

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3843  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2017**

**REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTED FOOD**

**3843. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of food products imported in the country during the last three years, product and country-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce new regulations for imported food items and their shelf life;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent by which the new regulation is likely to ensure quality of imported food items?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a): As per data captured under the Food Import Clearance System of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, an online system operational at six ports, viz., Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Cochin and Tuticorin, details of major food products imported in the country and details of major food exporting countries to India during the last three years are at Annexure-I and II respectively.

(b) & (c): The Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations 2017 notified on 09.03.2017, contain a provision that no article of food shall be cleared from the Customs unless the valid shelf life of such an article is sixty per cent or more at the time of import.

(d): The Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations, 2017 will ensure safety of imported food items.

**ANNEXURE -I****Top food items imported during last 3 years (in terms of quantity)**

2014	2015	2016
1. Oil & oil products	1. Pulses	1. Pulses
2. Pulses	2. Oil & oil products	2. Oil & oil products
3. Fruits & Nuts	3. Fruits & Nuts	3. Cereals
4. Sugar & Sugar Confectionery	4. Cereals	4. Fruits & Nuts
5. Cereals	5. Confectionery	5. Sugar & Sugar Confectionery
6. Cocoa & Cocoa products	6. Cocoa & Cocoa products	6. Oil seeds/Misc. Grains
7. Oil seeds/Misc. Grains	7. Oil seeds/Misc. Grains	7. Cocoa & Cocoa products
8. Food preparation items	8. Vegetables	8. Alcoholic Beverages
9. Alcoholic Beverages	9. Alcoholic Beverages	9. Food preparation items
10. Non Alcoholic beverages	10. Non Alcoholic beverages	10. Organic Chemicals
11. Confectionery	11. Sugar & Sugar Confectionery	11. Non Alcoholic beverages
12. Fruit juices	12. Food preparation items	12. Fish & Fish products
13. Inorganic Chemicals	13. Fruit juices	13. Dairy Products
14. Vegetables	14. Fish & Fish products	14. Fruit juices
15. Fish & Fish products	15. Dairy Products	15. Inorganic Chemicals

## ANNEXURE - II

**Major food exporting countries to India during last 3 years (in terms of quantity)**

2014		2015		2016	
1.	Indonesia	1.	Canada	1.	Ukraine
2.	Canada	2.	Indonesia	2.	Canada
3.	Myanmar	3.	Ukraine	3.	Indonesia
4.	Ukraine	4.	Myanmar	4.	Australia
5.	Malaysia	5.	Malaysia	5.	Myanmar
6.	Australia	6.	Australia	6.	Malaysia
7.	Argentina	7.	Argentina	7.	Argentina
8.	USA	8.	USA	8.	Russia
9.	China	9.	Russia	9.	USA
10.	Russia	10.	China	10.	Brazil
11.	Tanzania	11.	Brazil	11.	France
12.	Brazil	12.	Tanzania	12.	China
13.	Mozambique	13.	France	13.	Tanzania
14.	Chile	14.	Mozambique	14.	Lithuania
15.	Egypt	15.	Egypt	15.	Mozambique