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In sub-regulation (3) of regulation 5, the words "the format as specified by the authority is accepted" are replaced by the words and figures "Form-I of these regulations". A new Form-I is inserted after regulation 5: a certificate to be issued by the recognized authority of the exporting country for products applied for vegan logo endorsement under the 2022 regulations. A footnote to the form describes that authority as the "Regulatory Authority or Recognised accreditation body or Recognised third party certifying body of Vegan Foods in the exporting country."

The certificate records the country of dispatch, the consignor or exporter, a certificate number, the recognized authority and its contact details, the consignee or importer, the countries of origin and destination, and the transport and storage conditions to be maintained. It then records a product description (name and nearest food category, producer or manufacturer, lot or batch number, net weight, number of units or packages, type of packaging, date of manufacture or packaging, and date of expiry if applicable), the product composition, the intended purpose, and whether the product is meant for repacking or relabeling in the destination country, with details of the premises for inspection clearance if it is.

In the declarations, the authorized official certifies that the food products have not involved any animal testing for any purpose, including safety evaluation, unless provided by any Regulatory Authority; that production, processing and distribution are designed with appropriate precautions in conformity with good manufacturing practices to avoid the unintended presence of non-vegan substances; that vegan and non-vegan raw materials are stored separately and the production line is separate from non-vegan products or ingredients, or, if not, that thorough cleaning or comparable measures have been carried out before production of vegan products commences, including for all associated machinery, equipment, utensils and surfaces; and that backward traceability of ingredients and their source is established.

The draft of these amendments was published as the Food Safety and Standards (Vegan Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2025, by notification dated February 28, 2025, and copies of that Gazette were made available to the public on March 4, 2025, with sixty days for objections and suggestions, which the Authority records it has considered. The notification is signed by Rajit Punhani, Chief Executive Officer. The 2022 regulations were last amended by notification F. No. SS-TOT1(NOTI)/1/2025-Standard-FSSAI dated May 21, 2026.

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Certificate issued by	Regulatory Authority, Recognised accreditation body or Recognised third party certifying body of Vegan Foods in the exporting country
Draft published	February 28, 2025 (copies available March 4, 2025)
Signed by	Rajit Punhani, Chief Executive Officer

Form-I: what the certificate records

Item What the form asks for

—	Country of dispatch
1	Consignor/Exporter: Name, Address
2	Certificate number
3	Recognised Authority of the exporting Country and its contact details
4	Consignee/Importer: Name, Address
5	Country of origin
6	Country of destination
7	Conditions for transport/storage to be maintained
8	Product Description: (a) Name of the product/s (Nearest food category as per Food Safety and Standards Regulations); (b) Producer/manufacturer (name and address); (c) Lot no./Batch no.; (d) Net weight; (e) No. of unit/packages; (f) Type of packaging; (g) Date of manufacture/packaging; (h) Date of expiry (If applicable)
9	Product composition
10	Intended purpose

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- 11 Whether the product is meant for repacking or relabeling in destination country: YES/NO. If Yes, then details of premises for Inspection clearance
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- 12 Declarations (a) to (e)
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- 13 Authorised official: Name, Designation, Date, Signature, Official stamp
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[The notification](#) (PDF, 814 KB)

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