

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,

**The Export Inspection Council of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
of the Republic of India**

and

The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

of the Kingdom of The Netherlands

Hereafter jointly referred to as Parties and individually as a Party

Guided by the wish to develop further contacts and deepening cooperation and in view of jointly improving the safety of food products and protecting the health of consumers, have reached the following understanding:

Article 1


The aim of this cooperation is to strengthen food safety by exchange of information and officials between parties.

MoU on cooperation in order to strengthen cooperation in the field of food safety, the parties want to increase food safety and solve problems arising in bilateral trade on the basis of mutual benefit and amicable cooperation.

The parties agree to strengthen partnerships with private sector stakeholder initiatives to enhance the food safety system on a local scale for society at large.

Article 2

The scope of this cooperation is the safety of food in its widest sense possible.



Article 3

The Parties agree to a timely exchange of information in the following areas:

- A) Issues of relevant regulations, requirements, standards and testing methods;
- B) Notifications of food and food products which have a priority on food safety issues and relevant measures for market surveillance and implementation of preventive measures;

Article 4

The Parties agree to strengthen exchanges in the following areas:

- A) Develop information exchange for manufacturers, exporters and importers through e-learning and seminars
- B) Establishing an Advice Network on interpretation of Regulations and Standards.

Article 5

The parties agree to promote exchange of personnel when mutually agreed.

Article 6

In order to realize the activities, working meetings when mutually agreed can be organized to evaluate the current work and plan for future activities. Meetings will be hosted alternately in India and The Netherlands and could coincide with a relevant thematic workshop.

Article 7

The Parties understand that all activities under this MOU will be subjected to the availability of funds and resources and the laws governing the respective parties. Unless agreed otherwise, the travel, board and lodgings costs of delegations to be exchanged and specialists shall be covered by the sending party. The receiving party will cover the organization and program costs of the incoming delegations.

Article 8

In order to facilitate contact and to coordinate matters, the Parties agree to nominate internal contact points.

FSSAI contact point is Ms. Madhavi Das, Executive Director or her replacement

EIC contact point is: Dr. S.K. Saxena, Director or his replacement

NVWA contact point is: Mr. Gerard Roessink, Senior Advisor International Cooperation, or his replacement.

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Article 9

The Parties agree that any dispute arising from the implementation to interpretation of this MOU will be solved amicably through discussions. The MoU may be amended by mutual written notification and by mutual agreement.

Article 10

This MoU does not create any obligation under international law.

Article 11

This MoU shall come into force on the date on which it is signed and shall be valid for three years. The period of validity may be extended subsequently by mutual agreement.

This MoU replaces the previous MoU signed between FSSAI and NVWA in November, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed this MoU.

Signed at New Delhi, India, on this 20th Day of March, 2019 and at Utrecht, Netherlands on this 28th Day of March, 2019 in three originals, each in the English language.

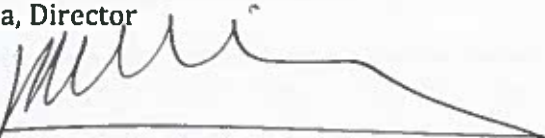
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