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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby reconstitutes Scientific Committee and establish Scientific Panels for providing scientific opinions to the Food Authority.

The composition of Scientific Committee and different Scientific Panels will be as under:

Scientific Committee

MEMBERS:

1. Prof. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly, Adviser to Department of Health Research, Translational Health Science & Technology Institute, New Delhi.
2. Dr. P.G. Chengappa, Vice Chancellor, GKV, Bangalore.
4. Dr. M.S. Mithyantha, Ph.D (Agricultural chemistry), independent consultant, expert in Pesticide Residues and contaminants, Bangalore.
6. Dr. Jagadish S. Pai, Ph.D (Food Science & Technology), expert in Functional Foods, Nutraceuticals, Executive Director, Protein Foods & Nutritional Development Association of India, Mumbai.
7. Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on functional foods, nutraceuticals, dietetic products and other similar products.
8. Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on method of sampling and analysis.
9. Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on food additives, flavourings, processing aids and materials in contact with food.
10. Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the food chain.
11. Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on biological hazards.
12. Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on pesticides and antibiotic residues.
13. Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on labelling and claims/Advertisements.
Functions:

(i) The Scientific Committee shall be responsible for providing the scientific opinions to the Food Authority, and shall have the powers, where necessary, of organising public hearings.

(ii) The Scientific Committee shall be responsible for the general co-ordination necessary to ensure consistency of the scientific opinion procedure and in particular with regard to the adoption of working procedures and harmonization of working methods of the Scientific Panel.

(iii) The Scientific Committee shall provide opinions on multi-sectoral issues falling within the competence of more than one Scientific Panel, and on issues which do not fall within the competence of any of the Scientific Panel.

(iv) Wherever necessary, and particularly, in the case of subjects which do not fall within the competence of any of the Scientific Panel, the Scientific Committee shall set up working groups and in such cases, it shall draw on the expertise of those working groups when establishing scientific opinions.

(I) Panel for functional foods, Nutraceuticals, dietetic products and other similar products:-

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. V. Prakash, Director, CFTRI, Mysore.
2. Dr. D B Anantha Narayana, Ph.D.(Pharmacy), independent consultant, expert in Nutraceuticals, Ayurvedic products, Bangalore.
3. Ms. Anuja Agarwala, Dietician, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
4. Dr. B.C. Ghosh, Principal Scientist, NDRI, Bangalore.
6. Dr. Shantikumar Nair, Ph.D (Materials Science)- Columbia University, expert in Nano Technology, Dean of Research in Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (University), Kochi.
7. Prof. B. Sashidhar Rao, Professor & Chairman in Department of Biochemistry, UCS, Osmania University, Hyderabad-500007, Andhra Pradesh.
8. Dr. Vilas Ramrao Shirhatti, Ph.D (Chemistry), independent consultant, expert in Functional foods and Nutraceuticals, Fats and Oil, Mumbai
9. Shri Kumar Bhatia, Chief Consultant (Post Harvest Management & Marketing), Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi
10. Dr. N. Anandavalli, Ph.D (food Microbiology), food safety expert, Vice President – (Tech) FAO/ UN Food Safety Consultant /Auditor, M/s Food Safety Solutions International, Cochin.(Retd EIC Director)
11. Dr. Anura Vishwanath Kurpad, DNB (Physiology), Nutrition expert, Dean, St, John’s Research Institute, Bangalore.
12. Dr. P.D. Dwivedi, Scientist EI, Food Toxicology Division, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Post Box No. 80, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Lucknow-226 001.
13. Dr. Partha Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, IIT, Roorkee
(II) Panel for method of sampling and analysis

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. Sushil Kumar Saxena, Director, National Analytical Laboratory of NDBD, Anand, Gujarat.
2. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Khandal, Ph.D. (Chemistry), Analytical expert Director, Shiriram Institute for Industrial Research, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Pitam Chandra, Assistant Director General (Proc. Engg), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
4. Dr. N.V. Rama Rao, Ph.D. (Chemistry), Analytical expert, President, Vinita Labs Ltd., Hyderabad.
5. Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy, Former Senior Deputy Director General and chief of Division basic medical Sciences and Division of Reproductive Health and Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi. (Retd)
6. Dr. A. K. Dikshit, Principal Scientist (pesticide residues), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa Institute, New Delhi.
7. Dr. Deepa Bhajekar, Ph.D (Industrial Microbiology)- Proprietor & Chief Executive Officer, Micro Chem Laboratory, Mumbai.
8. Dr. M.N. Manjunath, Scientist ‘F’, Food Safety and Analytical Quality Control Laboratory, CFTRI, Mysore.
10. Dr. Dipankar Sinha, Professor, All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, Kolkata.
11. Ms. Sobha Hegde, independent consultant, Empanelled Accreditation Assessor, Mumbai (Retired from BIS)
12. Dr. Rajan Sharma, Senior Scientist, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal.
13. Dr. Jonnaigadda Padmaja, Scientist ‘C’, Food & Drug Toxicology Research Centre, National Institute of Nutrition, ICMR, Hyderabad.

(III) Panel for food additives, flavourings, processing aids and materials in contact with food:

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. Amarinder Singh Bawa, Director, Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), DRDO, Mysore.
2. Dr. Mukul Das, Deputy Director (Scientist ‘F’), Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow.
3. Dr. (Mrs.) Kalpam Polasa, Deputy Director (Sr. Scientist ‘F’), National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.
4. Dr. Joseph I Lewis, Ph.D. (Chemical Technology), independent consultant, expert in Labelling, Food Additives, Oils & Fats, Mumbai.
5. Dr. Rajiv Dhar, Director & CEO, Indian Institute of Packaging, Mumbai.
(IV) Panel for contaminants in the food chain:

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. Shiv Lal, Special DGHS & Director, National Institute of Communicable Disease, Director General of Health Service, Delhi.
2. Dr. A.K. Sharma, Scientific Officer ‘H’ Head, Food Technology Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai.
3. Dr. S.K. Mendiratta, Senior Scientist, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar.
4. Dr. T.K. Srinivasa Gopal, Principal Scientist, Head Packaging Section, Fish Processing Technology, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR), Cochin.
5. Dr. Krishna Jha, Principal Scientist (Microbiology), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Bhopal.
6. Dr. P. Subbian, Director (Agribusiness Development), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.
8. Dr. Lata, Principal Scientist, Division of Microbiology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.
10. Dr Rashmi Kulshrestha, Ph.D (Pharma), expert in pesticide residues & contaminants, Food and Pharma Regulatory Consultant, Regulatory Wisdom, New Delhi
11. Dr. V.K. Joshi, Professor & Head (Post Harvest Technology) Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, H. P.
12. Shri Praveen Gangahar, independent consultant, food safety expert, Quality Management Services, Delhi.(Retired from BIS)
(V) Panel for biological hazards

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Scientist 'G' and Head, Environmental Biotechnology, IITR, Lucknow
2. Dr. Naresh Kumar, Senior Scientist, National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) ICAR, Karnal.
3. Dr. Ashish Motiram Paturkar, Professor and Head of Department, Bombay Veterinary College, Mumbai.
4. Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Senior Scientist, NRL, IARI, New Delhi.
5. Dr. Prem Kumar Jaiswal, Ex- Director (Laboratories), Dept. of Agriculture and Cooperation, Central Agmark Laboratory, Nagpur.
7. Dr. A. Lakshmiiah, Deputy Director (Scientist 'E'), National Institute of Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, Hyderabad.
8. Dr. Suseelaendra Desai, Principal Scientist, Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (ICAR), Hyderabad.
9. Dr. Jamuna Prakash, Reader, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore.
10. Dr. D. Narasimha Rao (Retd), Scientist 'F' and Head of the Department, CFTRI, Mysore.
11. Dr. Ravi Shankar, C.N, Senior Scientist, Fish Processing Division, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR), Cochin.
12. Dr. Malabika Roy, Scientist 'F' / Deputy Director General (Sr. Gr.) Div. of Reproductive Health and Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.

(VI) Panel for pesticides and antibiotic residues:

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. Debabrata Kanungo, Additional Director General (St), Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi.
2. Dr. Kiran Narayan Bhilegaonkar, Senior Scientist, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar.
3. Dr. V. Sudershan Rao, Scientist 'C', National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
4. Dr. B. Surendra Nath, Principal Scientist, NDRI, Bangalore
5. Dr. Jai Raj Behari, Scientist 'F', Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR), Lucknow.
7. Dr. K.K. Sharma, Network Coordinator, AINP on Pesticide Residues in Project Coordinating Cell, IARI, New Delhi.
8. Dr. Tapan Chakrabarti, Scientist G and Acting Director, NEERI, Nagpur
9. Mrs. Mohini Srivastava, Public Analyst, PFA, Delhi. (Retired)

(VII) Panel for labelling and claims/Advertisements:

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. B. Sasikeran, Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
2. Shri Darshan Singh Chadha, Senior Technical Advisor, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi. (Retd from Govt. of India)
3. Dr. Anupa Siddhu, Director, Lady Irwin College, New Delhi.
5. Dr. Mridul Salgame, Ph.D.(Dairy Microbiology)- Analytical expert, Managing Director, IADPAC Laboratories, Bangalore.
6. Dr. S. Premakumari, Ph.D( Food Science & Nutrition), Nutrition expert, Professor and Head, Avinashilingam University for Women, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
7. Dr. Pullabhatla Srinivas, Head, Plantation Products, Spices and Flavour Technology, CFTRI, Mysore.
9. Dr. R.R. B Singh, Senior Scientist, NDRI, Karnal.
10. Dr. Nandkishor Namdeo Rao Zade, Prof. & Head, Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur.
11. Dr. S. K. Khanna, Retired Director Grade Scientist, Head Food Toxicology Division, IITR, Lucknow.

(VIII) Panel for genetically modified organisms and foods:

MEMBERS:

1. Dr. P.L. Gautam, Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests, Chennai.
2. Dr. Ramesh V Bhat, Consultant, FAO, Hyderabad.
3. Dr. M. Padmavati, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
4. Dr. P. Balasubramanian, Director, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Coimbatore.
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