

## **IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2017**

### **1. Ongoing efforts in focus Areas:**

- a) Draft Notification issued regarding:
  - Standards for Special dietary foods with low sodium content (including salt substitutes)
  - Removal of banned pesticides from the FSSR, 2011
  - Retention of the existing provision of infant milk substitute and bakery products).
  
- b) FSSAI has entered into an agreement with US-based Decernis Limited. Under this agreement, Decernis would facilitate access to various international regulations through a user-friendly online platform. FSSAI would get access to database of over 70,000 standards for food additives (e.g. colorants, flavours, sweeteners), food standards (e.g. beverages, cacao, dairy, health claims), food contact and contaminants (e.g. mycotoxins, heavy metals, pesticides, veterinary drugs, chemicals) from over 170 countries.
  
- c) The Food Fortification Resource Centre (FFRC) had successful Consultations/meetings during the month in collaboration with stakeholders on promoting large scale fortification. Consultation with wheat flour roller mills association & Rice Industry was held on April 5, 2017 & 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 to align stakeholders towards adoption of fortification and many of the stakeholders agreed to join hands. The FFRC team had several meetings with respect to nudge and adoption of fortification under government run nutrition programmes i.e. meeting with Chairman NDMC for inclusion of fortified staples in meal programme on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017; ICDS, PDS, & MDM departments of UP government and Haryana Government (Addl Principal Secretary to CM) along with ICDS, PDS and MDM departments on April 24, 2017, the team also made presentation during Rice Millers Association meeting in Lucknow on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

### **2. Strengthening Infrastructure and support systems:**

- a) Under the Scheme for Strengthening of Food Testing Systems, grant of Rs. 3.5 crore has been released to the state of Punjab for upgradation of their state food lab.
  
- b) A Training of trainers program on “Analysis of Mycotoxin” was conducted by FSSAI in collaboration with National Research Centre for Grape (NRCG) from 24-28 April 2017 in the laboratory of NRCG, Pune. Total 12 trainers from government and

private laboratories participated in the training program who in turn will deliver training to trainers.

### 3. International initiatives:

- a) The Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) held its Eleventh Session in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during 3-7 April 2017. Agenda items concerning India were discussed and deliberated.
- **Ciguatoxin-**  
India's suggestions adopted.
  - **Proposed draft and Draft Maximum Levels for Lead in Fruits and Vegetables and Other Selected Commodities:-**  
*Jams, Jellies and Marmalades-* India expressed its reservation  
*Mango Chutney-* India's proposal accepted & revised data called for.
  - **Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Spices** .The EWG was co-chaired by India.