GM\\_Food\\_03\\_12\\_2020.pdf](https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2020/12/5fc8ea47d1d2dOrder_GM_Food_03_12_2020.pdf).

File No. 1-1764/FSSAI/Imports/2018(Part-1)  
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

The 03<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020

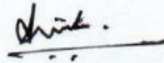
**ORDER**

**Subject: Requirement of Non GM cum GM free certificate to accompany imported food consignments- reg.**

With respect to the order dated 21.08.2020 (copy attached) on the above subject it is to state that the date of implementation of said order has been extended by two months and same will be now effective from 01<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: As above

  
(Dr. Amit Sharma)  
Director (Imports)

To,  
All Stakeholders

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.