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## India

**Post:** New Delhi

### **Organic Sticker Temporarily Allowed on Imported Organic Products**

**Report Categories:**

Sanitary/Phytosanitary/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:**

Until September 30, 2018, the Government of India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) will allow imported organic products to enter India with a non-detachable sticker of FSSAI's organic logo, 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 July 25, 2018, FSSAI issued an order announcing that use of a non-detachable sticker to display FSSAI's organic logo would be permissible.

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. Temporarily, until September 30, 2018, FSSAI will allow the use of a non-detachable sticker to display the FSSAI organic logo. The FSSAI organic logo will be required, in addition to the FSSAI logo.

## Details of Order:

- Publication date on the FSSAI website: July 25, 2018
- Applicable up to: September 30, 2018
- WTO Notification Date: Not Available
- Products Effected: All certified organic products

**File No. Stds/Organic/02/2017**  
**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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25 July, 2018

**ORDER**

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

The Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017 have been notified under the provisions of the Section 22 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act, 2006) in the Gazette of India on 29.12.2017. Food Business Operator were required to comply with all the provisions of these Regulations by 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018.


2. Food products imported into India and claimed to be organic are required to comply with the applicable provisions laid under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Regulations made there under in addition to the provisions of FSS (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017 (copy enclosed).

3. Further, vide Direction issued under Section 16(5) of FSS Act, 2006 dated 29.06.2017 (copy enclosed) which was uploaded on FSSAI website, it has been decided to allow 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, up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

4. In case the imported food consignment is not complying to the above said regulations and instructions, the same shall be rejected and the importer/CHA shall be advised to follow the due procedure of Review Application as stated in Chapter XI of FSS (Import) Regulations, 2017. However the import consignments claimed as organic food items, which were exported before 01.07.2018 but reached on or after 01.07.2018 may be given relaxation for compliance to FSS (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

**Encl: As above**

  
(Sunceti Toteja)  
Director (Imports)

**To-**

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

