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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**

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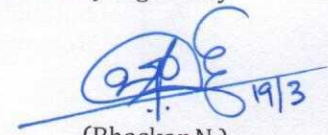
**ORDER**

FSSAI has approved the following notified food testing laboratories as National Reference Laboratory (NRL) under Regulation 3 of Food Safety and Standards (Recognition and Notification of Laboratories) Regulations, 2018 for specific areas mentioned against each NRL-

S. No.	Name of the Laboratory/ Institution/Organization	Address	Specific area for which declared as NRL
<b>Government Laboratories</b>			
1.	Central Food Technological Research Institute	FS & AQCL Department, CFTRI, Mysore - 570020	Nutritional information and labelling
2.	Export Inspection Agency	27/1767 A, Shipyard Quarters Road, Panampilly Nagar (South), Kochi, Kerala 682036	GMO testing*
3.	Punjab Biotechnology Incubator	SCO 7-8, Phase-V, SAS Nagar, Mohali - 160059, Punjab	Sweets & Confectionary including Honey
4.	ICAR-National Research Centre For Grapes	P.O. Manjiri Farm, Solapur Road, Pune - 412307	Pesticides Residues and Mycotoxins
5.	Central Institute of Fisheries Technology	CIFT Junction, Willingdon Island Matsyapuri P.O., Kochi - 682029	Fish & Fish Products
6.	Centre for Analysis and Learning in Livestock and Food - National Dairy Development Board	Opposite IRMA Main Gate, Near Anandalaya School, Anand - 388001	Dairy & Dairy Products
7.	CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research	Vishvigyan Bhawan, 31, Mahatama Gandhi Marg, Lucknow - 226001, Uttar Pradesh	Toxicological evaluation/risk assessment of nutraceuticals, functional foods and novel/emerging foods/ food ingredients
8.	National Institute of Plant Health Management	Pesticide Management Division, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500030	Pesticide residue analysis in fruits & vegetables, cereals & pulses, spices and PTP for the same
<i>(*subject to implementation of GMO regulations)</i>			
<b>Private Laboratories</b>			
9.	Trilogy Analytical# Laboratory Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. 7, C.F. Area, Phase-II, IDA Cherlapally, Hyderabad - 500051	Mycotoxins in cereals & pulses, spices & condiments and related PT activities
10.	Edward Food Research & Analysis Centre Limited	Subhas Nagar, Barasat P.O., Nikunj Bazar, Kolkata - 700121	Veterinary drug residues, antibiotics & hormones
11.	Vimta Labs Limited	Life Sciences Campus, 5, MN Park, Genome Valley, Shameerpet, Hyderabad - 500101	Water, Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
12.	Fare Labs Pvt. Ltd.	L-17/3, DLF, Ph - II, IFFCO Chowk, M.G. Road, Gurugram - 122002	Oils and Fats
13.	Neogen Food & Animal Security (India) Private Limited	Uchikkal Lane, Poonithura P.O., Kochi - 682038	Food Allergens
<i>(#pending notification)</i>			



2. 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.
3. FSSAI will provide an annual grant to each NRL as approved by the Authority from time to time. This grant shall be used for expenditure towards Manpower, Method Development/Validation, Training & Research activities, Sourcing of Certified Reference Materials and Proficiency Testing/Inter-laboratory comparison.
4. Any additional expenditure incurred towards method development, training, PT exercise at the request of FSSAI shall be provided at actuals. FSSAI may also consider partially supporting organizing of annual events by NRLs on prior request by concerned NRL.
5. The Handbook of Guidelines for National Reference Laboratory and MoU will be shared shortly.
6. The recognition of NRL shall come into effect only after receipt of MoU duly signed by NRL and its acceptance by FSSAI.

  
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To:

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

Copy for information to:

- (i) PPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
- (ii) PS to CEO, FSSAI