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ComMin tells FSSAI, Customs to cut food cargo import clearance time By PTI



New Delhi: The commerce ministry has asked FSSAI and customs authorities to clear import consignments of food products in about 48 hours at ports with a view to promote ease of doing business at trade front.

Currently, it takes as many as five to eight days to get import clearance for a food consignment, a government official said.

The move would help India improve its ranking in Trading Across Borders, one of the ten parameters of ease of doing business.

India ranked 146th in Trading Across Borders component, out of 190 countries ranked by the World Bank in its latest report.

The official said Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was also advised to carry out clearances under the risk management system.

Under this system, import customs clearance procedure is carried out randomly as scrutinising every paper and checking all the consignments increase logistics cost of traders.