



# F33/22: India's new vegan labelling requirements

## Food Products

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- (1) In June 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published new requirements for products labelled as 'vegan.'
- (2) These requirements were published in the Gazette of India as *Food Safety and Standards (Vegan Foods) Regulations, 2022*, the full text can be found on the [FSSAI website](#). The new requirements will come into effect on 26 January 2023.
- (3) The new requirements state "*no vegan food products shall be imported except with a certificate issued by the recognized authorities of the exporting countries in the format as specified by the Authority [FSSAI] is accepted.*"
- (4) MPI, as the recognised New Zealand authority for food commodities, cannot offer official assurances on the requirements set out in this standard. Therefore, after 26 January 2023 it is recommended that manufacturers not use the label 'vegan' on any food products being exported to India or do so at full commercial risk.

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