

FSSAI Issues Suspension of the Requirement of AGMARK Certificate for Imported Goods

On 18th August 2022, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), a statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, part of the Trade and International Cooperation Division, issued a notification in regard to clarification of the FSSAI's requirement of AGMARK Certification for Imported Food Products.

The notification was issued with reference to the advisory issued vide letter no. 1-1800/FSSAI/Imports/2019 dated 07th July 2020 in regard to the requirement of AGMARK Certification prior to importing Blended Edible Vegetable Oils (BEVO).

In accordance with the letter mentioned above, various stakeholders have raised concerns in regard to seeking clarification with respect to the applicability of the requirement of AGMARK Certification in the case of Imported Food Products.

The matter was also raised in front of the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), where it was concluded that the DMI does not issue any foreign country/overseas certification under the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marketing) Act, 1937.

Henceforth, it was finalised that the requirement of AGMARK Certification for Imported Food Consignments is to be suspended temporarily until any further orders/notice is provided.

Official Circular attached - here

