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Temporary Guidelines for Clearing Imported Alcoholic Beverages

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Wine

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Report Highlights:

On May 20, 2011, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) posted Ad-Hoc guidelines related to the clearance of imported alcoholic beverages via circular no. CP CE- 044-2011-CIRCULAR (3) on its website.

General Information:

Introduction: On May 20, 2011, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) posted ad-hoc guidelines related to the clearance process pertaining to alcoholic beverages on its website. The guidelines state that minor labeling “defects” may be corrected at the customs warehouse under the supervision of the customs department. The policy is in effect until July 20, 2011, or until FSSAI issues official guidelines. This procedure will enable importers of alcoholic beverages to correct inconsistencies in labeling after products arrive in India.

Disclaimer: This report presents the link to 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.

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** May 20, 2011
- **Notification to the WTO:** Not notified to date.
- **Valid Till:** Two months from date of issue of this letter or notification of FSSAI’s Rules/Regulations, whichever is earlier.
- **Effective Date:** May 20, 2011

Products Affected: Alcoholic Beverages

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI

The full text of this announcement can be accessed on the internet by following this link [FSSAI Guidelines](#).