



**INDIA'S REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE FOR NON-GM ORIGIN
AND GM-FREE STATUS – SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERN 501**

SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The following submission, received on 28 March 2022, is the statement made by the United States of America at the 23-25 March 2022 WTO SPS Committee, and is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

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1. The United States once again calls attention to its previous concerns raised in the past four SPS Committee meetings as documented in [G/SPS/GEN/1865](#), [G/SPS/GEN/1901](#), [G/SPS/GEN/1940](#), and [G/SPS/GEN/1985](#).
 2. India's measure notified in [G/TBT/N/IND/168](#) stipulates that the "Order is applicable to only food products listed in Annex-I of its Order and does not apply to processed food products in general." Yet, since the measure went into effect in March 2021, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, or FSSAI, has used the regulation as a basis to limit trade of certain processed products, including milled rice, which is not a food product listed in Annex-I of the Order discussed in [G/TBT/N/IND/168](#), and thus, the Order should have no bearing.
 3. Despite numerous requests from multiple trading partners, India has not provided scientific justification nor a risk assessment supporting this measure.
 4. The United States continues to seek technical cooperation with FSSAI and urges India to immediately withdraw this temporary measure and develop alternative approaches that are less trade-restrictive and more consistent with international best practices.
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