

## **Cover Letter**

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### **About the study:**

In India, food is one of the fastest growing sectors, demand for imported food products is increasing and a number of foreign companies are trying to export to India. Several initiatives have been taken by the Indian government in recent years to improve the ease of doing business and reduce the compliance burden through the use of technology. Given this background, this paper provides an overview of the food import clearance process in India, identifies issues in the import process and make recommendations on how the import clearance process can be streamlined using technology and automation. The paper is based on a survey of different stakeholders engaged in food import clearance process. The survey was funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom.

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