

File No. S&S/SSC-SP&SC/2022  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
(A Statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)  
(Science & Standards Division)  
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

Date: 01 Sep 2026

**ORDER**

**Subject: Reconstitution of Scientific Committee – reg.**

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 14 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act), the Food Authority, has reconstituted Scientific Committee (SC) comprising Six independent scientific experts for providing the scientific opinions to the Food Authority. The term of the SC will be valid for three years or till further orders whichever is earlier from the date of issuance of this order in accordance to the provisions contained in Section 15 of the FSS Act, 2006.

2. This scientific body shall carry out their work in accordance with the provisions of the FSS Act and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (Transaction of Business and Procedures for the Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels) Regulations, 2016.

3. Further, Food Authority has reconstituted 21 Scientific Panels vide order dated 30.06.2026 and reconstituted SPs met for the first time during 16.07.2026 to 31.07.2026 and have elected the Chairperson from amongst its members. The elected Chairperson of the SPs shall be a member of the SC. The composition of the SC indicating the independent experts and Chairperson of SPs is at Annexure. The SC shall choose a Chairperson from amongst its members.

4. This order will be effective from its date of issuance.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

**Dr. Satyen Kumar Panda**  
**Advisor, FSSAI**

To

All the Members of Scientific Committee

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1. SPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
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4. ED (Regulatory Compliance)
5. Advisor (QA), FSSAI
6. All concerned Officials
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**Annexure**

| Sr. No.                           | Particulars                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                        |
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| Independent Members               |                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |
| 1                                 | Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairman PPFVFRA and Former Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture abd FW, Goverment of India                                                        |                                                                                        |
| 2                                 | Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Director, ICMR- National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad                                                                                                           |                                                                                        |
| 3                                 | Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director- National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram                                                                  |                                                                                        |
| 4                                 | Dr. Kiran Bhilegaonkar, In-charge, Regional Centre, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Insitute, Pune and Member, International Commission on Microbiological Specification for Foods (ICMSF) |                                                                                        |
| 5                                 | Dr. Pranjib Kumar Chakrabarty, Former Member, ASRB and ADG (Plant Protection and Biosafety), ICAR                                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| 6                                 | Dr. Annu Appiah, Retired Chief Scientist, CFTRI                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |
| Chairpersons of Scientific Panels |                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |
| 7                                 | Dr. Giridhar Parvatam, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru                                                                                                                                        | Food Additives, Flavourings and Processing Aids (SP-01)                                |
| 8                                 | Dr. Debi Sharma, Retired Principal Scientist Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru                                                                                         | Pesticide Residues (SP-02)                                                             |
| 9                                 | Dr. Premanshu Dandapat, Head, Division of Bacteriology and Mycology, ICAR Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly                                                                   | Antibiotic Residues (SP-03)                                                            |
| 10                                | Dr. Natesan Manickam, Retired Chief Scientist, CSIR Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow                                                                                       | Genetically Modified Organisms and Foods (SP-04)                                       |
| 11                                | Dr. Usha Antony, Dean, Tamil Nadu Dr. J Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam                                                                                                    | Functional foods, Nutraceuticals, Dietetic Products and Other similar products (SP-05) |
| 12                                | Dr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, Director, ICAR National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati, Assam                                                                                                     | Biological Hazards (SP-06)                                                             |
| 13                                | Prof. Aditya Bhushan Pant, Chief Scientist IITR Lucknow                                                                                                                                    | Contaminants in the Food Chain (SP-07)                                                 |
| 14                                | Dr. Dinesh Kumar B – Director, Translational Research Services, Hyderabad                                                                                                                  | Labelling and Claims/Advertisements (SP-08)                                            |
| 15                                | Dr. Ashish Mukherjee, Director of Laboratories, Central Agmark Laboratory, Directorate of Marketing                                                                                        | Method of Sampling and Analysis (SP-09)                                                |

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|    | and Inspection, Nagpur                                                                                                                    |                                                                                  |
| 16 | Dr. George Ninan, Director, ICAR-CIFT, Kochi                                                                                              | Fish and Fisheries Products (SP-10)                                              |
| 17 | Dr. M B Bera, Professor, Centre for Food Engineering & Technology, Department of Chemical Engineering, BIT- Mesra, Ranchi- 835216         | Cereals, Pulses & Legume and their products (including Bakery) (SP-11)           |
| 18 | Dr. Ram Asrey, Principal Scientist and Professor, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi                                  | Fruits & Vegetables and their products (including dried fruits and nuts) (SP-12) |
| 19 | Dr. Arup Ratan Sen, Head-LPT, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh                               | Meat & Meat Products, including poultry (SP-13)                                  |
| 20 | Dr. Sumit Arora, Principal Scientist (Dairy Chemistry), NDRI, Karnal                                                                      | Milk & Milk Products (SP-14)                                                     |
| 21 | Dr. B L A Prabhavathi Devi, Scientist G, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad                                          | Oils & Fats (SP-15)                                                              |
| 22 | Dr. Harish Kumar Sharma, Retired Principal Scientist, Dr YS Parmar, University of Horticulture and Forestry Nauni Solan, Himachal Pradesh | Sweets, Confectionery, Sweeteners Sugar & Honey (SP-16)                          |
| 23 | Dr. R Subramanian, Retired, Chief Scientist and Advisor Management and Administration, Central Food Tech Res Institute, Mysuru, Karnataka | Water (including flavoured water) & Beverages (non-alcoholic) (SP-17)            |
| 24 | Dr. N Arlappa, Scientist G, ICMR National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad                                                               | Nutrition and Fortification (SP-18)                                              |
| 25 | Dr. M. R. Sudharshan, Retd. Director, Spices Board India                                                                                  | Spices and Culinary Herbs (SP-19)                                                |
| 26 | Dr. Rajeswar Santayya Matche, Chief Scientist, CSIR Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru                                 | Packaging (SP-20)                                                                |
| 27 | Prof. Sanjiv Kumar Soni, Retired Professor Department of Microbiology, Panjab University, Chandigarh                                      | Alcoholic Beverages (SP-21)                                                      |