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Instruction No.18 /2022

F.No. 401/66/2022-Cus-III
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
(Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs)

North Block, New Delhi
12-08-2022

To

All Principal Chief Commissioner/ Chief Commissioner of Customs/ Customs
(Preventive)/ Customs & Central Tax
All Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs/ Customs (Preventive)
Pr. Director /Director Generals under CBIC

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

Madam/Sir,

Reference is invited to F.No. 1829/Health Certificate/FSSAI/Imports/2021
dated 03rd August, 2022 issued by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India,
New Delhi on the above mentioned subject (copy enclosed).

2. Vide above communication, FSSAI stated that with effect from 1st
November 2022, imported food consignments of following food categories as
specified in FSS(Food Product Standards & Food Additives) shall be accompanied
by a Health Certificate issued by Competent Authority of the exporting country in
the prescribed format as attached as Annexure-I with the said Order. The food
categories are as under:

- i. Milk and Milk Products
- ii. Pork and Pork Products
- iii. Fish and Fish products

3. It is requested that necessary action may be taken to sensitize officers
under your jurisdiction. The difficulties, if any, in the implementation of this
Instruction may be brought to the notice of the Board.

4. Hindi version follows.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

DHANANJAY SINGH

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UNDER SECRETARY
CUSTOM POLICY WING

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)
(Trade & International Cooperation Division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

Dated: The 3 August, 2022

ORDER

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

In exercise of the provisions of Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017, it has been decided that imported food consignments of following food categories as specified in FSS (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) shall be accompanied by a Health Certificate issued by Competent Authority of the exporting country as per the format attached at Annexure-I:

- i) Milk and Milk Products
- ii) Pork and Pork Products
- iii) Fish and Fish products

This order will be effective from 1st November, 2022 and this issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Dr. Amit Sharma) 03/08/22
Director (Trade and IC)

To,

- 1) All Authorized Officers -for compliance.
- 2) Additional Director General, Risk Management Division, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBIC).
- 3) Director, Customs-for circulating to all officials of Customs who has been nominated as Authorized Officers.
- 4) Commissioner (Single Window), CBIC for circulating to all officials of Customs who has been nominated as Authorised Officers.
- 5) Executive Director(CS), FSSAI
- 6) Advisor(QA), FSSAI
- 7) Advisor(Standards), FSSAI
- 8) Head (Regulations), FSSAI
- 9) CITO, FSSAI for uploading on FSSAO Website

Annexure-I

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS INTO INDIA

Country of dispatch:					
1. Consignor/exporter Name: Address: Tel. no.:			2. Certificate number:		
			3. Competent Authority and its contact details:		
4. Consignee/importer: Name: Address: Tel. no.:					
5. Country of origin:			ISO code:		
6. Country of destination:			ISO code:		
7. Place of loading					
8. Means of transport:			9. Declared point of entry:		
10. Conditions for transport/storage:			11. Total quantity:		
12. Invoice no. & Date					
13. Identification of food products as described below (multiple lines may be used for multiple products):					
a)	Description of the food including HS code:			Intended purpose	
b)	Producer/ manufacturer (name and address):	Approval number/s of establishment/s (Number/ Date/ Validity):			
c)	Name of the product	Lot no./Batch no.	Type of packaging	Number of packages	Net weight:
d)	Date of manufacture or Packaging:	Best before*			Date of Expiry

14.	Temperature required during storage and transportation:
15. Attestations ** The undersigned Authorised Official certifies that the product(s) described above satisfies the following requirement: I. General conditions: a) The source animals shall not be fed with feed containing meat or bone meal including internal organs, blood meal and tissues of bovine or porcine origin materials except milk and milk products. b) Has/have not been manufactured using animal rennet. II. Sanitary/Food Safety related: a) were manufactured at (an) establishment(s) that has/have been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the Competent Authority in the exporting country. b) complies with the standards of milk and milk products as specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. c) prepared, packed, held and transported prior to export under good hygienic conditions and an effective food safety control system, implemented within the context of HACCP systems where appropriate and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 4, as applicable, of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 (India) and such other guidelines as specified from time to time under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006. d) conforms to the microbiological requirements specified in Appendix 'B' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. The milk had been processed to a temperature, which ensures destruction of organisms causing Tuberculosis, Listeriosis, Para tuberculosis, Q fever and Brucellosis. e) does not contain drug/ antibiotics/mycotoxins/pesticides/heavy metal residues etc., above the limits prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011. f) contains only those food additives as specified in Appendix 'A' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 within the limits specified. g) regular inspection/monitoring of checks in accordance with FSS Act, 2006, rules and Regulations made thereunder and as per the criteria specified by FSSAI.	
16. Authorised official:	
Name:	Designation:
Date:	Signature:
Official stamp:	

* If any.

** Where it is not applicable, strikethrough the requirement.

This certificate is valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS INTO INDIA

Country of dispatch:					
1. Consignor/exporter Name: Address: Tel. no.:			2. Certificate number:		
			3. Competent Authority and its contact details:		
4. Consignee/importer: Name: Address: Tel. no.:					
5. Country of origin:			ISO code:		
6. Country of destination:			ISO code:		
7. Place of loading					
8. Means of transport:			9. Declared point of entry:		
10. Conditions for transport/storage:			11. Total quantity:		
12. Invoice no. & Date					
13. Identification of food products as described below (multiple lines may be used for multiple products):					
a)	Description of the food including HS code:			Intended purpose	
b)	Producer/ manufacturer (name and address):		Approval number/s of establishment/s (Number/ Date/ Validity):		
c)	Name of the product	Lot no./Batch no.	Type of packaging	Number of packages	Net weight:
d)	Date of manufacture or Packaging:	Best before*		Date of Expiry	
14.	Temperature required during storage and transportation:				

15. Attestations

The undersigned Authorised Official certifies that the product(s) described above satisfies the following requirement:

I. Sanitary/Food safety related:

- a) were manufactured at (an) establishment(s) that has/have been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the Competent Authority in the exporting country.
- b) The pork or pork product(s) come(s) from animal(s) slaughtered in abattoirs/processing plant(s) where no meat other than pork has been processed during production of fresh meat or added to the meat products at any stage during production.
- c) complied with the standards of Pork and Pork products as specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.
- d) prepared, packed, held and transported prior to export under good hygienic conditions and an effective food safety control system, implemented within the context of HACCP systems where appropriate and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 4, as applicable, of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 (India) and such other guidelines as specified from time to time under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006.
- e) conforms to the microbiological requirements specified in Appendix 'B' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.
- f) does not contain drug/ antibiotics/mycotoxins/pesticides, heavy metal residues etc., above the limits prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011.
- g) contains only those food additives as specified in Appendix 'A' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 and within the limits specified.
- h) regular inspection/monitoring of checks in accordance with FSS Act, 2006, rules and Regulations made thereunder and as per the criteria specified by FSSAI.

16. Authorised official:	
Name:	Designation:
Date:	Signature:
Official stamp:	

* If any.

** Where it is not possible, strikethrough the requirement

This certificate is valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS INTO INDIA

Country of dispatch:					
1. Consignor/exporter			2. Certificate number:		
Name:			3. Competent Authority and its contact details:		
Address:					
Tel. no.:					
4. Consignee/importer:					
Name:					
Address:					
Tel. no.:					
5. Country of origin:			ISO code:		
6. Country of destination:			ISO code:		
7. Place of loading					
8. Means of transport:			9. Declared point of entry:		
10. Conditions for transport/storage:			11. Total quantity:		
12. Invoice no. & Date					
13. Identification of food products as described below (multiple lines may be used for multiple products):					
a)	Description of the food including HS code and Species (scientific name):			Intended purpose	
b)	Producer/ manufacturer (name and address):	Approval number/s of establishment/s (Number/ Date/ Validity):			
c)	Name of the product	Lot no./Batch no.	Type of packaging	Number of packages	Net weight:
d)	Date of manufacture or Packaging:	Best before*		Date of Expiry	

15. Attestations **

The undersigned has certified that the product(s) described above satisfies the following Sanitary/ food safety related requirement:

- a) were manufactured at (an) establishment(s) that has/have been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the Competent Authority in the exporting country
- b) complies with the standards of Fish and Fish Products as specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011
- c) prepared, packed, held and transported prior to export under good hygienic conditions and an effective food safety control system, implemented within the context of HACCP systems where appropriate and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 4, as applicable, of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 (India) and such other guidelines as specified from time to time under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006.
- d) conforms to the microbiological requirements specified in Appendix 'B' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.
- e) does not contain drug/ antibiotics/mycotoxins/pesticides/heavy metal residues etc., above the limits prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011.
- f) contains only those food additives as specified in Appendix 'A' of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 and within the limits specified.
- g) regular inspection/monitoring of checks in accordance with FSS Act, 2006, rules and Regulations made thereunder and as per the criteria specified by FSSAI.

16. Authorised official:	
Name:	Designation:
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