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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A Statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
(Standards Division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002

Dated, the 9th February, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of a new Scientific Panel on Fortified and Enriched Food - reg.

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 13 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Food Authority, during its 22nd Authority meeting held on 20th December, 2016 has approved the establishment of a new Scientific Panel on Fortified and Enriched Food. The term of this Scientific Panel will be for a period of three years from 3rd February, 2017 to 2nd February, 2020 in terms of the provisions contained in Section 15 of the FSS Act, 2006. The scope and composition of Scientific Panel is at **Annexure 1** and **Annexure 2** respectively.

2. The Scientific Panel shall carry out their work in accordance with the provisions of the "Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (Transaction of Business and Procedures for the Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels) Regulations, 2016".
3. The Scientific Panel constituted under this memorandum shall, in their first meeting, elect one of their members as its Chair. The Chair so elected of the Panel shall also be a member of the Scientific Committee.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority, FSSAI.



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To

All the concerned members

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1. Chairperson Scientific Panel for Milk & Milk Products.
2. Chairperson Scientific Panel for Meat & Meat Products, including poultry.
3. Chairperson Scientific Panel for Cereals, Pulses & Legume and their products (including Bakery).

4. Chairperson Scientific Panel for Fruits & Vegetables and their products (including dried fruits and nuts salt, spices and condiments).
5. Chairperson Scientific Panel for Oils & Fats.
6. Chairperson Scientific Panel for Sweets, Confectionery, Sweeteners, Sugar & Honey.
7. Chairperson Scientific Panel for Water (including flavoured water) & Beverages (alcoholic non-alcoholic).

Copy for information:

1. O/o Chairperson, FSSAI
2. O/o CEO, FSSAI
3. CMSO (HR/TCB/PC/Library), FSSAI
4. Advisor (Regulation/Codex), FSSAI
5. Director (RCD), FSSAI
6. Director (Import), FSSAI
7. Director (Risk Assessment and R & D), FSSAI
8. Director (FSMS), FSSAI
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10. Head (QA/Sur), FSSAI
11. CITO, FSSAI: For publication on the website
12. All concerned officials

The **Scope of Scientific Panel on Fortified and Enriched Food** is as follows:

- (a) Identify critical nutritional gaps in Indian diet in general population as well as in specific target groups based on diet surveys and credible scientific evidence.
- (b) Define strategies to address nutritional needs of the general population and vulnerable groups.
- (c) Consider suitability of different food vehicles and related technological issues for nutrient fortification.
- (d) Prescribe safe fortification levels in accordance with the Recommended Daily Allowances (RDAs) and Tolerable Upper Limits (TULs) of nutrients.
- (e) Evaluate fortification proposals from industry using modern risk assessment methods for population in general and vulnerable groups in particular.
- (f) Review and amend Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of foods) Regulations for fortification and enrichment of different foods from time to time.
- (g) Prescribe standard sampling and test methods for effective monitoring, surveillance and enforcement of the fortification regulations.

Composition of Scientific Panel on Fortified and Enriched Food

1. Dr. Ambrish Mithal MD, DM, Chairman, Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes, Medanta, the Medicity, Sector 38, Gurgaon- 122001.
2. Dr. Abhay M Harsulkar, Professor, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Poona College of, Pharmacy, Pune, 604, A/3, Aaditya Shagun, NDA Road, Bavdhan, Pune- 411021.
3. Dr. CS Pandav, President, Indian Coalition for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCIDD), C II - 30, AIIMS, Ansari Nagar East, New Delhi - 110029.
4. Dr. Sumit Arora, Principal Scientist, Dairy Chemistry Division, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal -132001.
5. Dr Yogeshwer Shukla, Area Coordinator & Chief Scientist (Scientist G), CSIR-Indian Institute Of Toxicology Research, Vishvigyan Bhawan, 31 Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Lucknow- 226001.
6. Maj. Gen. (Dr) RK Marwaha (Retd), Scientific Advisor and Senior Consultant Endocrinology, International Life Sciences Institute (India) & Advisor Project, Dept. of Endocrinology, AIIMS, New Delhi -110029.
7. Dr. Sirimavo Hari Kumaran Nair, Associate Professor, 4, Adhyapak Niwas, Pratapgunj, Vadodara, Gujarat- 390002.
8. Dr. Prema Ramachandran, Director, Nutrition foundation of India, C13 Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi- 110016.
9. Dr. Anura Vishwanath Kurpad, Professor, Dept. of Physiology, St John's Medical College, Sarjapur Road, Bangaluru- 560034.
10. Dr. K. Madhavan Nair, Scientist 'E', Micronutrient Research Group Department of Biophysics, National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR), Jamai-Osmania PO, Tarnaka, Hyderabad- 500007.
11. Prof. H.P.S. Sachdev, Sr. Consultant, Paediatrics and Clinical Epidemiology, Sita Ram Bharatia Institute of Science and Research, E-6/12 Vasant Vihar, New Delhi - 110057.

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