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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A statutory Authority established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006)
(Quality Assurance Division)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002

Dated 25th August, 2023

ORDER

In supersession of the Office Order No. 12013/02/2017-QA dated 19.03.2019, 12013/02/2017-QA (Vol 1) dated 23.08.2019, 16.09.2019, and QA-12015/28/2022-QA-FSSAI (E-6536) dated 29.03.2023 regarding the recognition of National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) and the extension of their validity until 30.06.2023, FSSAI has granted approval to the subsequent food laboratories as National Reference Laboratories (NRL) hereafter in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Food Safety and Standards (Recognition and Notification of Laboratories) Regulations, 2018, for specified areas mentioned alongside each NRL. The laboratories recommended and approved as National Reference Laboratories by the Competent Authority are listed below:

S. No.	Name of the Laboratory/ Institution/Organization	Address	Specific area for which declared as NRL
1.	Export Inspection Agency (EIA), Cochin	1767 A, Shipyard Quarters Road, Panampilly Nagar (South), Kochi, Kerala - 682036	Genetically Modified Foods
2.	CSIR- Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore	8J8Q+H54, Cheluvamba Mansion, Valmiki Main Rd, opp. Railway Museum, Devaraja Mohalla, CFTRI Campus, Kajjihundi, Mysuru, Karnataka -570020	Health Supplements, Nutritional Information
3.	Punjab Biotechnology Incubator, Punjab	Knowledge City, Sector 81, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab - 140308	Sweets and Confectionary, sweetening agents including honey
4.	ICAR- National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune	Manjiri Farm, P B, No 3, Solapur Rd, Pune, Maharashtra - 412307	Pesticides and Mycotoxins
5.	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Centre for Analysis and learning in Livestock & Food (CALF) Ltd. Anand,	CALF, Chandralok Society, NDDB, Anand, Gujarat - 388001	Dairy, Dairy Products and Dairy Analogues

	Gujarat		
6.	ICAR- Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Cochin, Kerala	C.I.F.T Junction, CIFT Road Matsyapuri, Willingdon Island, Kochi, Kerala - 682029	Fish and Fish Products
7.	CSIR- Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR), Lucknow	Vishvigyan Bhawan, 31, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Qaisar Bagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226001	Chemical Risk Assessment
8.	ICAR- National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal	Near jewels hotel, Dyal Singh Colony, Karnal, Haryana - 132001	Foods for Infant Nutrition, Probiotics and Prebiotics
9.	ICAR - Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru	Hessaraghatta lake post, IIHR Main Rd, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Ivar Kandapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560089	Fruit and Vegetable products
10.	CSIR- National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Industrial Estate P.O, Pappanamcode, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695019	Contaminants (heavy metals, PCBs, Dioxins and process generated contaminants, etc)
11.	Food Testing Laboratory, NIFTEM-Thanjavur	Formerly PPRC and IIFPT, Pudukkottai Rd, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu - 613005	Cereal and Cereal products

2. Additionally, the following food laboratory has been granted approval by FSSAI as an Ancillary National Reference Laboratory (ANRL) to serve as a supporting facility for all the NRLs:

S. No.	Name of the Laboratory/ Institution/ Organization	Address	Specific area for which declared as ANRL
12	Export Inspection Agency (EIA), Chennai	6th. Floor CMDA Tower II, No. : 1 Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, CHENNAI, Tamil Nadu	Ancillary for Food Microbiology

3. Each reference laboratory shall carry out the following functions, namely: -

- a. be a resource center for provision of information for certified reference materials and reference materials;
- b. develop standards for routine testing procedures and reliable testing methods;
- c. provide technical support in the area of competence;
- d. evaluate the performance of other notified laboratories;

- e. coordinate exchange of information amongst notified food laboratories;
 - f. collaborate for data generation among the network of notified food laboratories and referral food laboratories and collate the data related to their specific domain; and
 - g. such other functions as may be specified by the Food Authority from time to time.
4. The Handbook of guidelines for National Reference Laboratory and MoU will be shared shortly.
5. The recognition of NRL shall come in to effect only after receipt of MoU duly signed by NRL and its acceptance by FSSAI.
6. This order is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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To:

- (i) All National Reference Laboratories
- (ii) Ancillary National Reference Laboratory
- (ii) IT Division, FSSAI – for uploading on FSSAI website

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