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## India

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### **Clearance procedure for food imported for Research and Development**

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Product Brief

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**Report Highlights:**

On March 30 2012 the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published “guidelines regarding clearance of Food consignments imported in India for Research and Development purposes,” on its website.

**General Information:**

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**F. No. No.1-17/FSSAI/T/2010 (Part B)**  
**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road  
New Delhi-2

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**Sub: Guidelines regarding Clearance of Food Consignments imported in India for Research & Development purposes - reg.**

It has been observed that many consignments of food articles are being imported in India by the companies in very small quantities for Research & Development purposes.

In this regard, the undersigned is directed to say that the matter has been examined in the Authority and it has been decided by the Competent Authority that whenever such type of consignment is referred to FSSAI by the Customs, the quantity and end use of the product may be checked by the Authorized Officer, FSSAI to satisfy themselves that this is not for commercial sale. A Certificate from the manufacturer/exporter of the source country stating that the consignment is meant for Research & Development for assuring the highest quality standards and is not meant for direct human consumption or any commercial purpose may also be obtained. After verification, it may be communicated to the Customs that NOC from FSSAI may not be required subject to the condition that an undertaking is furnished by the importer to the effect that the consignment will be exclusively used for Research & Development purposes for assuring the highest quality standards only, and will not be utilized or released in the domestic market for human consumption.

  
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**To**

1. All Authorized Officers, FSSAI
2. Sh. Sandeep M. Bhatnagar, Joint Secretary (Customs), Room No. 156 B, North Block, Central Board of Excise and Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi – with the request for getting it circulated to Custom Authorities at various ports of entries.

**Copy for information to:**

1. PPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
2. Dr. Arun K. Panda, Joint Secretary (R), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Room No. 254-A, Nirman Bhavan, Delhi.
3. Director (S), FSSAI
4. FSSAI's website

