

## Theme: Strengthening Food Safety & Regulatory Framework

### BACKGROUND

The **Global Food Regulators Summit** is an endeavour of **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** to create a global platform of food regulators to exchange perspectives on strengthening food safety systems and regulatory framework across the food value chain as a cohesive approach.

Food Safety and Regulatory Ecosystem needs to be constantly adapted to the emerging foods hazards, new technologies, pandemic scenarios, and ever-evolving consumer needs. While there is evolution of food safety and regulatory framework across the globe, it is also extremely important to enable exchange of knowledge for building strategies to ensure safety and quality and provide safe food for all.

### OBJECTIVES

- To create an opportunity for exchange of information on food products regulatory and safety requirements
- To enable a common dialogue on food safety, food standards, risk assessment, analytical competence, labelling and mutual capacity building programs.
- To enable the food value chain stakeholders such as food manufacturers, processors, exporters and importers, as well as government and non-government officials, to understand food safety and regulatory framework in other countries.

### STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

It is envisaged to have active participation from:

- **Countries:** Food Regulators from around 60 countries including G20 member countries
- **International organizations:** World Health Organisation, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Food and Agriculture Organisation (United Nations), World Food Programme, International Fund for Agricultural Development and other relevant stakeholders.

- **International Food Research Institutes:** BFR (Germany), CFSAN (USA), Health Canada, Australian Institute of Food Safety and Technology, The Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation, National Food Research Institute, Japan, DEFRA (UK) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Human Nutrition Research Centre on Aging (HNRCA), Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFT), Singapore Institute of Food Science and Technology (SIFST), etc.
- **National Stakeholders:** Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of APEDA, MPEDA, EIC, IOPEPC, Spices Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board, CDSCO, ICAR, ICMR, CSIR, SHEFEXIL, CAPEXIL, DGFT, DHAD, NIFTEM, Industry Associations, IIT's, IITR, DFRL, CFTRI, importers, exporters and others..

## CONTOURS OF THE SUMMIT

There will be a two-day conference, exhibition, bilateral and multilateral meetings, and release of new digital common platforms for information exchange.

- **Knowledge Exchange: Two-days Conference comprising of:**
  - **Keynote Addresses** by international organisations and scientists
  - **Technical and Plenary Sessions** with food regulators across the globe
  - **Interactive sessions** with national and international stakeholders to share best practices.
- **Network Development**
  - Meetings on the side-lines of the Summit to understand current and emerging challenges and define a way forward to ensure effective implementation of food safety, quality and regulatory norms.
- **Collaboration & Partnerships**
  - Signing of **Memorandum of Understanding** with the countries which are in an advance stage of approval such as Netherlands, Australia, Morocco

- **Horizontal Expansion: Ease of Access to Information**

- **Release of Food-o-Copoeia** – This is the first time ever common digital platform prepared by any food authority in the world which captures all requirements related to quality, safety, labelling, claims, documents, regulations, prohibitions etc. for a specific food product. This will be an online guide for domestic as well as international stakeholders.
- **Release of Food Authorities Directory** – This is the book that contains information about all the major Food authorities and Food research institutes of various countries, their mandate and details which may act as a ready reckoner for all the exporters and importers.
- **A Common Digital Dashboard for all Food Regulators** – This will be a common online platform wherein all the information pertaining to standards, regulations, notifications, advisories, limits of various contaminants and latest developments will be available at same place. This will be a useful online one-point knowledge bank for manufacturers, exporters, importers, and scientists everywhere. At present, all the information is available on different websites of different countries at various locations.

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE SUMMIT**

- **Enabling a Cohesive Network on Food Safety and Regulatory aspects**
- **Enabling effective understanding of compliance requirements and sharing of information in real time**
- **Development of common digital platforms – sharing information on food safety, quality and regulatory norms.**