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Report Name: 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

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Report Highlights:

On October 27, 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a new order pertaining to FSSAI Order F. No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports (2021), which extends the effective compliance date. The new effective compliance date is now set for January 1, 2023 (the previous effective compliance date was November 1, 2022). The measure is intended to allow India's trade partners to comply with the FSSAI's requirement that health certificates, issued by the competent authority of the country of export, accompany imports of milk and milk products; pork and pork products; and fish and fish products. The extension, a temporary reprieve, results from comments received, and concerns raised, by World Trade Organization (WTO) members regarding the FSSAI Order of August 8, 2022, referencing the FSSAI Notification No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports (2021), along with FSSAI clarification notification of September 26, 2022.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On October 27, 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a new order pertaining to **FSSAI Order F. No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports (2021)**, which extends the effective compliance date (see, Appendix I). The new effective compliance date is now set for January 1, 2023 (the previous effective compliance date was November 1, 2022).

The new order extends the effective compliance date of **FSSAI Order F. No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports (2021)** by a period of up to two months. The measure is intended to allow India's trade partners to comply with the FSSAI's specific certificate requirements and attestations for health certificates, issued by the competent authority of the country of export, to accompany import consignments of milk and milk products; pork and pork products; and fish and fish products. The extension, a temporary reprieve, results from comments received, and concerns raised, by World Trade Organization (WTO) members.

The full text of the **FSSAI Order F. No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports (2021)** is accessible on the FSSAI website located at:

https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2022/10/635a6a960acd3Order_Health_Certificate_27_10_2022.pdf

Background:

The FSSAI notification **F. No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports (2021)** (dated August 3, 2022), stipulated that effective November 1, 2022, all milk and milk products; pork and pork products; and fish and fish products imported into India require a health certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country in the format published in the FSSAI notification (see, [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](#)).

The FSSAI, in response to WTO members comments on the **FSSAI Order of August 8, 2022**, referencing the earlier **FSSAI Notification No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports (2021)**, subsequently issued a clarification notification on September 26, 2022. This clarification notification results from WTO members' comments finding the FSSAI requirements to be duplicative; since

sanitary/veterinary certificates for milk and milk products, pork and pork products, and fish and fish products are already being issued by the exporting country's competent authority.

The FSSAI, through the clarification notification of September 26, 2022, confirms it will now be accepting for the import of milk and milk products, pork and pork products, and fish and fish products the presentation of an integrated/single health certificate. The FSSAI does, however, stipulate that the integrated/single certificate must still incorporate all the FSSAI mandated food safety related requirements/attestations necessary for import clearance in India (see, [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](#)). The new effective compliance date is January 1, 2023.

APPENDIX I: FSSAI's ORDER ON EXTENSION OF COMPLIANCE TIMELINE FOR REQUIREMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE WITH IMPORT OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS-PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS-FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS

F. No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports-2021

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(A Statuary Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)

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Order

Subject: -Requirement of Health Certificate accompanied with the import of food consignments-reg.

The 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 on the subject cited above. In this regard, comments were also sought from WTO members. Considering the comments received from the trading partners in respect of implementation time, it has been decided that the date of implementation of said order shall be extended by two months and the order will be now effective from 1st January, 2023.



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Attachments:

No Attachments.