Instruction No. 24/2021-Customs

F.No. 401/86/2021-Cus-III

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
(Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs)

North Block, New Delhi Dated, 24th November, 2021

To

All Principal Chief Commissioner/ Chief Commissioner of Customs/ Customs (Preventive).

All Principal Chief Commissioner/ Chief Commissioner of Central Excise & Customs.

All Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs/ Customs (Preventive).

All Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner of Central Tax & Customs.

Subject: - Direction under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding extension of validity of the NOC for the Alcoholic Beverages Bottled in Origin & in Bulk-reg

Madam/Sir,

Reference is invited to F.No. TIC-B05/1/2021-Imports-FSSAI dated 9th November, 2021 issued by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi on the above-mentioned subject (copy enclosed).

- 2. It is stated that for the imported consignments of Alcoholic Beverages Bottled in Origin & in Bulk, containing more than 10 percent alcohol which does not have an expiry date, the NOC issued as per the FSS (Import) Regulations, 2017 shall have a validity of 300 days. For consignments lying at ports customs area beyond 300 days, on payment of visual inspection fee, visual inspection may be carried out for re-validation of NOC.
- 3. It is requested that necessary action may be taken to sensitize officers under your jurisdiction regarding the matter.
- The difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the Board.
- 5. Hindi version follows.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

(Kevin Boban)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy for necessary action to:

The Additional Director General, National Customs Targeting Centre (NCTC), Mumbai 13, Sir Vithaldas Thakersey Marg, Opp. Patkar Hall, New Marine Lines, Mumbai-400020

File No. TIC-B05/1/2021-IMPORTS-FSSAI 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

Dated, the 09th November, 2021

Subject: Direction under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding extension of validity of the NOC for the Alcoholic Beverages Bottled in Origin & in Bulk- reg.

To further facilitate trade and ease of doing business reforms, it has been decided that for the imported consignments of alcoholic beverages bottled in origin & in bulk, containing more than 10 percent alcohol which does not have an expiry date, the NOC issued as per the FSS (Import) Regulations, 2017 shall have a validity of 300 days. For consignments lying at ports/Customs area beyond 300 days, on payment of visual inspection fee, visual inspection may be carried out for revalidation of NOC.

2. The directions shall be valid till further orders in this regard. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested with Food Authority under Section 16(5) of the FSS Act, 2006.

(Dr. Amit Sharma) 11/2/ Director (Trade and IC)

To,

- · All Authorised Officers, FSSAI for compliance of above order
- Director (Customs) & Commissioner (Single Window Project, CBIC)- with a request to circulate to all officials of Customs Department working as Authorised Officers for compliance.

Copy for information to-

- · ED (Compliance), FSSAI-HQ
- · Advisor (Standard), FSSAI-HQ
- Head (Regulation/Codex), FSSAI-HQ
- Advisor (QA), FSSAI-HQ
- CITO, FSSAI-HQ (for uploading on FSSAI website)