Memorandum of Understanding between
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India [FSSAI] and
National Productivity Council [NPC]

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made & entered into on 01st August, 2017

BETWEEN

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereinafter referred to as “FSSAI”, a Statutory Authority set up under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (“The Act”) having its registered office at Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi, under the administrative control of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, represented by its Chief Executive Officer (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context and meaning hereof, mean and include its successors and assigns) of the FIRST PART

AND

National Productivity Council hereinafter referred to as “NPC” having its registered office at Utpadakta Bhawan, 5-6 Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi established in 1958 & registered as Society under Societies Registration Act, 1860 as a multipartite, non-profit autonomous organization under the administrative control of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, represented by its Director General (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context and meaning hereof, mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) of the SECOND PART.

FSSAI and NPC hereinafter jointly referred to as “Parties”.

1. PURPOSE

(a) The implementation of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 requires trained & competent food safety personnel in every Food Business Establishment to ensure adherence to the Food Safety Management System (FSMS) defined in the Act and Regulations made thereunder. To facilitate & build capacities for this, FSSAI has launched a Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) ecosystem to train and certify food safety professionals.

(b) The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is primarily to establish a voluntary agreement between FSSAI and NPC to promote cooperation in the field of the food safety training & capacity building in the country.
2. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

(a) NPC will work as a Training Partner under FoSTaC with FSSAI.

(b) NPC will identify and nominate eligible trainers for Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes to create a pool of trainers under FoSTaC.

(c) FSSAI will conduct ToT programme for the NPC nominated trainers across the country.

(d) NPC shall make efforts to conduct Food Safety Supervisor trainings across the country to cover FBOs, students and other professionals.

(e) NPC may integrate the FoSTaC courses with their existing training courses for Productivity Practitioners for students of Food Technology and other equivalent /recognized qualification in different Central/State Universities.

(f) FSSAI can disseminate information about these courses through its FoSTaC training platform.

(g) Organize Joint Workshops on building awareness on Food Safety among Food Business Operators as consumer.

(h) Sharing & using of each other’s training facilities for conducting various training programmes.

(i) NPC can also provide a tie up with International Experts from Asian Productivity Organisation (APO), Japan and its member countries who can carry out the Special training programmes for FSSAI.

(j) NPC can organize international study missions for the FSSAI officials to APO Member Countries for exposing them to best practices in productivity and food safety followed by these countries through APO.

(k) NPC may digitize Advance Manufacturing Manual and may use website of both NPC and FSSAI as well as transmission through Swayam, DTH etc. Cost of conversion of manual may be shared by FSSAI in case required.

(l) An annual work plan will be developed to identify and prioritize the areas of cooperation between NPC and FSSAI.
3. **CONDITIONS**

(a) This MOU is valid for three years, may be extended for further periods as per mutually agreed terms & conditions.

(b) Quarterly review of progress of the work as per the Annual Action Plan will be jointly carried out by CEO, FSSAI and DG, NPC.

(c) Wherever required, on a project to project basis, cost and revenue sharing would be worked out on mutually acceptable basis.

(d) The intended activities under this MoU are subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

(e) This MOU may be terminated by either party by giving three months notice.

(f) Any dispute or difference arising between the parties with respect to this MoU shall be settled amicably through mutual consultations and negotiations outside the purview of the court.

The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their abilities in order to meet the objectives stated in this MOU.

**NOW IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE PUT THEIR HANDS THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST HEREIN ABOVE WRITTEN.**

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