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India's Food Processing Sector Poised for Growth

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Report Highlights:

India's food processing sector continues to grow in response to changing demographics, evolving preferences for branded and convenient items, retail and food service sector modernization, and government efforts to develop food manufacturing. Increasing health consciousness is influencing the development and sales growth of packaged foods. Imports of non-standardized processed foods and ingredients remain a challenge, though regulatory reforms are supporting progress.

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Executive Summary:

Section I. Market Summary

Increasing urbanization, lifestyle changes, greater affluence, and increased rates of women working outside of the home are driving demand for processed foods. According to the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) 2017 Indian Food Processing report, the Indian food processing industry accounts for 32 percent of the country's total food market. It contributes around 8.8 and 8.4 percent of Gross Value Added (GVA) in Manufacturing and Agriculture, respectively. In addition, it accounts for 13 percent of India's exports and six percent of total industrial investment.

As per the 2016-2017 Annual Survey of Industries, there are 37,175 registered food processing units in the country that employ approximately 1.7 million people in food and beverage manufacturing. According to an Assocham Grant Thorton study, the Indian food processing sector has the potential to attract \$33 billion in investment and generate employment for 9 million persons by 2024.

Most food is sold fresh or partially processed from stalls, street carts, and open-air shops. A significant segment of food processing is in primary processing (e.g., milling and crushing) of cereals, pulses and oilseeds along with the simple processing of foods such as traditional pickles, spice mixes and snack foods (cookies and savory snacks). Until the late 1990s, most of the food processing sector was limited to small-scale industries where only small firms were allowed to obtain a license to process foods. In recent years, laws changed to allow large firms to invest and Indian and global food companies have entered the sector. Despite increasing investment and modernization in the industry, various challenges exist, including; dynamic policy regulations; lack of appropriate processing; lack of training in food processing/safety; storage and transportation infrastructure; price constraints; and, several sanitary or phytosanitary requirements that limit market access.

The Government of India (GOI) 'Make in India' campaign launched in 2014 facilitates investment in manufacturing in various sectors; including, food processing. With the campaign, the government aims to reduce food losses and keep food inflation in check while generating local employment and demand for local agricultural products. Food parks are under development across the country to support domestic demand for processed foods, beverages, and ingredients for food service and retail sale.

Key Factors Driving Growth in the Indian Food Processing Sector

Demographic Changes - India's current population is nearly 1.3 billion, up from 670 million in 1980. The pace of growth is slowing, but the country's age structure promises continued gains for some time. The median age is rising but is still relatively low – just 27.9 years in 2016. About 33.5 percent of India's population is urban and nearly 61 percent is under the age of 35. The Indian government projects that there will be 400-500 million people in the work force before 2025, but if female empowerment takes off that figure might increase to 600 or 700 million.

Rising Disposable Incomes - Income growth has increased consumer appetites and discretionary spending. This shift in spending appears promising for manufacturers and service providers, especially

in hotel, leisure, healthcare and household goods and service categories. According to the GOI, the per capita income during 2016-17 was U.S. \$1,599 (INR 103,291); a rise of 9.7 percent over the previous period. The per capita gross domestic product was U.S. \$6,700.

Changing Lifestyles and Women in the Workplace - Urbanization and the increasing number of working women has pushed consumers to look for products offering convenience. This is leading to trading up from unpackaged to packaged and unbranded to branded products. Additionally, consumers have gained some health consciousness, which has led them to choose packaged foods products more wisely. Given that the industry is underpenetrated, improved competition will create more awareness and better availability through stronger distribution and bolster volume growth.

Rising Organized Retail and E-Retail – Although small, traditional outlets dominate the food retail sector and account for 98 percent of sales, modern retail chains offering a consumer-friendly shopping experience are emerging. Organized retail stores exceed 5,300 in 2016. India remains a growing market for consumer-ready food products. With a sharp rise in mobile penetration across India, online and e-commerce retail opportunities have opened up and afforded options to consumers on payment mechanisms as well as conveniences for time and cost savings.

Emerging Casual Dining Restaurant (CDR) and Quick Service Restaurant (QSR) Segments - India has witnessed a sizeable shift in its CDR and QSR sector and many of the players require preformed and ready to heat products to quickly serve their customers. CDRs and QSRs have gone from largely serving Indian snacks to serving western foods with an Indian flavor. The restaurant sector in India is divided into the organized and unorganized market. The unorganized international-style market includes roadside vendors, vans and trolleys serving Chinese and Italian-style foods. The QSR and CDR span organized and unorganized markets and include pubs, bars, and cafes as well as street vendors. Standalone restaurants are emerging and competing in this segment against several chain and groupowned QSRs and CDRs. Gaining consumer loyalty to a restaurant and its brand is the major challenge the segment faces.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy and Other Measures to Attract Investment - The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is an advocate for investing in India with the goal of exporting processed products as well as catering to domestic demand. Use of imported ingredients in these facilities remains limited. As per the current policy, the GOI allows 100 percent FDI under controlled conditions and for any foreign investment beyond 51 percent, 30 percent of the value of goods used in food processing must be sourced from India. Additionally, to encourage food processing industries, the GOI reduced excise duties on food processing and packaging machinery from 10 percent to 6 percent, allowed food processing units a 100 percent income tax exemption on profits for the first five years of operation, and a 25 percent income tax exemption on profits for years six to ten of operation and provided other incentives.

Food Safety Regulation Revisions and Reforms - FSSAI made it mandatory for every food business operator (FBO) in the country (including Food Processing Companies) to follow and comply with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and its Rules and Regulations, 2011. After a number of extensions, the final date of compliance was August 4, 2016 (See GAIN IN6075 for additional information). On November 9, 2017, FSSAI implemented the Food Safety and Standards (Organic Food) Regulation, 2017. The Regulations incorporated comments from stakeholders and was notified to

the WTO on May 4, 2017 (GAININ7139).

On September 11, 2017, India implemented its <u>Food Safety and Standards</u> (Approval for Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients) Regulations, 2017 in the Official Gazette of India. Comments received on the draft regulation were incorporated in the final regulation. All FBOs who had earlier submitted applications for approval of their products before the discontinuation of the product approval system were notified to submit additional documents as per the new regulation requirements. Earlier, on January 31, 2017, FSSAI published a draft regulation on new product approval procedures in the Official Gazette of India and invited a 30-day comment period only from the domestic stakeholders. FSSAI had termed these categories of food or food ingredients as "non-specified food and food ingredients." The draft regulation outlined new product approval procedures for the following food and/or food ingredients:

- a. Novel foods or food containing novel ingredients with no history of human consumption in India;
- b. Food ingredients with a history of human consumption in India, but are not specified under any other regulations made under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006;
- c. New additives and processing aids; and
- d. Foods manufactured or processed through novel technologies.

On June 23, 2017, the GOI amended the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 and published these in the Official Gazette of India. This was 2017's first amendment to Legal Metrology Rules. The enforcement date mentioned in the document's December notification was extended until January 1, 2018. There are no major revisions between the draft and final amendment. The primary amendments of the Rules were listed in GAIN IN7001. It is recommended that interested parties review the June, 2017 final notification. A notification related to the same subject was published on July 4, 2017, to explain the impact of the GST on the unsold stocks of pre-packaged commodities (GAIN IN7086).

FSSAI published Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives)

Amendment Regulations, 2016 to facilitate the ease of doing business related to proprietary food. With this amendment, nutraceuticals, health, and dietary supplements and certain other food products are no longer considered "proprietary food" and will be reviewed and approved under separate categories. The new definition of proprietary food allows for the manufacture, sale, distribution and import of such foods without product approval. However, the onus of ensuring the safety of such category of foods was shifted to the FBO. All required information on proprietary foods can be accessed from GAIN reports IN6016, IN6026,IN6050 and IN6082.

Table 1. India: Registered Manufacturing Units in the Food Processing Sector

Code (4- Digit NIC, 2008	Items	Number of Factories	Number of Persons Engaged
1010	Processing and preserving of meat	148	25,607
1020	Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans and molluscs and products thereof	466	44,178
1030	Processing and preserving of fruits and vegetables	1,101	58,331
1040	Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats	3,300	107,623
1050	Manufacture of dairy products	1,753	145,601
1061	Manufacture of grain mill products	18,272	296,548
1062	Manufacture of starches and starch products	744	23,111
1071	Manufacture of bakery products	1,498	96,561
1072	Manufacture of sugar	791	247,953
1073	Manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery	505	37,469
1074	Manufacture of macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaccous products	105	9,948
1075	Manufacture of prepared meal and dishes	298	18,153
1079	Manufacture of other food products n.e.c.	5,546	426,659
1080	Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	820	44,786
1101	Distilling, rectifying and blending of spirits; ethyl alcohol production from fermented materials	369	54,226
1102	Manufacture of wines	71	7,859
1103	Manufacture of malt liquors and malt	143	28,302
1104	Manufacture of soft drinks; production of mineral waters and other bottled waters	1,520	68,120
	Total	37,175	1,689,176

Source: Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation; MOFPI Annual Report 2016-17, Government of India (GOI).

Table 2. India: Advantages and Challenges for U.S. Food Ingredients

Opportunities	Challenges
Growth in the food processing industry	Processed foods still seen as inferior to fresh foods by many consumers
 Increasing disposable incomes, dual income households, urbanization, increasing numbers of nuclear families, preference for convenience foods 	Forward and backward linkages still developing
Seasonality of raw materials produced in India	Fragmented and long supply chain
 Indian consumers are becoming more accepting of foreign foods and flavors 	Processing firms source most of their ingredients locally
 Small but growing modem food retail and e- retail sector 	Modern retail sector is relatively small
 Increasing demand for quality ingredients and foods 	High tariffs and market access issues
 Rising number of foreign brands is boosting quality via competition throughout the sector 	 Despite expanding palates, most consumers prefer Indian cuisine.
U.S. food ingredients are well-known and considered of high quality.	New local food developments follow global market trends (natural foods, juices, processed meats)
 Local processors are increasing their production capacity and food quality to meet higher export standards for foreign markets. 	Dynamic food safety policy regulations
Government support to attract FDI in food processing sector	Low levels of processing, storage and transportation infrastructure
Consumers moving away from cereals towards higher protein rich diet	Price-sensitive market

Section II. Roadmap for Market Entry

A. Entry Strategy

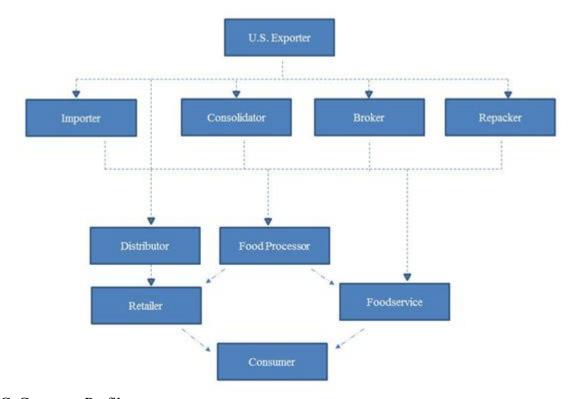
The best way to begin exporting to India is to identify a firm that imports and distributes food ingredients. These firms are adept at navigating the import and distribution processes and are able to engage directly with India-based food processors. While a few firms specialize in ingredients, others may handle retail-ready products in addition to ingredients. Some importers are approved suppliers for multinational food processors and restaurants operating in India. U.S. processors that already supply major food processors in the United States or other foreign markets may wish to investigate similar supply relationships with firms that have a presence in India. Key initial factors to consider when researching the market are whether a product has a market access and the landed post-duty cost of a product.

- Survey existing and potential opportunities by reviewing FAS policy and market reports and consider engaging a market research firm to assist in analyzing market opportunities and challenges.
- Determine if your product has market access in India.
- Analyze the likely landed post-duty cost of a product. Recognize that after local margins and transportation, a product may be significantly more expensive.

- Establish a relationship with an Indian importer/distributor that provides services to the food processing sector.
- U.S. firms should examine all distributor prospects and thoroughly research the more promising ones. Check the potential agent's reputation through local industry or trade associations, potential clients or bankers.
- Consider whether participating in an Indian trade show would be an effective means of identifying a distributor.
- For products with a potentially longer shelf life and/or larger order volumes (e.g., from medium or large food processing chains), U.S. exporters may identify and explore supplying through consolidators based in Dubai, Singapore and Europe.

Participation in trade shows offers a good opportunity to get a sense of the Indian market and engage directly with potential importers or distributors. Until a successful working relationship is established, exporters may wish to consider vehicles such as an irrevocable letter of credit. Alternatively, Indian importers are accustomed to operating without credit and may be willing to pay cash prior to shipment. While FAS India receives a few notifications concerning delinquent Indian importers, our offices do not have the authority or expertise to mediate contractual disputes or serve as a collection agent when differences over payment arise. FAS India offers some information on local legal services (refer IN4069), but these situations can be avoided with proper preparation and sale terms. For firms that qualify, the Export-Import Bank of the United States provides exporter insurance.

B. Market Structure



C. Company Profiles

The food processing sector is divided into the following categories:

- Large Indian companies
- Wholly-owned subsidiaries of foreign companies or joint ventures
- Medium-sized domestic food processing companies with a local or regional presence
- Small-scale companies or cottage industries in the "unorganized" sector.

Table 3. India: Major Food Processing Players in the Indian Market

	ijor Food Processing Playe		End-Use	
Company	Product Types	Brand	Channels	Production Location
Aachi Group (Aachi Masala Foods Pvt. Ltd., Aachi Spices and Foods Pvt. Ltd., Aachi Special Foods Pvt. Ltd.)	Pure and blended spice powders (Masalas), wheat products, edible oil, clarified butter/ghee, ready-to- cook products (RTC) and ready-to- eat (RTE), rice and wheat products for diabetic patients, tea, biscuits, pickled vegetable, soups		Retail, Export	Kamataka
AB Mauri	Bread improvers, cake mixes, bread mixes, cake gels, sweet flavors, seas onings, emulsions for beverages, flavors and color blend	Tarras Deima	Foodservice	Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal
Adani Wilmar (50:50 JV between Adani Group, India and Wilmar Holdings, Singapore)	Cooking oils, vanaspati, packaged basmati rice, pulses	Fortune, Fortune Plus, King's, Bullet, Raag, Fryola, Avsar, Jubilee, Pilaf, Alpha, Aadhaar, A-kote		Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
Agro Tech Foods Ltd. (A public limited company, affiliated with ConAgra Foods Inc., USA)	Edible oils, snacks, spreads, RTE & RTC popcom, soups, puddings and desserts, meals and meal enhancers	Sundrop, ACT II, Hunt's Snack Pack, Crystal, Snack Break, 10 min Yummeals	Ketaii & Foodsamica	Maharashtra, New Delhi, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal
Al-Kabeer Exports Private Limited	Seafood, RTE meals, cottage cheese, snacks, nuggets, burgers, French fries	Al-Kabeer	Retail	Hyderabad
Allanasons	Halal frozen boneless buffalo meat, halal chilled vacuum packed buffalo and mutton, tropical fruit purees, pulps, spices, grains, coffee beans, feed ingredients and pet foods	1	Foodservice	Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh
Anmol Biscuits	Biscuits and cakes	Anmol	Retail	West Bengal and Delhi
AVT McCormick Ingredients Ltd.	Spices, oleoresins, spice mixes	McCormick	Export, Retail	
Balaji Wafers Pvt. Ltd.	Wafers and Indian snack foods	Balaji	Retail	Gujarat
Bikaji Foods International	Indian snacks, chips, Indian sweets, frozen snacks, cookies, canned sweets	Bikaji	Retail & Foodservice	Rajasthan
Bikanervala Foods Pvt. Ltd.	Syrups, Indian sweets, Indian savory snacks, biscuits, cookies, cakes, chocolates	Bikano	Retail & Export	Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat
Britannia Industries Limited (Britannia New Zealand Foods Pvt. (50:50 JV between Britannia Industries Ltd. and Fonterra , New Zealand)	Biscuits, bread, cakes, cheese, da ir y whitener		Retail	Delhi, Maharashtra West Bengal & Tamil Nadu
Mondelëz International (Cadbury India Limited)	based drinks, candy, chocolate, beverages, biscuits, gum	Cadbury Dairy Milk, Cadbury Calebrations, Bournville, 5 Star, Perk, Gems, Toblerone, Bournvita, Tang, Oreo, Halls, Bubbaloo	Retail	Maharas htra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh

Capital Foods	Ketchup, cooking and curry pastes, soy sauce, baked beans, mango chutney, coconut milk powder,		Retail &	Maharashtra, Gujarat
Capital Foods	hakka and instant noodles, soup & sauce mixes frozen entrees	Smith and Jones	Foodservice	Manarashira, Gujarai
Cargill India Private	Vegetable oils, wheat flour, flavors	Matrice Proof	Retail	U
Limited	etc.	Nature Fresh	Ketaii	Haryana
Cavinkare	Fruit drinks, milk, UHT and flavored milk, paneer/cottage	Ruchi, Ruchi Magic, Chinnis, Garden,	Retail	Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry
	snacks, potato chips, pickles, peanut	Cavin's, Maa, Cruncho		
	candy, pastes			
Dabur Foods Limited	Fruit juices, vegetable pastes, tomato ketchup, honey	Real, Nature Care, Capsico, Homemade, Dabur	Retail	West Bengal, Nepal
Danone India	Dairy based beverages, yoghurts	Danone	Retail	Rai (near Delhi)
Darshan Foods Private Limited	Skinless sausages, pepperoni, German salami, sausages, lemon pepper breaded burger patty, black forest ham, chicken breast roll, imported French turkey	Meatzza	Retail & Foodservice	Haryana
Desai Brothers	imported French turkey Indian pickles, papads, appalams, cooking pastes, curry powders, ready to cook products, ready to eat products, chutneys, canned vegetables, mango pulp	Mothers Recipe, Dabee, Rozana	Retail	Maharashtra
Devyani Food Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Ice-cream	Cream Bell	Retail & Foodservice	Himachal Pradesh
DharampalSatyapal Group	Spices, snacks, flavored water, spring water, skimmed milk powder, whole milk powder, pasteurized cream, white butter, mouth freshener, powdered beverages	Catch, Dairy Max, Pass Pass, Piyoz, Yomil	Retail	Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Assamand Tripura
Dr. Oetker India Pvt. Ltd./ Funfoods Pvt. Ltd.	Mayonnaises, sauces, spreads, salad dressings, cakes, dessert toppings, milk shake mixes, bar syrup concoctions, muesli	Dr. Oetker Fun Foods	Retail & Foodservice	Delhi
Dynamix Dairy Industries Ltd	Cheese, butter, clarified butter, whole milk powder, skimmed milk powder, dairy whitener, infant food, casein / lactose, whey products, UHT plain milk, flavored milk & juices	Dynamix	Retail, Foodservice, Export	Maharashtra
Ferrero India Private Limited	Chocolates, chocolate spread, mouth fresheners	Ferrero Rocher, Nutella, tic tac, kinder joy	Retail	Maharashtra
Field Fresh Foods Private Limited (A Joint venture between Bharti Enterprises & Del Monte Pacific Limited)	Packaged fruits, fruit drinks,	Del Monte, Fieldfresh	Retail & Foodservice	Tamil Nadu, Punjab
Foods and Inns	spray dried powders, frozen and IQF vegetables		Export	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh
General Mills India	mixes and specialty flour, granola	Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Nature	Retail & Foodservice	Karnataka

Gits Foods	Ready meals, instant mixes, dairy products	Gits	Retail	Maharashtra
GlaxoSmithKline ConsumerHealthcare	Health food drinks, biscuits	Horlicks, Boost, Maltova, Viva	Retail	Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana
Gujarat Cooperative Milk and Marketing Federation	Packaged milk, butter, milk, fresh cream, milk powder, sweets, clarified butter, milk spray, cheese, chocolates, yogurt, infant milk formula, sweetened condensed milk ice-cream and flavored milk	d milk, butter, milk, fresh hilk powder, sweets, butter, milk spray, cheese, es, yogurt, infant milk sweetened condensed milk		Gujarat
Haldiram Snacks Pvt. Ltd.	Indian savory snacks and sweets, frozen foods	Haldiram's	Retail	Maharashtra
Hatsun Agro	Packaged milk, butter, milk, fresh and frozen cream, milk powder, sweets, clarified butter, yogurt, condensed milk, ice-cream and flavored milk	Arokya, Hatsun, Arun Ice cream, Hatsun Dairy, Ibaco	Retail & Foodservice	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka
Heinz India Private Limited	Tomato ketchup, baby food, energy drink	Complan, GluconD, Heinz	Retail	Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka
Heritage Foods Limited	Milk, ice cream, dairy products, beverages, instant foods, sauces, potato chips, honey, pickles, jams/marmalades, salt, spices, wheat flour	Heritage	Retail, Export	Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra
Hershey India Private Ltd. (100% subsidiary of the Hershey Company. USA)	Confectionery, soymilk, juices,	Sofit, Jumpin, Hershey's Syrup, Nutrine (Maha Lacto, Maha Choco, NUTRINE Eclairs, NUTRINE Lollipop, NUTRINE SantraGoli, AASAY, KOKANAKA and HONEYFAB)	Retail &	Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh
Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd.	Aerated beverages, fruit juices, energy drinks, tea and coffee	Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Kinley, Georgia, Thums up, Sprite, Fanta, Limca, Maaza, Minute Maid, Burn, Schweppes	Retail	Jammu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa, Bihar, Meghalaya, Assam, Tamil Nadu
Hindustan Unilever Limited (Unilever holds 51.5 % equity in HUL)	Tomato ketchup, fruits drinks, vegetable soups, ice-cream, jams, ready to drinkproducts	Kissan, Annapuma, Knorr	Retail	Maharashtra Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
Indian Tobacco Company (ITC)	Fruit purees/concentrates, IQF/frozen fruits, prawns, spices, biscuits, salty snacks, wheat flour, RTE foods, confectionary	Sunfeast, Kitchens of India, Aashirwad, Candyman, Mint-o, Bingo	Retail	Karnataka and West Bengal
Indo Nissin Foods Ltd. (a subsidiary of Nissin Food Products Company Ltd., Japan)	Noodles	Top Ramen, Cup Noodles	Retail	Haryana and Kamataka
Kellogg's India Private Limited (A wholly owned subsidiary of Kellogg's U.S.A.)	Breakfast cereals, biscuits	Kellogg's	Retail	Maharashtra
KohinoorFoodLtd.	Basmati rice, RTE meals, wheat flour, ready mixes, Indian savories, biscuits, cookies, dry fruits, rice bran oil, cottage cheese,	Kohinoor	Retail	Punjab and Haryana
Kraft Heinz India	Ketchup, energy drink, dairy based beverage mixes	Complan, Glucon-D, Heinz	Retail	Aligarh and Sitarganj

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KRBL Ltd.	Rice, edible oil, fuel additive, cattle feed	India Gate	Retail	Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi
	Dairy products (ghee, butter, yogurt milk, sweet and flavored milk, UHT milk, paneer/cottage cheese, dairy creamers)	Dairy Best	Retail, Exports	Haryana
LT Foods Ltd	seeds and cashew nuts	Dawaat	Retail	Bhopal
Mahaan Dairies Limited, Mahaan Protein Limited	cream milk powder, dehydrated milk fat, milk powder replacer, functional foods, infant food formulation, sports food, sauces and soups		Retail Foodservice Processing	Delhi
Maiyas Beverages and	Beverages, frozen food, instant mix,	Maiya's	Retail,	Karnataka
Foods	spice powders pickles, ready to eat,		Foodservice	
MARS International India Pvt. Ltd.	Pet foods, confectionary	Pedigree, Whiskas; Boomer, Doublemint, Juicy Fruit, Orbit, PimPom, Solano, Trex	Retail	Kamataka, Himachal Pradesh
Marico	Edible oils, oats, muesli, salt		Retail, Export	Goa, Puducherry, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Daman and Diu
McCain Foods India	Frozen french fries and potato specialties, burger patties	Shots	Export	Gujarat
Milkfood Ltd.	Skimmed milk powder, casein, whey powders, dairy creamers, ghee	Milkfood	Retail	Punjab, Uttar Pradesh
Monginis Food Ltd.	Cakes, cookies and chocolates	Monginis		Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh
Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Private Ltd.	Ice-cream, fluid milk, UHT and flavored milk, butter, clarified butter, cheese, yogurt, dairy whitener, juices, edible oils, fresh & frozen fruits & vegetables		Retail, Export and Restaurants	Delhi
Mrs. Bector's Foods Specialties-CREMICA	Sauces, mayonnaise, toppings, syrups, biscuits, Indian snack foods, stabilizer blends and ice cream		Retail & Foodservice	Punjab
Orkla)	Soups, RTE foods, rice meals, spice powders, instant sweet mixes, instant ice-cream mixes, vermicelli, pickles, ice-cream	MTR	Retail	Karnataka and Maharashtra
Nashik Vintners	Wine	Sula	Retail	Maharashtra
Nestle India (Nestlé India is a subsidiary of Nestle' S.A. of Switzerland)	,,	Milky Bar, Milo, Kitkat, Barone, Milkmaid and Nestea	Retail	Punjab, Haryana, Uttaranchal, Goa, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
Parle A <u>e</u> ro Private Limited	Coffee, juices, packaged water, snacks, confectionery, biscuits	Café Cuba, Appy Fizz Frooti, Bailley, Hippo, Frio, Dhishoom, Parle G, Monaco, Hide & Seek, Golden Arcs, Top, Krackjack, Top, Milano,	Retail	76 Manufacturing Facilities across the country

		Nimkin, Jam-in, Gold Star, Milk Shakti, Actfit Cream Cracker, Parle Marie, Kreams, Orange Bite, Londonderry, Melody, Mango Bite, Poppins, Mazelo, Parle's Wafers, Fulltoss, Cheeselings, Kismi, 2in1, Fruit Drops,		
Parry Enterprises	enhancers, dairy ingredients, food additives, preservatives, protein, vegetable fat	Parry	Foodservice	Tamil Nadu
PepsiCo India Holdings Limited	Aerated beverages, fruit juices,	Mirinda, Mountain Dew, Nimbooz, Quaker Oats, Slice, Uncle Chips	Retail	
Perfetti Van Melle India (a subsidiary of Perfetti Van Melle, Italy)	gum	Stop Not, Center Fresh, AlpenliebeCreamfills, AlpenliebeLollilop, Centre Fruit, Centre Shock, Mangofillz, Chlormint, Chocoliebe, Fruittella, Happydent White, ProtexHappydent, Marbels, Mentos Big Babol	Retail	Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand
Patanjali Foods	Honey, clarified butter, fruit juices, cookies, spices, candies, jam, biscuits, sweets, savories, cereals, flour, pickles, pulses, rice products	,	Retail and export	Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, West Bengal
	Soft drink concentrate, instant drink powder, fruit jams, cordials, flavors, pickles, curry pastes, snacks, fruit syrups	Rasna	Retail, Export	Gujarat
Prataap (Prakash) Snacks Pvt. Ltd.	Potato chips, extruded snacks from corn and rice, Indian snack food	Yellow Diamond	Retail	Madhya Pradesh
Ruchi Soya Industries	groundnut, sumnower, paimoiein, mustard, rice bran), soya foods, vanaspati, bakery fats and feed ingredients	Ruchi, Nutrela, Sunrich, Mahakosh, Ruchi Gold and Ruchi Star	Retail	Jammu, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
Sterling Agro Industries Ltd	Milk, Dairy Creamer, Skimmed Milk Powder, Butter, Butter Milk Powder, Butter Oil. Paneer, Ghee, Yogurt, Buttermilk	Nova	Retail, Foodservice, Export	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
Suguna Poultry Farm Limited	Poultry and poultry products (fresh, chilled, frozen and processed)	Suguna	Retail	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh, Gujarat Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

Surya Food and Agro Pvt.	Biscuits, cookies, chocolates,	D.:13	Retail	The Dedek and Cuient
Ltd.	confectionery, juices and beverages	Priyagold		Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat
	Ready-to-eat Indian entrees, rice and noodles, sauces	Tasty Bite	Retail, Foodservice	Maharashtra
_		Gluco, Jemča, Vitax, Eight O'Clock Coffee, Grand Coffee and Joekels	Foodservice, Export	Haryana, Maharashtra, Telangana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
Unibic Biscuits India	Cookies	Unibic	Retail	Karnataka
(OBL)	Beer, spirits	Kingfisher, Zingaro, UB Export, London Pilsner, Kalyani Black Label, Bullet	Foodservice	Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Nepal
Oshodaya Enterprises Private Limited (Ramoji Group)	Pickles, powders, pastes, instant mixes, fruit pulp/puree, edible oils, Indian flat breads, palm kernel, RTE goods, rice	Priya	Retail	Telangana
Vadilal Industries Limited	IQF foods, fruit pulp, Indian breads, snacks, ready meals, mixes, condiments, desserts, canned products	Vadilal Quick Treat	Retail	Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh
Venkateshwara Hatcheries Group	Poultry and poultry products (fresh chilled, frozen and processed)	Venkys	Retail	Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh
VRS Foods Limited	Bactofuged milk (bacteria free), yogurt, butter milk, cheese (cottage, mozzarella), UHT milk, clarified butter, instant dairy mix, demineralized whey powder, edible casein	Paras	Retail Processing	New Delhi and Uttar Pradesh
(India) Pvt. Ltd.	Custard powder, baking powder, drinking chocolate, cream caramel, chutneys, sauces and natural ayurvedic health foods	Weikfield	Retail	Maharashtra

Note: Most information has been sourced from company websites. This list is neither exhaustive one ranked in any particular order.

D. Sector Trends

With the spread of cafés, chain restaurants, modern retail and efforts to attract investment in cold chains and food logistics, the food processing industry is expanding. Incentives and subsidies are offered for a variety of programs. A government study entitled "Human Resource and Skill Requirements in the Food Processing Sector (2022)" indicates that MoFPI will provide subsidies and incentive programs for cold chain infrastructure, storage and warehousing facilities, modernizing slaughter houses, as well as food park and laboratory development.

As part of the sector trend, the GOI has allocated nearly a billion dollars under the Twelfth Five-Year Plan (2012-17), to implement various programs for the promotion and development of the food processing sector. Programs include: infrastructure development, research and development, human resource development, and strengthening industry-related institutions. The MoFPI has renamed the Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters to Pradhan Mantri Kisan SampadaYojana (PMKSY) for the period 2016-20 to supplement agriculture, modernize processing, and decrease agricultural loss/waste. The PMKSY scheme has a U.S. \$60 billion budget and acts as umbrella policy incorporating ongoing schemes for the creation of mega food parks, integrating cold chain and value addition infrastructure, food safety and quality assurance programs, and the

expansion of food processing and preservation capacities.

In volume and value terms, sales of every category of processed foods increased significantly between 2012 and 2016. Industry sources estimate that over 400 million consumers consume some type of processed food regularly. Urban areas account for over 75 percent of sales as consumers seek convenience and quality. For higher-value frozen and refrigerated foods, sales are almost exclusively in urban areas. Rural areas tend to have lower incomes and a preference for fresh ingredients. Nevertheless, rural areas are emerging as a market for well-priced, shelf-stable foods. Consumers in developed markets are more open to the idea of packaged food, which manufacturers often position for convenience, nutrition, and food safety.

Table 4. India: Sales Volume of Packaged Foods 2012 and 2016 in Thousand Metric Tons

Category	2012	2016	Percent Change
Baby Food	57	66	17
Baked Goods	2,477	2,758	11
Biscuits and Snack Bars	1,422	1,825	28
Breakfast cereals	24	53	119
Confectionery	361	536	48
Dairy	13,987	18,044	29
Ice Cream and Frozen Desserts	238	361	52
Oils and Fats	4,195	8,167	95
Processed Fruit and Vegetables	33	56	72
Processed Meat and Seafood	6	13	108
Ready Meals	18	32	84
Rice, Pasta and Noodles	1,727	2,669	55
Sauces, Dressings and Condiments	323	490	52
Soup	5	9	80
Spreads	23	31	35
Sweet and Savory Snacks	535	931	74

Source: Euromonitor

Table 5. India: Sales Value of Processed Foods 2012 and 2016 in U.S. \$ Billion

			Percent
Category	2012	2016	Change
Baby Food	0.417	0.621	48.8
Baked Goods	1.673	1.971	17.8
Biscuits and Snack Bars	3.078	3.897	26.6
Breakfast Cereals	0.174	0.304	75.0
Confectionery	2.324	3.529	51.8
Dairy	10.626	15.323	44.2
Ice Cream and Frozen Desserts	0.994	1.487	49.6
Oils and Fats	8.001	15.909	98.8
Processed Fruits and Vegetables	0.129	0.189	46.8
Processed Meat and Seafoods	0.110	0.167	52.2
Ready Meals	0.163	0.261	59.6
Rice, Pasta and Noodles	2.987	4.540	52.0
Sauces, Dressings and Condiments	1.292	2.020	56.3
Soups	0.046	0.070	51.3
Spreads	0.122	0.202	66.2
Sweet and Savory Snacks	2.139	3.824	78.8

Source: Euromonitor

Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables: India is a large producer of fruits and vegetables, but only two percent are processed, when compared globally. Processing is relatively diffuse with many small-scale industries involved in production. The major processed items are fruit pulps, juices, Indian-style pickles, dehydrated vegetables, curried vegetables, dried fruits, and processed mushrooms. The United States, Tanzania, Benin, and Côte d'Ivoire, are major suppliers of dried fruits and nuts.

Meat and Poultry: The processed meat sector, which was formerly regulated by the MoFPI, is now regulated by FSSAI. There are around 4,000 municipal slaughterhouses in the country along with a number of modern, private-sector slaughterhouses and meat processing plants. Over 100 establishments are registered exporters; primarily buffalo meat and mutton.

Dairy: India is the world's largest dairy producer, but according to the National Dairy Development Board, demand for dairy products is growing at twice the rate of production. Sales of dairy products grew from \$6 billion in 2011 to an estimated \$15 billion in 2017. Sales of ice cream and frozen desserts increased from \$640 million in 2011 to \$1.5 billion in 2017. Western cheeses and yoghurt are emerging dairy categories. Other categories include milk powder, ice cream, infant foods, and condensed milk.

Edible Oils: Edible oils purchased by households or institutional users are sold in liquid form or as vanaspati (partially hydrogenated vegetable oil). According to industry sources, 35 to 40 percent of the Indian edible oil market is branded. India is the world's largest importer of vegetable oil.

Milling and Baking: Approximately 90 percent of grains undergo primary processing and wheat is the major grain processed in India. Milling of rice and pulses makes up the balance of the grain processing sector. Most grain processing is carried out in the informal sector but, some large players are active in the market and sell processed grains in branded retail packs. Additionally, imported specialty flours

direct for retail have found a niche in the Indian market owing to greater awareness of their benefits or unique attributes.

Food Ingredients: Food processors are introducing new products and traditional recipes using improved technology, innovative packaging, and aggressive marketing. For ingredients that are not available in India, processors turn to imports and typically source through importers specializing in food ingredients. Food ingredients sourced by Indian food processing companies from the U.S. were valued at U.S. \$160 million in 2016 and includes protein concentrates, animal feed preparations, peptones, vegetable seeds, mucilage and thickeners, mixtures of odoriferous substances, palmitic acid, stearic acid, essential oils, vegetable saps and extracts.

Table 6. India: Top 10 Imports of Food Ingredients from United States (U.S. \$ Millions)

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Code	Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
210690	Food Preparations Nesoi	16.91	19.02	13.85	11.62	18.95
350510	Dextrins and other Modified Starches	6.87	8.64	7.66	8.82	7.74
	Lactose and Lactose Syrup Cont 99% More Lactse					
170211	by Wt	8.06	8.32	7.51	7.84	7.64
350790	Enzymes and Prepared Enzymes, Nesoi	2.81	6.46	6.64	10.14	13.64
170219	Lactose in solid form and lactose syrup, Nesoi	3.99	4.05	4.81	1.95	4.01
	Sauces Etc., Mixed Condiments and Seasonings,					
210390	Nesoi	1.64	1.59	1.95	1.84	2.03
210210	Yeasts, Active	0.49	0.58	1.01	1.48	0.78
	Milk albumin. IncConcen of 2 or more whey					
350220	proteins	4.38	5.11	4.99	5.7	7.2
180690	Cocoa preparations, Not in Bulk form, Nesoi	0.62	0.48	1.10	0.52	0.58
350290	Albumin and Albumin Derivatives, Nesoi	1.36	1.14	0.94	0.98	0.72

Source: Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India

Section III: Competition

India's domestic industry is the primary competitor for U.S. food ingredient providers. India, with its diverse agro—climatic conditions, produces a variety of foods and ingredients at prices below most imported products or products made from imported ingredients. The quality is improving steadily, too. In addition, many third-country competitors enjoy a freight advantage and can supply at lower costs. Consolidators in markets like Dubai and Singapore offer quick delivery of small quantities; including for ingredients that originated from the United States. High import duties and restrictions on a number of imported raw materials pose additional challenges for direct U.S. exports to the market.

able 7. India: Competition in Major Product Categories

Product Category	Net Imports (In \$ Million) CY 2016	Major Supply Sources	Strengths of Key Supply Countries	Advantages (A) and Disadvantages (D) of Local Suppliers
Animal or Vegetable Oils, Fats and their products	10,514	Indonesia Malaysia Argentina Ukraine	Major production hubs and competitive prices	Local production is inadequate and more than 40 percent of total edible oil consumption is dependent on imports.(A)
Leguminous Vegetables, Dried Shelled/Pulses	4,014	Canada Myanmar Australia USA Tanzania	Price Competitiveness, freight advantage (for countries like Myanmar) and the ability to produce specific kind of pulses demanded in India.	Local production is inadequate and more than 20 % of total demand for pulses is met through imports.(A)
Edible Fruits and Nuts	2,808	USA Côte d'Ivoire Guinea- Bissau Tanzania Afghanistan	Growing market demand, preference for specific quality, popular at certain holidays	Domestic production of some of the major fruits and nuts is insignificant (A)
Sugars and sugar confectionery	1,013	Brazil Germany USA Netherlands	Price competitiveness	India is usually a net exporter of sugar (D)
Coffee, Tea, Mate And Spices	760	Vietnam Indonesia Sri Lanka Nepal	Price Competiveness and proximity	Most imports are for re-export (D)
Albuminoidal Substances; Modified Starches; Glues; Enzymes	351	China USA Germany Thailand	Price Competiveness	Local production is limited (A), U.S. supplies good quality products with competitive prices (A)
Lac; Gums; Resins And Other Vegetable Saps And Extracts	210	Afghanistan USA China Indonesia	Price Competiveness and proximity	Local production is limited (A), U.S. supplies good quality products with competitive prices (A)
Products of the milling industry, malt, starches, insulin, wheat gluten	57	Australia China UAE Sri Lanka	Price Competitiveness, high quality	Growing domestic industry (A), Increasing awareness about health & quality food (A), Stringent food laws (D)
Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible prod. Of animal origin	42	France New Zealand Uganda Denmark	Price Competiveness, sanitary requirements	Domestic production is not keeping pace with demand (A). The Indian import protocol is very stringent and effectively prohibits imports of dairy products from the United States. (D)

Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industries and FAS India analysis

Section IV: Best Product Prospects

Table 8. India: Products Present in the Market Which Have Good Sales Potential

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Product Types	Import Value (\$ Million) CY 2015	(Metric Tons) CY 2015	5-yr. Import growth by value (in %)	Import Tariff	Key Constraints	For USA
Tree Nuts (mainly Almonds and walnuts)*	1,066	200,384	18	(Rs.	Competition from other suppliers exists but is not substantial	High demand and growing retail industry
Cocoa and Cocoa {reparations	205	53,715	10	30%	domestic and international suppliers	Strong quality and brand preference
Products of the milling industry, Malt, starches, insulin, wheat gluten	57	74,381		30%	Competition from domestic suppliers	and retail industry and increased popularity for processed foods
Leguminous Vegetables, Dried Shelled/Pulses	3,613	5,414,320	12	0%	freight advantage (for countries like Myanmar) and the ability to produce specific kind of pulses demanded in India.	pulses is met through imports.
Apples, Pears and Quinces Fresh	236	215,676	10	Apples 50%	foreign suppliers like China, Chile,	Seasonal shortages and high prices, increasing interest in quality fruits and growth of organized retail
Grapes Fresh or Dried	66	202,259	21	30%	foreign suppliers	shortages and high prices, increasing interest in quality fruits and growth of organized retail
Fruit Juices	33	20,542 liters	3	30%	manufactures and	arraranasa and

Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar	569		16	150%	and competition from domestic suppliers	Growing consumption and lack of domestic production
Albuminoidal Substances; Modified Starches; Glues; Enzymes	365	103,705	9	41%	foreign suppliers like China, Thailand and Taiwan	High demand and growing ready to eat (packaged) food industry
Essential Oils, Concentrates; Resinoids; Extracted Oleoresins; Concen Of Essen Oils And Terpenic Byproducts; Aqueous Solutns Etc. Of Essen Oil	160	6,310	9		foreign suppliers like China,	High demand and growing retail industry, Demand for additional flavorings

^{*}Includes almonds, walnuts, pistachios, hazelnuts, chestnuts etc. Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GOI and Post analysis

Products Not Present Because They Face Significant Barriers

There are several key trade restrictions that limit market access for U.S. food products. Imports of most animal and livestock-derived food products are effectively banned due to established Indian import requirements. This includes certain sub-categories in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule under Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 16 and 21 (e.g., milk and dairy products, poultry meat, certain seafood, ovine and caprine products, as well as pork products and pet food). Furthermore, imports of beef are banned due to religious concerns. Though imports of alcoholic beverages exist, market access is constrained by occasional state bans, local taxes, and a complex licensing system for distribution and sales.

Effective July 8, 2006, the GOI Foreign Trade Policy (2004-2009) specified that all imports containing products of modern biotechnology must have prior approval from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC), Ministry of Environment and Forests. The policy also made a biotech declaration mandatory. Soybean oil and canola oil derived from select events are the only biotech food/agricultural product currently approved for import. For more information on India's biotech import policy, please see GAIN IN7135 Agricultural Biotechnology Annual 2017.

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The following reports may be of interest to U.S. exporters. These are accessible via the FAS Home Page: www.fas.usda.gov by clicking on "Data & Analysis" and selecting GAIN reports.

Table 9. India. List of Relevant FAS GAIN Reports

Report Number	Subject
IN7135	Agricultural Biotechnology Annual 2017
IN7149	Food Service/HRI Report 2017
IN7151	Retail Report 2017
IN7152	Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Narrative
IN7153	India Food and Agricultural Trade Show Calendar 2017
IN7155	Exporter Guide 2017

Table 10. India: List of Major Indian Food Processing Associations

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Wheat Products Promotion Society	http://www.wpps.org/			
All India Food Processors' Association	http://www.aifpa.net			
Indian Pulses and Grain Association	http://www.ipga.co.in/			
Indian Beverage Association	http://in-beverage.org			
The Solvent Extractors' Association of India	http://www.seaofindia.com/			
The Soybean Processors Association of India	http://www.sopa.org/			
The Indian Sugar mills Association	http://www.indiansugar.com/			
The Indian Dairy Association	http://www.indairyasso.org/			
The Poultry Federation of India	http://pfindia.org/			
All India Meat and Livestock Exporters Association	http://www.meat-ims.org/			
The All India Rice Exporters Association	http://www.airea.net/			

Table 11. India: List of Food Processing Research Centers and Institutions in India

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www.cmfri.org.in/			
www.icar.org.in/can/			
www.cifri.emet.in			
www.drdo.org			
http://cpri.emet.in/			
www.cpcni.gov.in/			
www.iaripusa.org			
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Directorate of Mushroom Research (ICAR)	www.nrcmushroom.org/
Directorate of Wheat Research (ICAR)	www.icar.org.in
Indian Institute of Packaging, Mumbai	http://iip-in.com
Indian Veterinary Research Institute	www.ivri.nic.in
National Institute of Fisheries Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT)	http://ifpkochi.nic.in
National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad	www.ninindia.org
Central Leather Research Institute	www.clri.org
Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana (CIPHET)	http://www.ciphet.in/
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Source: MoFPI

Table 12. India: Organizations Under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Name	Objective
National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM)	NIFTEM is expected to become a university dedicated to food processing technology. Located near New Delhi, the Institute will cater to the needs of all public and private sectors a ffiliated with food processing. Apart from teaching and Research, NIFTEM works as a sector promotion organization through its resources and expertise.
	IICPT is engaged in the research and development of food grain processing, value addition, and by-product utilization.
National Meat & Poultry Processing Board (NMPPB)	NMPPB fosters the development of the meat and poultry processing sectors and the production of healthy and hygienic meat and meat products
Indian Grape Processing Board (IGPB)	IGPB focusses on Research and Development, Extension, Quality Up-gradation, Market Research and Information, Domestic and International Promotion of Indian Wine

Source: MoFPI Annual Report 2015-16