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# FSSAI classifies import clearance and food testing labs as essential services

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All personnel who are assigned the charge of above essential services are required to be available in office on all working days in order to facilitate the trade as well as ensure smoother operation of related services across the country.

FSSAI says, “FSSAI has its Offices at 6 locations namely Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Cochin and Tuticorin and all these offices are fully operational for scrutiny of applications, visual inspection and sampling for import clearance to ensure expeditious processing of applications and timely issuance of NOC. Therefore, all importers are advised to inform their clearing agents accordingly.”

Food importers facing any problem or need any further clarification in this regard are advised to contact FSSAI’s regional offices or email their queries.

FSSAI is keeping a close watch on the situation. It will continue to assist food importers as well as ensure regular supervision and testing of food items and will take appropriate steps to ensure the safety of food products.

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