


27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**ORDER**

**Subject: Direction with regard to exemption from FSSAI clearance in case of import of raw cashew nuts -reg.**

It is observed that a lot of raw cashew nut import consignments are referred by Customs to FSSAI for clearances since the raw cashew nut has been listed under Chapter 8 having ITC HS Code-08013101. As raw cashew nut is directly not an edible item and used by the cashew processing units as raw material, hence, until the standards of Raw cashew nut are framed, FSSAI need not detain import consignments, which only have a Plant Quarantine angle. However, FSSAI should instead inspect processing units.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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