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Report Name: India's FSSAI Has a Reality Check and Extends the Compliance Timeline for Health Certificate Requirements for Imports of Milk and Pork and Fish Products

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Report Highlights:

On January 10, 2023, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an order pertaining to FSSAI Order TIC-20012/2/2021-IMPORTS-FSSAI (E-2475), extending for a second time, the effective compliance date. The new effective compliance date is now set for March 1, 2023 (the previous effective compliance date was January 1, 2023). The measure is intended to facilitate compliance by India's trade partners with the FSSAI's requirement that health certificates, issued by competent authority of the country of export, accompany imports of milk, pork and fish products. The FSSAI order states that the compliance timeline has been extended by two months as India's trading partners are in the process of determining how to comply with the measure's requirements.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On January 10, 2023, FSSAI, an agency of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued a new order pertaining to **FSSAI Order TIC-20012/2/2021-IMPORTS-FSSAI (E-2475)**, extending for a second time the order's effective compliance date (see, Appendix I). The new effective compliance date is March 1, 2023 (the previous effective compliance date had been set for January 1, 2023).

The new order extends the effective compliance date of **FSSAI Order TIC-20012/2/2021-IMPORTS-FSSAI (E-2475)** by a period of up to two months. The measure provides more time to India's trading partners that are grappling with FSSAI's requirement that health certificates, issued by the competent authority of the country of export, accompany imports of the following product categories: milk, pork, and fish. The FSSAI order states that the compliance timeline has been extended by two months as India's trading partners are in the process of complying with the measure's requirements.

Background:

For additional background on the FSSAI's measure, see:

- [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 Certificate to Accompany Imports of Milk and Milk Products-Pork and Pork Products-Fish and Fish Products;](#)
- [GAIN-INDIA-IN2023-0002-FSSAI Publishes List of HS Food Product Codes Requiring Health Certificate](#)

The full text of the FSSAI order is accessible on the FSSAI website located at: https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2023/01/63bea75f2315fExtension_Import.pdf

**APPENDIX I: FSSAI ORDER TIC-20012/2/2021-IMPORTS-FSSAI (E-2475)-
EXTENSION OF COMPLIANCE TIMELINE TOWARDS REQUIREMENT OF
HEALTH CERTIFICATE**



TIC-20012/2/2021-IMPORTS-FSSAI (E-2475)
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority established under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)
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Dated, 10th January, 2023

Order

Sub: Extension for compliance towards requirement of Health Certificate-reg

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has issued an order dated 3rd August, 2022 and its subsequent clarification vide order dated 26th September, 2022 regarding the requirement of Health Certificate for import of Milk & Milk products, Fish & Fish products and Pork & Pork Products. Further, FSSAI vide order dated 27th October, 2022 issued order extending the requirement till 1st January, 2023. Since many trade partners are in process of adopting it, the date of implementation of said requirement shall be extended by two months and the order will now be effective from 1st March, 2023.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


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Attachments:

No Attachments.