

Instruction No. 26/2021-Customs

F.No. 401/85/2021-Cus-III

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

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 1st December, 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: - Import of Sajji Khar/ Pappad Khar-reg.

Madam/Sir,

Reference is invited to F.No. 1-1765/FSSAI/Imports/2018 dated 23rd June, 2021 issued by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi on the above-mentioned subject (copy enclosed).

2. It is stated that imported consignments of Sajji Khar/Papad Khar does not require product approval under FSS (Approval of non-specified food and food ingredients) Regulations, 2017 and these may be considered as "food not specified" till standards are notified by FSSAI. The imported consignments shall be tested as per the standards for "food not specified" including the standards for heavy metals prescribed under FSS (Contaminants, Toxins and residues) Regulations, 2011.

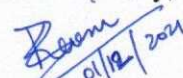
3. It is requested that necessary action may be taken to sensitize officers under your jurisdiction regarding the the said matter.

4. The difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the Board.

5. Hindi version follows.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,


01/12/2021

(Kevin Boban)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy for information and necessary action:

Additional Director General,
National Customs Targeting Centre (NCTC),
Mumbai 13, Sir Vithaldas Thakersey Marg,
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File No. 1-1765/FSSAI/Imports/2018
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

The 23 June, 2021

To
Shri Gaurav Masaldan
Joint Secretary (Customs)
156-B, North Block, Central Sectt,
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
New Delhi

Subject: Import of Sajji Khar/Papad Khar - reg.

In continuation to previous letter dated 19th March, 2020 (copy attached) on the subject mentioned above, it is to state that the said matter regarding standards for Sajji Khar was examined considering its wide spread use in papad manufacturing industry. Subsequently, the Food Authority in its 32nd meeting has approved that till such time the standards for "Sajji Khar/Papad Khar" are notified, it may be considered as "food not specified" and standards for the same may be adopted including the standards for heavy metals prescribed under FSS (Contaminants, Toxins and residues) Regulations 2011.

In view of above, it may be noted that imported consignments of Sajji Khar/Papad Khar does not require product approval under FSS (Approval of non specified food and food ingredients) Regulations, 2017 and these may be considered as "food not specified" till standards are notified by FSSAI. The imported consignments shall be tested as per the standards for 'foods not specified' including the standards for heavy metals prescribed under FSS (Contaminants, Toxins and residues) Regulations 2011.

Yours faithfully,

Shridh.
(Dr. Amit Sharma) 23/06/21
Director (Imports)

To:

1. Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Udyog Bhawan, H-Wing, Gate No.2, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi-110001
2. Commissioner (Single Window) & Director (Customs), CBIC - for necessary action and circulating to all Authorised Officers of Customs.