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CABINET APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH AFGHANISTAN ON FOOD SAFETY

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the signing of a Cooperation Arrangement between Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), and Afghanistan's Health and Agriculture, Irrigation & Livestock Ministries for cooperation in the field of food safety and related areas.

The areas of cooperation are establishment of a mechanism of information exchange and communication; facilitating technical exchange on identified topics of interest especially about import procedures, quality control operations, sampling, testing, packaging and labelling, as per a release.

They also include facilitating or organisation of joint seminars, workshops, visits, lectures, training programme.

"Other areas of interest to the participants within their responsibilities as they may mutually determine.

"The cooperation arrangement will facilitate information sharing training and capacity building measure and learning from each others best practice to improve food safety ecosystem," said an official statement.