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## India

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### India Extends Ban on Chinese Dairy Products

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**Report Highlights:**

On June 11, 2013, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India extended the import prohibition on milk and milk products from China for an additional year. The ban includes milk, milk products, chocolates and chocolate products, candies, confectionary, and food preparations made with milk or milk solids originating in China.

**General Information:****Introduction:**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India issued an advisory on June 11, 2013, extending its ongoing prohibition on imports of milk and milk products from China. This extension is valid until June 22, 2014 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

**Disclaimer:**

This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

**Type of Regulation:** Final.

Details on the Advisory No. 10/FSSAI/2011:

**Publication Date:** June 11, 2013.

**Date of Implementation:** Immediate.

**Date of Expiry:** June 22, 2014 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

**WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of June 12, 2013).

**Products Affected:** Milk and milk products including chocolates and chocolate products, candies, confectionary, and food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient.

**Agency in Charge:** The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

**Proposed Changes:** Advisory (Text as published is attached).

## **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**

**Advisory No.: 10/FSSAI/2011**

### **Ban on import of dairy products from China**

The Government of India (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) had imposed a ban on import of milk and milk products from China vide notification No. 46 dated 24/09/2008 for three months. The ban for three months was imposed as an interim step to enable other Departments to put in place suitable measures, to restrict import of contaminated milk products in the country. The ban was extended vide notification No. 67 dated 01/12/2008 for another six months up to 23/06/2009. The import of chocolates and chocolate products and candies/ confectionary / food preparations with milk and milk solids as an ingredient were also included in the ban. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 111 (RE-2008)/ 2004-2009 dated 16/06/2009 for another six months up to 23/12/2009. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 22/2009-2014 dated 23/12/2009 for another six months up to 23.06.2010. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 49/2009-2014 dated 24th June, 2010 for another six months up to 23/12/2010. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 16 (RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 3rd January, 2011 for another one year up to 23/12/2011. The ban was further extended vide notification No. 91 (RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 26th December, 2011 for another six months upto 24/6/2012 again the ban was further extended vide notification No. 4 (RE-2012)/2009-2014 dated 2nd July, 2012 for one year upto 23rd June, 2013.

Consultations were held on 6th June, 2013 with the concerned Departments / Ministries of the Government of India to review the ban on import of dairy products from China. Based on these consultations the following advisory No. 10/FSSAI/2011 is issued:

1. Ban on import of milk and milk products including chocolates and chocolate products and candies/ confectionary / food preparations with milk and milk solids as an ingredient from China may be extended for a period of one year from 23rd June, 2013 unless there are dependable reports available about a significant improvement in the situation.