

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

Contents for Monthly Achievements for uploading on FSSAI website

December, 2023

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

IT DIVISION

A. Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS):

1. Opening the provision for FBOs to apply for license for a validity period of 1 to 5 years
 2. FoSCoS admin users now can track samples assigned to the lab for testing and results are awaited.
 3. FBOs are now allowed to file revised annual return
- B. FAE/JAE Practical Examination Portal is made live.
C. Internship Portal was made live.

QUALITY ASSURANCE DIVISION

1) Notification of Food Testing Laboratories:

Seven new food testing laboratories (Cultivator Phyto Lab Private Limited, Jodhpur; Public Health Laboratory, Churu; CES Analytical and Research Services India Private Limited, Bhopal; Pious Laboratories Private Limited, Indore; SMS Labs Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru; Analytical Technology Laboratory, Sri Gomuki Tex Chem Private Limited, Coimbatore and Chemtex Labs India Private Limited, Hyderabad) have been notified under section 43(1) of FSSA, 2006 and two primary notified laboratories (Assurance Laboratory, LT Foods Limited, Sonipat and Envirocare Labs Pvt. Ltd., Pune) have been de-notified. One Primary Food Testing Laboratory has changed its name from Megsan Labs Private Limited, Hyderabad to Tentamus India Private Limited, Hyderabad. This has brought the total number of primary food testing laboratories to 239.

2) Strengthening of Food Testing System in the Country including provision of Mobile Food Testing Labs:

FSSAI conducted 11 training programmes in the month of December for State Food Testing Laboratories and FSSAI Notified Laboratories; Details for which are as follows:

Sr. No.	Venue	Date	Topic	Number of Participants
1.	Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR), Lucknow	19-20 December, 2023	New Techniques in microbiology	7
2.	Punjab Biotechnology Incubator (PBTI), Mohali	11-15 December, 2023	Hands on training on microbiological safety parameters in food commodities	11
3.	NIFTEM Kundali, Sonapat	4-6 December, 2023	Hands on training program on microbiological parameters for food safety and process hygiene criteria in fruit & vegetable products	20
4.	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), CALF Ltd. Anand, Gujarat	27-29 December, 2023	Training on ISO 17025 Measurement Uncertainty and Method Validation	13
5.	National Research Centre on Grapes (NRCG), Pune	4-8 December, 2023	Training on Method Validation (Analytical Quality control accuracy and precision in Pesticide residue and mycotoxin analysis)	15
6.	Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi	18-22 December, 2023	Advanced training on analysis of pharmacologically active substances in fish and fish products using	14
7.	Indian Institute of Horticulture (IIHR), Bangalore, Karnataka	11-15 December, 2023	Hands on training Microbiological analysis of horticultural products	7
8.	National Meat Research Institute (NMRI), Hyderabad	18-22 December, 2023	Hands-on training on microbiological testing of meat & meat products as per FSSR, 2011 (Specialized with reference to basic & advanced techniques for process hygiene criteria and food safety criteria)	9
9.	CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute,	18-20 December, 2023	Hands-on Vitamin profiling by HPLC/LC-MS	16

	(CFTRI),Mysore			
10.	NIFTEM Thanjavur	11-15 December, 2023	NewTechniquesinMicrobiology	13
11.	IndianInstituteofC hemicalTechnolog y(IICT),Hyderaba d	11-15 December, 2023	Analysis of Oils & Fats Acid Value,IodineValue, Sap Value,Unsaponifi ablematters,Presenceofmineraloils,cas toroil,argemoneoiletc.,Peroxide Value, Colour by usingTintometer,Moisturecontentusin gKarl- FischerApparatusPulsedNMRforSolid FatContent	10
			Total	135

c)FoodSafetyonWheels (FSW):

12 numbers of Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) have been procured & deployed by the State viz., Andhra Pradesh (04) and Punjab (08) and by deployment of these 12FSWs, the total FSWs deployed across the country is 238. Further 02 number of new FSWs are sanctioned for UT of Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. The total sanctioned FSWs has increased to 405. In Sikkim, FSW was also deployed at the place of visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

d)SettingupofMicrobiologicalSection andInstallation ofEquipment:

The Work for "Setting up of Microbiological Section and Installation of Equipment on Turnkey Basis" is completed for Kharar and is under process for the following Laboratories:

Mumbai, Aurangabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Delhi, Mysore, Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, Ernakulam, Coimbatore, Guwahati, Shillong, Bengaluru, Meerut, Belagavi, Visakhapatnam, Raipur, Bhubaneswar, Vadodara, Patna, Bhopal, Solan and Varanasi.

3.Surveillance

Surveillance drive for Vitamin-

Premix for Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK) manufactured in India has been initiated by FSSAI in the month of December, 2023 with the objective to analyse the three vital micronutrients—Iron, Folic Acid, and Vitamin B12 in accordance with the specifications outlined for FRK Premix in the Food Safety and Standards Regulations (FSSR).

4. Others

a)RationalizationofStandardizationandCertificationAgenciesinthecountryin

thefoodsector:

For Rationalization of Standardization and Certification Agencies in the country in the food sector, FSSAI conducted GAP Analysis of 12 AGMARK Laboratories (Central AGMARK Laboratory-Nagpur, Regional AGMARK Laboratories (New Delhi, Amritsar, Bhopal, Jaipur, Kanpur, Rajkot, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kochi) to identify gaps and areas of improvement viz., present infrastructure, process, accreditation, strengths of personnel and adherence to NABL (ISO/IEC 17025:2017) & FSSAI standards.

b) Recognition of Food Testing Laboratories by APEDA for Organic Foods and Food Products:

FSSAI is handholding notified Food Testing Laboratories for obtaining the recognition from APEDA for testing of Organic Foods and Food Products. Out of the total of 253 FSSAI-notified food testing laboratories, 55 Food Testing Laboratories have obtained recognition from Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has taken up proposals for handholding 12 SFTLs and 16 other Government Laboratory for strengthening with High End Equipment [ICP-MS, GC-MS/MS and LC-MS/MS] – as per interdepartmental discussion chaired by Ministry of Cooperation for mobilization of fund from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Social and Behavioral Change Division

1. Policy Coordination division vide Email dated 27/12/2023 has requested to furnish the information for D.O Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for the month of December 2023. In this regard, the information pertaining to Social and Behavioural Change Division is mentioned below:

2. A total of 24 social media posts were created and circulated for generating public awareness through different social media platforms of FSSAI. Details of the social media posts is attached at Annexure-I.

3. Total number of certificates awarded under the Eat Right India initiatives are mentioned below:

S.No.	Name of Initiative	Total Number of Certifications
1.	Eat Right Places of Worship	61
2.	Eat Right Campus	164
3.	Eat Right School	83
4.	Eat Right Station	28
5.	Eat Right Fruits and Vegetable Market	27

4. As part of the MoU signed between the Ministry of Defence and FSSAI, an awareness session on healthy eating practices with a focus on millets was organised on 13th December, 2023 for the members of the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) at the Chandimandir Military Station, HQ Western Command, Chandigarh. In addition, an awareness session on Food Safety and Hygiene was also conducted for the chefs of the Indian Army at Supply Depot Chandimandir, Chandigarh.

5. Eat Right Millets Mela and Walkathon were organised in various parts of the country to raise awareness about the consumption of millets and its relevance among the society. A total of 6 Eat Right Millets Mela and Walkathon were organised across the country in the month of December 2023.

6. An orientation meeting for newly launched NetProFaN Bhavnagar Chapter was held on 29th December 2023 to promote consumption of safe and healthy diet and scale up Eat Right India initiatives.

Annexure-
I. Details of Social Media Posts created and circulated in the month of December, 2023

S.No	Series	Number of Tweets
1.	#IFCON2023, Mysore	1
2.	#46thCodexAlimentariusCommission	3
3.	#9thFoodAnalystExaminationPracticalExam	1
4.	#CelebratingCodex@60India'sjourney	1
5.	#EatRightMilletsMela	1
6.	#EatRightMilletWalkathon	1
7.	#ImportTradeMeeting	2
8.	#KarigarMela,Guwahati	1
9.	#MeetingwithEUCommission	1
10.	#MilletConference	1
11.	#MilletMiracleExpo,Surat	1
12.	#MondayMillets	2
13.	#RecipeRavivaar	3
14.	#TrainingProgramme	3
15.	#ViksitBharatSankalpYatraCE OFSSAI visit	2
Total		24