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भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक अधिनियम, 2006 के तहत स्थापित एक वैधानिक प्राधिकरण)
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दिनांक, 20 Oct, 2023

To,

All FSSAI notified Food Testing Laboratories

Subject: AOAC - India Section Facilitated FSSAI Proficiency Testing (PT) Programme 2023 – 2024 - reg.

Sir /Madam,

FSSAI and AOAC International signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the field of food safety especially in food testing analysis, method sharing, method development, method validation, etc.

2. FSSAI focuses on continuous improvement in the performance of notified laboratories. In order to achieve quality assurance, a laboratory is required to assess its performance through participation in Proficiency Testing (PT) Scheme conducted by independent and competent Proficiency Testing Provider (PTP).

3. The clause 9(1)(i) of FSS (Recognition and Notification of Labs) Regulations, 2018 stipulates that a food laboratory shall participate in Proficiency Testing or Inter-Laboratory Test Comparison programs organized by any national or international laboratories for demonstrating technical competence of the personnel of such laboratory.

4. FSSAI and AOAC (India Section), through an independent ISO/IEC 17043:2010 accredited PT provider has planned to conduct **PT programmes in the year 2023-2024 for FSSAI notified food testing laboratories**. These PT programmes will cover **testing of micronutrients (Iron, Vitamin B12 and Vitamin B9) in Fortified Rice, Fortified Rice Kernel and Vitamin Mineral Premix for Fortified Rice Kernel**, Salmonella in shrimps and Aflatoxin M1 in Milk Powder. A copy of

AOAC-India Section Facilitated FSSAI Proficiency PT calendar 2023-2024 along with the details of modules and parameters is attached herewith.

5. There shall be no fees/charges for Government or Public Labs (i.e. State Food Testing Labs, Referral Labs, Govt. Institution Labs etc). The PT charges for private FSSAI notified laboratories are nominal. It is mandatory for the FSSAI notified labs to participate in the PT programs whose scope and testing lies on the indicated parameters as given in the PT calendar.

6. The laboratories have to contact at **PT@aoac-india.org** for participation in this PT program.

Looking forward for your active participation.

Encl.: As above

Yours sincerely,

Digitally Signed by Satyen
Kumar Panda

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AOAC-India Section Facilitated FSSAI PT calendar 2023 - 2024

PT Program Number	Program name	Parameters	Registration Closing	Submission of PT report	Fees (Rs.)
AOAC-FSSAI-PT 2023 - 001	PT for Fortified Rice Kernels (Mandatory Micro-Nutrients)	Folic Acid (Vitamin B9), Iron and Vitamin B12 in Fortified Rice Kernels	01-11-2023	01-02-2024	7500
AOAC-FSSAI-PT 2023 - 002	PT for Fortified Rice (Mandatory Micro-Nutrients)	Folic Acid (Vitamin B9), Iron and Vitamin B12 in Fortified Rice	15-11-2023	15-02-2024	7500
AOAC-FSSAI-PT 2023 - 003	PT for Folic Acid (B9), Iron and B12 in 'Vitamin-Mineral premix for FRK'	Folic Acid (Vitamin B9), Iron and Vitamin B12 in 'Vitamin-Mineral Premix for FRK'	30-11-2023	01-03-2024	7500
AOAC-FSSAI-PT 2023 - 004	PT for the microbiological parameter Salmonella in Marine/ Aquaculture food product namely shrimps	Salmonella in shrimps	15-12-2023	15-03-2024	8500
AOAC-FSSAI-PT 2023 - 005	PT for Aflatoxin M1 in Milk Powder	Aflatoxin M1 in Milk Powder	30-12-2023	30-03-2024	7500