FILE NO.QA-11023/9/2022-KAKD-FSSAI

F. No. QA-11023/9/2022-RARD-FSSAI (E-4935) भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक प्राधिकरण Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक अधिनियम, 2006 के तहत स्थापित एक वैधानिक प्राधिकरण) (A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006) (गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रभाग) (Quality Assurance Division) एफडीए भवन, कोटला रोड, नई दिल्ली-110002 FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002

दिनांक/Dated, 13 December, २०२३

आदेश/Order

Subject: QR code on test reports issued for Fortified rice (FR), Fortified Rice kernel (FRK) & Vitamin Premix for FRK -reg

In continuation to the order bearing file no QA-11023/9/2022-RARD-FSSAI-Part(1) (E-8226) dated 31st October 2023, IEC-34011/1/2021-IEC-FSSAI-Part(6) dated 08th Nov, 2023 and QA-11023/9/2022-RARD-FSSAI (C No.-4935) dated 16th Nov 2023, wherein all FSSAI notified laboratories approved for testing of Fortified rice (FR), Fortified Rice kernel (FRK) and Vitamin premix for Fortified rice kernel were directed to mandatorily upload the test reports of samples of FR, FRK and Vitamin premix for FRK on INFoLNET portal and FoSCoS portal.

2. In this regard, all the FSSA1 notified laboratories approved by FSSA1 for testing of Fortified rice (FR), Fortified Rice kernel (FRK) & Vitamin Premix for FRK are directed to provide QR code on all test reports issued by them which can be scanned using any QR scanning application available on mobile/any device to authenticate and reproduce the test report online. The same was communicated by NABL vide order dated 18/05/2021 (copy attached).

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Digitally Signed by Sweety Behera Date: 13-12-2023 18:38:52 Reason: Approved

(स्वीटी बेहेरा) (Sweety Behera) निदेशक (गुणवत्ता आश्वासन) Director (QA) FSSA1, New Delhi

To (Through email):

1. The Secretary, Department of Food & PD, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

2. The Chairman & Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, Headquarters, New Delhi - 110001

3. All Food Safety Commissioners

4. Regional Directors, FSSAI

5. All FSSAI notified laboratories

6. CEO, NABL

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2. PS to CEO, FSSAI, New Delhi

3. ED (RCD), FSSAI, New Delhi

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QA-11023/9/2022-RARD-FSSAI-Part(1) (E-8226) भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक अधिनियम २००६ के तहत स्थापित वैधानिक प्राधिकरण) (A Statutory Authority established under Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006) (गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रभाग) (Quality Assurance Division) एफ.डी.ए. भवन, कोटला रोड, नई दिल्ली- ११०००२ FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

Dated the 31st October, 2023

ORDER

Subject: Mandatory uploading of the test reports of the samples of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and Vitamin-Mineral Premix for Fortified Rice Kernel on the Infolnet portal by FSSAI notified laboratories – reg.

As per regulation 9 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Safety and Standards (Recognition and Notification of Laboratories) Regulations, 2017, it is mandatory for all the FSSAI notified laboratories to share the record of observations and upload the test report on the online platform of the Food Authority.

2. In this regard, all the FSSAI notified laboratories approved by FSSAI for testing of **Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and Vitamin-Mineral Premix for Fortified Rice Kernel** are directed to mandatorily upload the test reports of the samples of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and Premix for FRK analysed by them on the Infolnet portal immediately after completion of the analysis on real time basis.

3. Further, all the laboratories are directed to submit monthly reports of the testing carried out by them of the samples of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and Premix for FRK in the format given below to FSSAI on or before 5th of every month on the email ID - labs@fssai.gov.in:

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4. In addition, in case of the non-compliant samples, the laboratories are directed to submit details of the manufacturer of the non-compliant samples.

5. The laboratories are also directed to keep the remnant samples of Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and Premix for FRK for atleast three months from the date of reporting in refrigerated condition (5 to $10 \,^{\circ}$ C).

6. All the laboratories are directed to comply with the above mentioned directions failing which strict penal actions will be taken against the defaulting laboratories.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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(स्वीटी बेहेरा) (Sweety Behera) निदेशक (गुणवत्ता आश्वाशन) Director (Quality Assurance)

To (Through email):

1. All concerned FSSAI Notified Laboratories

- 2. All Food Safety Commissioners
- 3. Regional Directors, FSSAI

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2. Secretary, DFPD, New Delhi

3. ED (RCD), FSSAI, New Delhi

4. Advisor (QA), FSSAI

5. Advisor (S&S), FSSAI

6. Director (Imports), FSSAI, New Delhi

7.CITO FSSAI, New Delhi-for upload on the FSSAI website

File No: IEC-34011/1/2021-IEC-FSSAI-Part(6) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (A Statutory Authority established under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006) (Regulatory Compliance Division) FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi– 110002

Dated, the 08thNovember, 2023

Order

Subject: Strengthening the Quality Control Mechanism of Fortified Rice, Fortified Rice Kernels [FRK] and Premix for FRK - reg.

FSSAI has received references from various stakeholders including Department of Food and Public Distribution, FRK manufacturers and Rice Millers etc. regarding strengthening of quality control mechanism for manufacturing and distribution of FRK and resultant Fortified Rice in the country. The existing regulatory mechanism of manufacturing of FRK and Fortified Rice has been reviewed and the following has been decided in the larger public interest and considering the fact that distribution of Fortified Rice through Public Distribution System is a program of National Importance:

a) FBOs manufacturing FRK and premix for FRK shall be required to obtain only FSSAI License [Central/State] and no new registration shall be allowed.

Further, existing FBOs who are operating under FSSAI Registration for the said products are directed to apply for Central/State License as per the eligibility. A transition time of **three months is hereby given to existing Registered FBOs to shift to license** and utilize the packaging and labelling materials, if any, failing which, the said two products shall be removed from their existing Registration Certificates [RC] to debar them from further manufacturing under RC, without any further notice.

b) Every batch of FRK premix and FRK manufactured by the concerned Manufacturing FBOs including those manufacturing on Registration Certificates, **shall be tested for relevant parameters as prescribed under FSSR and the test reports shall be uploaded on FoSCoS portal** by the FBO mandatorily. Further, during uploading of such reports, manufacturers of FRK and premix for FRK shall also submit self-declaration covering the details such as Source of Iron used and the blending ratio of FRK with Rice (i.e 1:50 or 1:100) for every batch of production of FRK on FoSCoS portal [https://foscos.fssai.gov.in]. The testing of FRK premix and FRK shall be carried out only through the FSSAI notified laboratories. [The details of notified labs may be accessed at https://www.fssai.gov.in/cms/food-laboratories.php] - A user manual to upload lab test report and declaration for source of iron used on FoSCoS portal is annexed.

c) Furthermore to ensure the traceability, Manufacturers of Fortified Rice and FRK shall procure raw materials [FRK and Premix] only from FSSAI licensed vendors with the **copy of lab report of the testing of FRK and Premix**, tested only through FSSAI notified labs.

2. The above directions shall come into force with immediate effect. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Enclosure: User Manual to upload lab test reports.

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- 2. All Food Business Operators involved in Manufacturing of FRK and Premix for FRK, Associations and Other Stakeholders
- 3. CTO, FSSAI- with a request for uploading on the FSSAI website.

Copy for information to:

- 1. Secretary, DFPD
- 2. PPS to Chairperson, FSSAI
- 3. PS to CEO, FSSAI
- 4. Advisor (Quality Assurance), FSSAI

User Manual for uploading Lab Test Report

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Dated:16th November,2023

ORDER

Subject: Mandatory uploading of the test reports with source of iron in Fortified rice (FR), Fortified Rice kernel (FRK) & Vitamin Premix for FRK samples on the InFoLNet portal by FSSAI approved laboratories-reg.

- In continuation to the order bearing file no. QA-11023/9/2022-RARD-FSSAI-Part (1) (E-8226) dated 31st October 2023, as per Regulation 9 (h) of the Food Safety and Standards (Recognition and Notification of the laboratories) Regulations 2018, it is mandatory for all the FSSAI notified laboratories to upload the test reports on the online platform (InfoLnet) of food authority.
- 2. In this regard, all the FSSAI notified laboratories approved by FSSAI for testing of Fortified rice (FR), Fortified Rice kernel (FRK) & Vitamin Premix for FRK shall clearly mention the source of iron in test reports and shall upload these test reports on the InfoLNet portal immediately after completion of analysis on real time basis.
- 3. The test report will be considered invalid, if the source of iron is not mentioned therein.
- 4. Further, it is directed that all Governmental food control authorities, or professionals themselves (self-inspection performed by producers and/or traders), officials from Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), Food Corporation of India (FCI) shall mention the source of iron in the forwarding letter/ sample request form.
- 5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Digitally Signed by Sweety Behera स्वी**टीवेहेरा**6-11-2023 17:55:34 Sweety **Beneir Broker** (गुणवत्ताआश्वाशन) (Quality Assurance)

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18/05/2021

QR Code on the Test Reports / Calibration Certificates

Labs should provide QR code on all test reports/calibration certificates issued which can be scanned using any QR scanning application available on mobile / any devices to authenticate and reproduce the test report/calibration certificate online.

This will prevent the manipulation of test results/calibration data & the circulation of forged test report/calibration certificate in the market. Interest of the consumer / end user of the product and the reputation /Image of the lab are also protected.

N.Venkateswaran CEO, NABL