

Office of the Commissioner (Food Safety)
Government of N.C.T of Delhi
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Dated the 18th September, 2012

**Minutes of the meeting regarding Analysis of Food Samples by
NABL Accredited Food Testing Laboratories**

A meeting of the NABL accredited Food Testing Laboratories, authorized by Food Safety & Standards Authority of India for analysis of food samples taken under FSS Act 2011, was held under the Chairmanship of Shri K.J.R. Burman, Commissioner of Food Safety, Government of NCT of Delhi on 12.09.2012 at 4.00 PM in the Department of Food Safety, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The following members were present in the meeting:-

Sl. No.	Name of participating member (S/Shri/Smt.)	Name of Department/ Laboratory
1.	S.M. Bhardwaj	Food Analyst, Department of Food Safety, GNCT of Delhi
2.	K.K. Mittal	Designated Officer, Department of Food Safety, GNCT of Delhi
3.	Pawan Bhatnagar	Designated Officer, Department of Food Safety, GNCT of Delhi
4.	P.N. Khatri	Designated Officer, Department of Food Safety, GNCT of Delhi
5.	S.K. Manocha	FICCI Research & Analysis Centre
6.	Ajay Sharma	FICCI Research & Analysis Centre
7.	Dinesh Goel	Delhi Test House
8.	Kamal K. Mehta	Spectro Analytical Labs Ltd.
9.	Sonal	Spectro Analytical Labs Ltd.
10.	A P Mohan	SIMA Labs Pvt. Ltd.
11.	Dharmendra Kr. Mishra	SIMA Labs Pvt. Ltd.
12.	Vijay Kr. Arora	Arbro Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
13.	Dr. Saurabh Arora	Arbro Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
14.	Dr. N C Basantia	Avon Food Lab Pvt. Ltd.
15.	Sunil Kochar	Avon Food Lab Pvt. Ltd.
16.	Radha Sharma	TQS Global Management Systems
17.	Namrata Gupta	TUV SUD South Asia P. Ltd.

At the outset, the Commissioner extended a hearty welcome to the members and desired to have a fruitful participation of the Private Sector Laboratories in effective implementation of the new Food Safety & Standards Act. He narrated the requirements of Food Analysis by the NABL Accredited Laboratories at various levels such as Consumers, Market Associations and Mobile Labs.

The Commissioner (Food Safety) also enquired about the facilities and technically qualified personnel i.e. Food Analysts available with the participating NABL Accredited Laboratories, under the Food Safety & Standards Act.

All the participating members stated that they do not have qualified Food Analysts though the laboratories have competent personnel, the technical staff have not qualified in the **Food Analysts** examination conducted by the FSSAI.

All the representatives unanimously expressed the desire that the Food Analyst's Examination conducted by the Food Safety & Standards Authority be held more frequently, so that more qualified Food Analysts are available for analysis of Food Samples. The Commissioner assured the members that the issue will be taken up with the Food Safety & Standards Authority.

Participating members of the private laboratories informed about the availability of world class facilities and equipments for analysis and the capacity of analyzing samples can be increased from 1000 samples per month to 2000 samples per month, depending upon the requirements. It was stated that they are conducting and certifying standards, tests of various food articles which are being imported/ exported and their test reports are being accepted by FSSAI and Customs Authorities.

The Department proposes to seek clarification from FSSAI with regard to the legal validity of the certificates for licensing/ prosecution purposes.

The Commissioner stressed that there is an urgent need to arrange interaction meetings between Market Associations and participating laboratories, so that the Food Business Operators may develop awareness and also have their food articles analysed periodically for maintaining quality of food as per standards laid down under the FSS Act. The Department proposes to facilitate such interaction by holding joint meetings with the stake holders.


The representative of TQS Global Management Systems expressed the importance of mobile laboratories which are capable of performing rapid screening tests on the spot for certain adulterants which can be further analysed in the laboratories for confirmation.

The Commissioner felt that outreach to consumers be increased by providing analytical facility to them at their doorstep and the same will have a ripple effect on the adulterators/ miscreants. He also invited suggestions on utilization of mobile labs for consumer awareness.

The participating members welcomed the idea of utilizing mobile laboratories for awareness and expressed that all possible assistance will be provided for such campaign.

The department would like to ascertain costs involved for such spot analysis and for developing a project for implementation in consultation with the Consumer Organization and the laboratories.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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1. All the participating members
2. Dy. Director (FS)
3. Administrative Officer (FS)
4. Food Analyst, Department of Food Safety
5. All Designated Officers, Department of Food Safety
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- ✓ Programmer, Department of Food Safety with the direction to upload on department website.


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