

FSSAI completes integration of Food import clearance system with CBIC

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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has successfully integrated its Food Import Clearance System (FICS) with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) through the ICEGATE platform under the advanced SWIFT 2.0 initiative.

FSSAI's Food Import Clearance System (FICS) was earlier integrated with CBIC's ICEGATE platform under SWIFT 1.0. Building upon that success, this major digital integration under SWIFT 2.0 marks a significant milestone in promoting the Government's vision of 'Ease of Doing Business' and trade facilitation.

The system has now gone live on a pilot basis at four key points of entry across the country – ICD Dadri (INDER6), ICD Star Track (INSTT6), ICD Albatross (INAPL6), and ICD Patparganj (INPPG6). Importers can obtain FSSAI NOC through the SWIFT Portal (ICEGATE) for consignments arriving at these locations.

This collaborative step between FSSAI and CBIC underlines the government's commitment to leveraging technology for smarter, faster, and safer food import clearance in the country.

The integration is designed to further streamline the import clearance process by enhancing transparency and promoting efficiency across the system. By significantly reducing human interface, it minimizes delays and ensures greater objectivity and accountability. This, in turn, helps decrease the dwell time for cargo clearance and lower the overall cost of doing business, thereby aligning seamlessly with the Government's flagship initiatives like 'Digital India' and 'Ease of Doing Business'.

Following the successful pilot launch of the FSSAI-CBIC integration under SWIFT 2.0, the system will be gradually expanded to all major food import points nationwide, ensuring a more efficient and technology-driven import clearance ecosystem.