

SFA Export Library Market Reports on Food Import Regulations and Standards

Country of Origin	Singapore (SG)
Country of Destination	India (IN)
Food Product Category	Milk and Dairy Products
Product Code	HS Codes: 0401 – 0406, 15179069, 19019031/32/39, 2105, 22029910/40/50, 170211

The information in this document has been compiled and provided by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA). SFA emphasises that importers and exporters have the responsibility to find out the import requirements of destination countries/regions/markets. Exporters are advised to confirm with their importers on the import requirements and eligibility of their product before exporting.

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1	Product eligibility / ineligibility	Dairy products (including infant food) are eligible to be exported from Singapore to India.
2	Importing country authority	<p>According to the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been established to regulate the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import of food.</p> <p>In pursuant to the Livestock Importation Act 1898, India Central Government has created the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying to regulate the importation of livestock and livestock products.</p> <p>The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is responsible for the promotion and facilitation of exports and imports.</p>
3	Pre-export approvals by importing country	<p>Establishments</p> <p>Food Safety and Standards (Import) First Amendment Regulations, 2021 states that foreign food manufacturing facilities of specified categories of food products and desirous to export such article of food to India shall register with FSSAI before exporting to India. The registration is one-time and there is no expiry on the validity of registered food manufacturers. Such food categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milk and milk products (including infant formula)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meat and meat products (including poultry, fish, and their products) - Egg powder - Infant food - Nutraceuticals <p>Remarks: Manufacturers of highly processed dairy products (such as milk beverages, milk chocolate, milk coffee) as well as processed food containing dairy ingredients (such as cocoa powder containing milk power, bread dough containing milk powder, flavouring or seasoning containing milk powder) do not require establishment registration.</p> <p>FSSAI has also published the format for registration of foreign food manufacturing facilities in Order regarding requirement of registration of foreign food manufacturing facilities as per Food Safety and Standards (Import) First Amendment Regulations 2021 (Oct 2022) under FSSAI Advisories/Orders.</p> <p>FSSAI has published in FSSAI ReFoM a list of foreign food manufacturers that have been successfully registered. There are some Singapore establishments approved under the category of milk and milk products as well as infant food.</p> <p>To be considered for listing by FSSAI, the establishment must meet India’s regulations and standards before submitting their form online to SFA, who will then verify before recommending to FSSAI for final decision. Information and supporting documents to be submitted by the food manufacturer may include but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid SFA license - Name and HS Code of the products to be exported to India <p>Note: For reference on HS Codes, please check the Indian Trade Clarification Harmonised System (ITC-HS) from https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/</p> <p>Importer-Exporter Code Importer must obtain Importer Exporter Code (IEC) - a key business identification number which is mandatory for exports or imports - issued by DGFT before embarking on commercial trade.</p>
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4	Export certificates for food	<p>An Export Health Certificate issued by Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment of dairy products (including formula products). For exports that require an Export Health Certificate, you may forward import permit / conditions to SFA here.</p> <p>Veterinary Health Certificate The integrated veterinary health certificate incorporates DAHD’s sanitary requirements and FSSAI’s food safety requirements to be certified by the exporting country along with the consignments of milk and milk products (including infant formula) to be exported into India. The following conditions are required to be met:</p> <p>General conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The source animals have never been fed with feeds produced from meat or bone meal including internal organs, blood meal and tissues of ruminant origin and porcine origin materials except milk and milk products. • The milk product has not been manufactured using animal rennet. <p>Sanitary conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The milk has been processed (including destruction of FMDV) to make it fit for human consumption as recommended by World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) under Article 8.8.25 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code. • The milk has been processed to a temperature, which ensures destruction of organisms causing Tuberculosis, Listeriosis, Para tuberculosis, Q fever and Brucellosis. • The animals from which the milk has been derived were not exposed to Bovine Growth Hormones (BGH) / Bovine Somatotropin Hormones (BST). • The sources animals were not subjected to estrogenic treatment in last 90 days. • Milk / milk products do not contain preformed Bacterial toxins such as those produced by Bacteria belonging to <i>Staph. aureus</i>, <i>Bacillus cereus</i>, <i>Clostr. perfringens</i> and <i>Clostr. botulinum</i>. <p>Food Safety Conditions:</p>
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5	Regulations and standards	Interested exporters who wish to export dairy products to India must meet all their regulations and standards including the Food Safety and Standards Regulations (FSSR) . The following links are provided as a guide:

		<p>(1) Pesticide Residues Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011 stipulates limit requirements for pesticide residues and insecticides in food. In addition, the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS) publishes the list of pesticides (Mar 2024) which are banned, refused registration and restricted in use.</p> <p>(2) Antibiotics and Veterinary Drug Residues Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011 stipulates limit requirements for antibiotics and other pharma-cologically active substances in food.</p> <p>(3) Contaminants and Toxins Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011 stipulates limit requirements for metal contaminants, crop contaminants and natural toxic substances, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH), biotoxins, and other contaminants in food.</p> <p>(4) Microorganisms Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 stipulates microbiological requirements in food in Appendix B (page 757 of 887 onwards).</p> <p>(5) Food Additives Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 stipulates definitions, application principles, specifications, and standards of food additives in Chapter 3.</p> <p>(6) Restriction on Sales Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Regulations, 2011 stipulates restrictions on radiation processing of food as well as restrictions on use of flavouring agents.</p> <p>(7) Product Standards</p>
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6	Labelling, packaging and marking requirements	<p>(1) Labelling</p> <p>Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 stipulates regulations for packaging and labelling of foods.</p> <p>Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 contains general requirements of pre-packaged foods as well as labelling requirements of pre-packaged foods (name of food, list of ingredients, nutritional information, declaration regarding vegetarian and non-vegetarian, declaration of food additives, declaration of name and complete address, FSSAI logo and license number, net quantity, retail sale price and consumer care details as per Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, lot/code/batch identification, date marking, labelling of imported food, country of origin for imported foods, instructions for use, and declaration regarding food allergen). For example, eggs are non-vegetarian products and should be declared non-vegetarian.</p> <p>Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017 requires imported food to comply with standards for packaging and labelling. The Authorised Officer shall reject the consignment not complying with the provisions of Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 at the visual inspection and no sample shall be drawn from the consignment.</p>

		<p>(2) Advertising and Claims Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claiming) Regulations, 2018 stipulates regulations for general principles for claims and advertisements, regulations for nutrition claims (nutrient content claim or nutrient comparative claim), regulations for non-addition claims, regulations for health claims (including nutrient function claims), regulations for claims related to dietary guidelines or healthy diets, regulations for conditional claims, and regulations for prohibited claims.</p> <p>(3) Packaging and Marking Requirements Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018 stipulates general requirements of food packaging materials, specific requirements for primary food packaging, as well as requirement for specific migration limits of substances from various types of packaging materials intended to be in contact with articles of food.</p>
7	Other information	<p>(1) India's Import Clearance FSSAI has an online system for clearance of food imports, Food Import Clearance System (FICS), which is seamlessly integrated with Customs ICE-GATE (Indian Customs Electronic Data Interchange Gateway) for trade facilitation. Selective sampling & testing of food articles on basis of risk profiling done by FSSAI is implemented at Customs ICEGATE.</p> <p>(2) India's Import Procedures FSSAI's Manual for Food Imports provides a guiding document for importers for better understanding of clearance process of imported food consignments by FSSAI.</p> <p>(3) WTO Import Licensing Procedures India's legislation and notifications</p> <p>(4) USDA Gain Reports and Analysis India FAIRS Country Report provides guidelines on India's food import regulations to American exporters. India FSSAI Issues Clarification for Microbial Testing Requirements for Imported Food Products provides clarifications to Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017.</p>

		<p>(5) Contact Information</p> <p>See the list of FSSAI's authorised officers who are based in different offices.</p> <p>See the point of entries for import of food items with authorised officers.</p> <p>See the directory of DAHD officers.</p>
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