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## India

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### FSSAI Publishes Manual for Food Imports

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Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

Exporter Guide

Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and  
Standards - Narrative

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India published a manual for food imports. The 'Manual for Food Imports' explains in detail the procedures and requirements to export food products to India.

## General Information:

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On November 8, 2017, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published ‘Manual for Food Imports’ in order to explain the overall import clearance process. It is important that exporters maintain close contacts with their agents on import procedures.

The manual covers the following topics:

- Brief introduction on food imports and the Regulations
- Food Import for Commercial Purpose
  - Licensing with a process flow chart
  - Clearance Process with a list of documents to be submitted
  - Process flow for food import clearance
  - Review process
  - Orders simplifying food imports
- Food Import for other purposes  
Personal Consumption; Diplomatic Missions; Quality Assurance, Research and Development; Exhibitions; Sports events; 100% export/re-export
- Step-by-step procedure for food imports
- ANNEXURES
- I: Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017
- II: Form D1 (Annual Return)
- III: Relevant Extracts of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011
- IV: Contact Details of Authorized Officers
- V: Guidelines on Relaxation in Labeling and Packaging Regulations for import of bulk/wholesale packages, etc.
- VI: Port wise list of Laboratories where FSSAI handles food import
- VII: Region wise list of FSSAI Notified Laboratories
- VIII: FSSAI Notified Referral Laboratories

The full text of the manual can be found on FSSAI’s website at:

[http://www.fssai.gov.in/dam/jcr:7fc2d5f5-3e70-4dfb-b855-2f1de8142007/Food\\_Imports\\_Manual\\_08\\_11\\_2017.pdf](http://www.fssai.gov.in/dam/jcr:7fc2d5f5-3e70-4dfb-b855-2f1de8142007/Food_Imports_Manual_08_11_2017.pdf)