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## India

**Post:** New Delhi

### **FSSAI Grants Extension in Use of Organic Sticker**

**Report Categories:**

Sanitary/Phyosanitary/Food Safety

Exporter Guide

Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification

Special Certification - Organic/Kosher/Halal

Food Processing Ingredients

Retail Foods

Food Service - Hotel Restaurant Institutional

Dairy and Products

Fresh Fruit

Beverages

Tree Nuts

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## **Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has extended the September 30 deadline allowing imported organic products to enter India with a non-detachable sticker of FSSAI's organic logo by 3 months, until December 31, 2018, as required under Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017. Absent the FSSAI organic logo, imported organic food products will not be allowed entry into India.

## **General Information:**

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On August 21, 2018, FSSAI issued an order announcing that use of a non-detachable sticker to display FSSAI's organic logo would be permissible until December 31, 2018.

Effective July 1, 2018, Food Business Operators in India are required to follow the [Food Safety and Standards \(Organic Foods\) Regulations, 2017](#), which mandates the use of a FSSAI organic logo on the primary label of all certified organic products entering India. On July 25, 2018, FSSAI issued an order allowing temporary waiver on this requirement until September 30, 2018, which has now been extended by 3 months until December 31, 2018. The FSSAI organic logo will be required, in addition to the FSSAI logo. For more information, refer to GAIN: [IN8096](#).

### Details of Order:

- Publication date on the FSSAI website: August 21, 2018
- Applicable up to: December 31, 2018
- WTO Notification Date: Not Available
- Products Effected: All certified organic products

**File No. 1-1770/FSSAI/Imports/2018**  
**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**  
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)  
**FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110002**

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21, August, 2018

**ORDER**

**Subject: Import of Organic Foods under Food safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017-reg.**

In continuation to the earlier order dated 25.07.18, for imported organic food consignments, it has been decided to extend the period for the use of non-detachable sticker with respect of FSSAI's organic logo as required under regulation 5 (1) of Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017, upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.

The import consignments claimed as organic food items, which were exported prior to 31.08.2018 may also be given relaxation for compliance to FSS (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017. Further, all other conditions will remain same as mentioned in earlier order dated 25.07.18 (copy enclosed) and directions dated 29.06.18 (copy enclosed).

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

**Encl: As above**

  
(Sunecti Toteja)  
Director (Imports)

To-

1. All Authorised Officers, FSSAI
2. Shri S.P. Sahu, Commissioner (SW), CBEC - For circulation to all Authorised Officers from Customs for compliance.