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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
(A Statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)  
(Science & Standards Division)  
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

Date: 30 June, 2026

**ORDER**

**Subject: Reconstitution of Scientific Panels – reg.**

In exercise of the powers vested under Section 13 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act), the Food Authority, has reconstituted 21 Scientific Panels (SPs) comprising experts for risk assessment and development of science based standards for articles of food. In accordance to the provisions contained in Section 15 of the FSS Act, 2006, the term of the SPs will be valid for three years or till further orders whichever is earlier from the date of issuance of this order. The composition of SPs, with the name of the experts in alphabetical order is at Annexure 1.

2. The Panels Constituted shall carry out their work in accordance with the provisions of the FSS Act, 2006 and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (Transaction of Business and Procedures for the Scientific Committee and Scientific Panels) Regulations, 2016.

3. Each of the SPs constituted under this order shall choose a Chairperson from amongst their members. The Chairperson of the Panels, so elected, shall be a member of the SC.

4. This order will be effective from its date of issuance.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

**Dr. Satyen Kumar Panda**  
**Advisor, FSSAI**

To

All the Members of SPs

Copy to:

1. Sr.PS to Chairperson, FSSAI
2. OSD to CEO, FSSAI
3. Advisor (QA), FSSAI
4. ED (HR), FSSAI
5. ED (CS), FSSAI
6. All concerned Officials

**Annexure 1****Scientific Panel on Food Additives, Flavourings, Processing Aids and Food Contact Materials (SP-01)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1	Prof. Akalya	Professor, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
2	Prof. Farooq Ahmad Masoodi	Professor, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
3	Prof. Geeta Rai	Professor, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
4	Dr. Giridhar Parvatam	Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, Karnataka
5	Prof. Jothieswari Dhamotharan	Professor and Principal, Sri Venkateswara College of Pharmacy, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh
6	Dr. Madhav Nilakanth Mugale	Principal scientist, CSIR Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
7	Dr. Yogeshwer Shukla	Retd. Chief Scientist, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow

**Scientific Panel on Pesticide Residues (SP-02)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1	Dr. Debi Sharma	Retired Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru
2	Dr. Mohana Krishna Reddy Mudiam	Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Gurugram
3	Dr. Santhosh J Eapen	Retired Principal Scientist, ICAR Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode
4	Dr. Sheelendra Pratap Singh	Principal Scientist, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow
5	Dr. Sukesh Narayan Sinha	Scientist-G, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
6	Dr. Vandana Tripathy	Network Coordinator and Principal Scientist, AINP on Pesticide Residues, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

**Scientific Panel on Antibiotic Residues (SP-03)**

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2	Prof. Nisheeth Desai	Retired Senior Professor and Head, M K Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar, Gujarat
3	Dr. Preeti Chaturvedi	Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow
4	Dr. Premanshu Dandapat	Head, Division of Bacteriology and Mycology, ICAR Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly
5	Dr. Rakesh Ranjan	Principal Scientist (Veterinary Medicine), National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner, Rajasthan
6	Dr. Tejal Ricky Gandhi	Professor and Principal, Anand Pharmacy College, Anand, Gujarat
7	Dr. Velpandian Thirumurthy	Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi

**Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms and Foods (SP-04)**

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2	Dr. Janifer Raj Xavier	Scientist E, Defence Institute of Biodefence Technologies, Formerly DFRL, Mysuru
3	Dr. Manjusha Verma	Principal Scientist, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi
4	Dr. Natesan Manickam	Retired Chief Scientist, CSIR Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow
5	Dr. Pradhan Sharat Kumar	Assistant Director General (Food & Fodder Crops), ICAR, New Delhi
6	Dr. Sudip Ghosh	Scientist G, ICMR National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
7	Prof. Utpal Bora	Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

**Scientific Panel on Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods (SP-05)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
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2	Dr. Atul Mohan Kochhar	Former Chief Executive Officer at NABH-National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers
3	Dr. G Bhanuprakash Reddy	Head Bio-Chemistry, NIN-Hyderabad
4	Prof. Inder Pal Singh	Professor and Head, NIPER, Mohali
5	Dr. S Karthikeyan	Professor and Head, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore
6	Dr. S Shanmugasundaram	Registrar in charge, Professor and Head, DFPOIE, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
7.	Dr. Sunita Singh Dhawan	Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow
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**Scientific Panel on Biological Hazards (SP-06)**

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3	Dr. Neetu Kumra Taneja	Associate Professor, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli
4	Dr. Pranita Jaiswal	Principal Scientist, ICAR Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
5	Prof (Dr) Rashmi Mishra	HOD, Department of Biotechnology, NIET, Greater Noida, UP
6	Dr. Suresh Korpole	Scientist-F & Head, Microbial Type Culture Collection and Gene Bank (MTCC), CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH), Chandigarh.
7	Prof. Vignesh S	Professor, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur
8	Dr. Vivek Kumar Gupta	Director, ICAR National Research Centre on Pig, Garbhanga, Assam

### Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (SP-07)

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3	Dr. K.M. Ansari	Principal Scientist, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicological Research Institute, Lucknow
4	Dr. Prathish K P	Principal Scientist, CSIR National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
5	Dr. R Thomas	Principal Scientist, ICAR National Research Centre on Pig, Garbhanga, Assam
6	Dr. Sharda Kosankar	Principal Scientist, CSIR National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur
7	Dr. Subir Kumar Nag	Principal Scientist, ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, North Barrackpur, West Bengal

**Scientific Panel on Labelling & Claims/Advertisements (SP-08)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1	Dr. Avinash P Sattur	Retired Chief Scientist CSIR CFTRI, Mysuru
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3	Prof. Laxmikant Shivnath Badwaik	Professor, Tezpur University, Assam
4	Dr. Manish K Chourasia	Chief Scientist, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
5	Prof. Naveen Arora	Emeritus Scientist, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi
6	Dr. Samir Kumar Rana	Retired Mission Director (NDLM), National Dairy Development Board, Anand, Gujarat
7	Prof. Vimal Katiyar	Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

**Scientific Panel on Methods of Sampling and Analysis (SP-09)**

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3	Dr. K P Suresh	Principal Scientist, National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bengaluru
4	Dr. Niladri Sekhar Chatterjee	Senior Scientist, ICAR Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin
5	Dr. Nitin Kumar Singhal	Scientist F, National Agri Food and Biomanufacturing Institute, Ajitgarh, Punjab
6	Dr. P Ramalingam	Associate professor of Pharmaceutical Analysis, NIPER Hajipur
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**Scientific Panel on Fish and Fisheries Products (SP-10)**

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4	Dr. Laly SJ	Senior Scientist, ICAR Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi
5	Dr. Sherine Sonia Cubelio	Scientist F, Centre For Marine Living Resources & Ecology, Kochi, Kerala
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**Scientific Panel on Cereals and Cereal Products, Legumes and Pulses**  
**(including bakery) (SP-11)**

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4	Prof. Rangaraju Visvanathan	Retired Professor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore
5	Prof. Shalini Subhash Arya	Professor, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
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**Scientific Panel on Fruits & Vegetables and their Products (Including dried fruits and nuts) (SP-12)**

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2	Dr. Chidanand D V	Associate Professor, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur
3	Dr. Gaikwad Nilesh Nivrutti	Senior Scientist, ICAR National Research Centre on Pomegranate, Solapur, Maharashtra
4	Dr. Mohammed Wasim Siddiqui	Associate Professor, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour
5	Prof. Poonam Mishra	Professor, Tezpur University, Assam
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**Scientific Panel on Meat and Meat Products including Poultry (SP13)**

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**Scientific Panel on Milk and Milk Products (SP-14)**

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**Scientific Panel on Oils and Fats (SP-15)**

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**Scientific Panel on Sweets and Confectionery (SP-16)**

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**Scientific Panel on Water and Beverages (SP-17)**

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**Scientific Panel on Nutrition and Fortification (SP-18)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
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**Scientific Panel on Spices and Culinary Herbs (SP-19)**

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**Scientific Panel on Packaging (SP-20)**

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**Scientific Panel on Alcoholic Beverages (SP-21)**

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