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TO: ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

FSSAI Order on Mandatory Testing & Uploading of Test Reports on FoSCoS

FSSAI vide Order dated 13th January 2023 (File No.15(31)2020//FoSCoS/RCD/FSSAIpt1-Part(1)) has advised that all Food Business Operators (FBOs) - Manufacturers, re-Packers and re-Labelers - **shall compulsorily upload six monthly Lab Testing reports in the FoSCoS Portal or link** such Lab Reports from the InFoLNet portal whenever the samples are analysed by FSSAI notified labs with effect from Financial Year 2022-2023. The last date for uploading/linking of the six monthly lab test reports for the period April 2022 to September 2022 is **31st March 2023**.

FSSAI vide Order dated 8th July 2021 (File No.15(31)2020//FoSCoS/RCD/FSSAI) had clarified on the frequency of mandatory food product testing under condition of license 12 of FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011. As per the condition, every Food Business Operator shall ensure testing of relevant chemical and/or microbiological contaminants in food products as frequently as required on the basis of historical data and risk assessment to ensure production and delivery of safe food through own or NABL accredited/FSSAI notified labs **at least once in six months**. This relevant Order dated 8th July 2021 is provided at **Annexure-1 (enclosed)**.

A User Manual to upload the lab test report / link from InFoLNet is provided at **Annexure-2 (enclosed)**.

FBOs shall ensure that uploading/linking of the six-monthly lab test reports is done on FoSCoS **within one month from the closing date of respective half yearly period**. The gap between two mandatory testing shall not be less than 03 months.

The schedule for uploading/linking of lab test reports as per FSSAI Order dated 13th January 2023 is summarized below:

Period	Last date for uploading / linking Lab Test Reports
April 2022 to September 2022	31 st March 2023
October 2022 to March 2023	30 th April 2023
April 2023 to September 2023	31 st October 2023
October 2023 to March 2024	30 th April 2024

Members are advised to take note of the above Orders and Guidelines of FSSAI for submission/uploading of Lab Test Reports and follow accordingly.

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