

Surveillance Coordination Cell

FSSAI

Food Safety Surveillance

Under Section 29 (3) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, *“the Food Authority shall maintain a system of control and other activities as appropriate to the circumstances, including public communication on food safety and risk, food safety surveillance and other monitoring activities covering all stages of food business”*.

Milk Quality Survey (MQS), 2016

In line with the provisions of the Act, FSSAI has proposed to initiate Milk Quality Survey (MQS) 2016 to evaluate the current status of milk quality in India and to check the extent of adulteration in non-standardized milk available in India.

Objectives of the proposed Milk Quality Survey 2016

- To evaluate current status of Milk quality in India;
- To collect and collate data related to quality of Milk available in country;
- To create a network of stakeholders including, Regulator, Testing laboratories, Co-operatives and Consumers to ensure supply of safe milk in the country;
- To plan future enforcement activities;



Sample Plan for MQS 2016

- All the States and UTs will be covered for the sampling.
- Cities have been divided into eight clusters.
- Total number of cities to be covered – 126 (The State Authority have the liberty that they may modify the cities depending upon the availability of milk, degree of risk, and hot spot areas where the chances of milk adulteration is high).
- Samples will be drawn from both organized and unorganized sector.
- The sample will be tested for Fat, SNF and 13 common adulterants.

Role of the State Governments

- States to constitute State Level Steering Committees for monitoring and facilitating the survey related activities.
- States may identify the hot spot areas where the chances for rampant adulteration is more.
- State Governments are requested to nominate a nodal officer for their State to coordinate with FSSAI and Food Safety Officers.
- FSSAI will soon be circulating a detailed SOP to all the States/UTs to initiate the survey.
- FSOs will be required to pick Milk samples from the identified Cities and forward the same in chilled condition to the identified labs as per the SOP for testing.
- Active participation and cooperation of the State enforcement machinery is essential for the success of MQS.

Pilot survey

- ❑ To begin with, a pilot of the Milk Quality Survey would be carried out in 15 cities in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ FSSAI will be organising a preparatory meeting with the State officials at different locations to sensitize them.
- ❑ The laboratories would also be briefed on methodology of testing and protocol for report submission.
- ❑ Based on the experience gained and findings of the pilot survey, the SOP would be fine tuned before undertaking the full fledged survey.

Suggestions/views are invited from Food Commissioner of States/UTs for further improvement of MQS 2016.



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