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FSSAI notifies Authorised Officers for imported food clearance at Navi Mumbai International Airport (INNMI4) and Vizhinjam International Seaport (INTRV1).

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In line with section 47(5) of the FSS Act, 2006 and regulation 13(1) of the FSS (Imports) Regulations, 2017, the Competent Authority notifies the Authorised Officers in its table "for clearance of imported food at the following new additional food import entry points". At Navi Mumbai International Airport (POE code INNMI4, Maharashtra), the Authorised Officer is Shri. Sukant Chaudhary, Deputy Director, and the link officer is Ms. Karuna Dale, Assistant Director. The place of posting given for that entry is Mumbai. At Vizhinjam International Seaport, Thiruvananthapuram (POE code INTRV1, Keralam), both the Authorised Officer and the link officer are given as "Superintendent/Appraiser/Inspector/Examiner", and a dash is printed for the place of posting. Paragraph 2 reads: "This Order will be effective with immediate effect."

The notification is addressed, for information and necessary action, to all stakeholders, for information and compliance, and to the Director General, DGFT, and the Joint Secretary, CBIC. It also goes to the Additional Director General (ICEGATE), for information, and to the MD & CEO NSDL "for integration of SEZ POE with FSSAI FICS". The other addressees are the Additional Director General, Risk Management Division, CBIC; the Director (Customs), CBIC; the Commissioner (Single window project, CBIC); the Regional Directors, FSSAI, for compliance; the CEO, Adani Vizhinjam Port Pvt. Ltd., Thiruvananthapuram; and the Chief Airport Officer, Navi Mumbai International Airport. Copies go to the Executive Director (HR), FSSAI, and to the CITO, FSSAI-HQ, for uploading on the FSSAI website.

The notification does not name the officials who will act at Vizhinjam; it gives only their designations. It does not say which foods or consignments the two points may clear, and it sets no end date. It says copies of the notifications of August 28, 2025 and October 30, 2025 are attached, but none of the copies in the file carries either date. The file FSSAI published runs to 31 pages. Besides this notification, it holds its Hindi text, copies of earlier notifications in the same series, dated from March 2024 to September 15, 2026 (one of them October 29, 2025), and two unheaded lists of food import entry points. The first list has 172 entries and the second 174; in the second, Navi Mumbai International Airport and Vizhinjam International Seaport are entries 173 and 174.

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Document	Notification of Authorised Officer, File No. 1-1715/FSSAI/Imports/2017(Pt.1)
Dated	October 15, 2026
Legal basis	Section 47(5), FSS Act, 2006; regulation 13(1), FSS (Imports) Regulations, 2017
Continues	Notifications TIC-C-501/3/2023-IMPORTS-FSSAI-Pt.1/E-9893 of August 28, 2025 and TIC/4/2022-IMPORTS-FSSAI of October 30, 2025
Applies to	Clearance of imported food at two new additional food import entry points
Navi Mumbai International Airport	INNMI4, Maharashtra; Authorised Officer Shri. Sukant Chaudhary, Deputy Director; link officer Ms. Karuna Dale, Assistant Director; place of posting Mumbai
Vizhinjam International Seaport, Thiruvananthapuram	INTRV1, Keralam; Authorised Officer and link officer: Superintendent/Appraiser/Inspector/Examiner; place of posting not given (a dash)
Takes effect	With immediate effect
Sent to	All stakeholders; the Director General, DGFT; the Joint Secretary, CBIC; and eight others. Copies to the Executive Director (HR), FSSAI, and the CITO, FSSAI-HQ
Signed by	Rajit Punhani, IAS, CEO, FSSAI

The two new food import entry points

S. No.	Name of the Authorised Officer	Name of the link officer	POE Name	POE Code	State/Location	Place of Posting
1.	Shri. Sukant Chaudhary, Deputy Director	Ms. Karuna Dale, Assistant Director	NAVI MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	INNMI4	Maharashtra	Mumbai

2.	Superintendent/Appraiser/Inspector/Examiner	Superintendent/Appraiser/Inspector/Examiner	VIZHINJAM INTERNATIONAL SEAPORT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	INTRV1	Keralam	-

The notification (PDF, 3.3 MB)

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