

Food and agriculture

India — Food Safety and Standards Act

The United States expressed concern about the incomplete notification of India's new directive on animal feed, and its insufficient transition period, which would have a significant impact on trade in feed and possibly on meat and dairy products. On cattle feed, the United States questioned why India would not allow import of many commonly used feed ingredients and vitamins.

While six months was provided to all stakeholders to comply, India replied that it would consider an extension given the current COVID-19 pandemic. The standard on cattle feed (IS 2052:2009) was reviewed periodically — most recently in 2019 — and India welcomed input from the United States on additional feed ingredients.