

Import pre-shipment checklist

Nobody loses a container to a subtle point of law. They lose it to shelf life, the label, the port or a lapsed IEC — all checkable before loading.

Before it ships

Check	Notes
☐ Central Licence under the Importer kind of business, in force	
☐ IEC active and updated for this year (1 April – 30 June)	
☐ Residual shelf life on arrival: at least 60% or three months, whichever is less (reg. 5(6))	
☐ Label meets Indian rules — only five items can be stickered at the port (reg. 6(4))	
☐ Importer name and address, FSSAI logo and licence number planned for the sticker, if not printed	
☐ High-risk category? Confirm the port is a designated point of entry	
☐ Foreign facility registration, if the category requires it	
☐ Health certificate position checked for this product and country	
☐ Additives and ingredients permitted in India for the food category	
☐ Clearance fee budgeted; 30 days to remove goods after NOC (reg. 14)	
☐ If rejected: 15 working days to seek review (reg. 15(2)(b))	

Source: FSS (Import) Regulations 2017 as compiled 06.11.2025; Food Imports Manual; FSSAI order on foreign facility registration 10.10.2022.

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