



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (FSSAI)
AND
AUSTRIAN AGENCY FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY (AGES)
ON
COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF FOOD SAFETY

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (“FSSAI”) and the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (“AGES”)

(hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Participants” and individually as “Participant”),

Desiring to promote technical cooperation in the field of food safety and to explore ways and means for establishing co-operative and collaborative mechanisms for both the Participants,

HAVE reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1 – Objectives

- 1.1 The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) are:
- a. To conduct joint meetings/workshops for trade facilitation, training and capacity building in the areas of cooperation.
 - b. To strengthen the existing relation between both Participants and to improve cooperation in the field of food safety.

Paragraph 2 – Areas of Cooperation

- 2.1 The areas of potential cooperation and the development of further understandings under this MoU include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

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- a. A mechanism of information exchange and communication will be established.
- b. There will be technical exchanges on identified topics of mutual interest especially about import procedures, quality control operations, sampling, testing, packaging and labeling.
- c. Joint seminars, workshops, visits, lectures, training programs will be organized.
- d. Mutual Recognition of Laboratories by each Participant as per the national laws and policies prevailing from time to time.
- e. Other areas of interest to the Participants within their responsibilities as they may mutually determine.

Paragraph 3 – Financial and Human Resources

- a. Implementation of this MoU will be subject to the availability of funding and personnel of each Participant;
- b. Each Participant will bear its own costs which arise from the implementation of cooperative activities under this MoU unless otherwise mutually decided by the Participants in writing.
- c. The AGES Academy continuously offers further education and training courses for experts, in particular for authorities in official QM-assured analysis on the basis of international standards. If these offers are taken up, the booking conditions and prices of the AGES Academy apply.

Paragraph 4 – Disclosure of Information

- a. Where a Participant (“the providing Participant”) provides information to the other Participant (“the receiving Participant”) in accordance with this MoU and designates the information as confidential, the receiving Participant will maintain the confidentiality of such information.
- b. The receiving Participant will use such information only for the purposes specified by the providing Participant under this MoU, and will not otherwise disclose or use such information without the express written permission of the providing Participant.
- c. Where any information is jointly developed, the Participants will jointly decide in writing how such information may be disclosed to other Parties.

Paragraph 5 – Settlement of Differences/Disputes

5.1 The Participants will resolve any differences/disputes concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of this MoU amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

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Paragraph 6 – Amendment and Review

6.1 The Participants may review or amend this MoU by mutual written consent at any time. Such revisions or amendments will come into effect upon the date of signature by both Participants, or as otherwise any other date mutually determined by the Participants in writing.

Paragraph 7 – Duration and Termination

- a. This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature by both Participants;
- b. This MoU will remain in effect and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, the MoU may be (automatically) renewed for similar terms with diplomatic communication/notes.
- c. This MoU may be terminated at any time by either Participant. Such termination will be communicated in writing at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the termination;
- d. The effect of any termination on the validity or duration of any specific projects, programmes or activities under this MoU will be specified in writing at the time of termination of this MoU;
- e. Termination of this MoU will not affect the conditions for disclosure of confidential information under paragraph 4 of this MoU.

“IN WITNESS WHERE OF” the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Participants/
Governments, have signed this MoU

Done at on day of 2026 – in two originals, each in the
Hindi, and the English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in
interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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