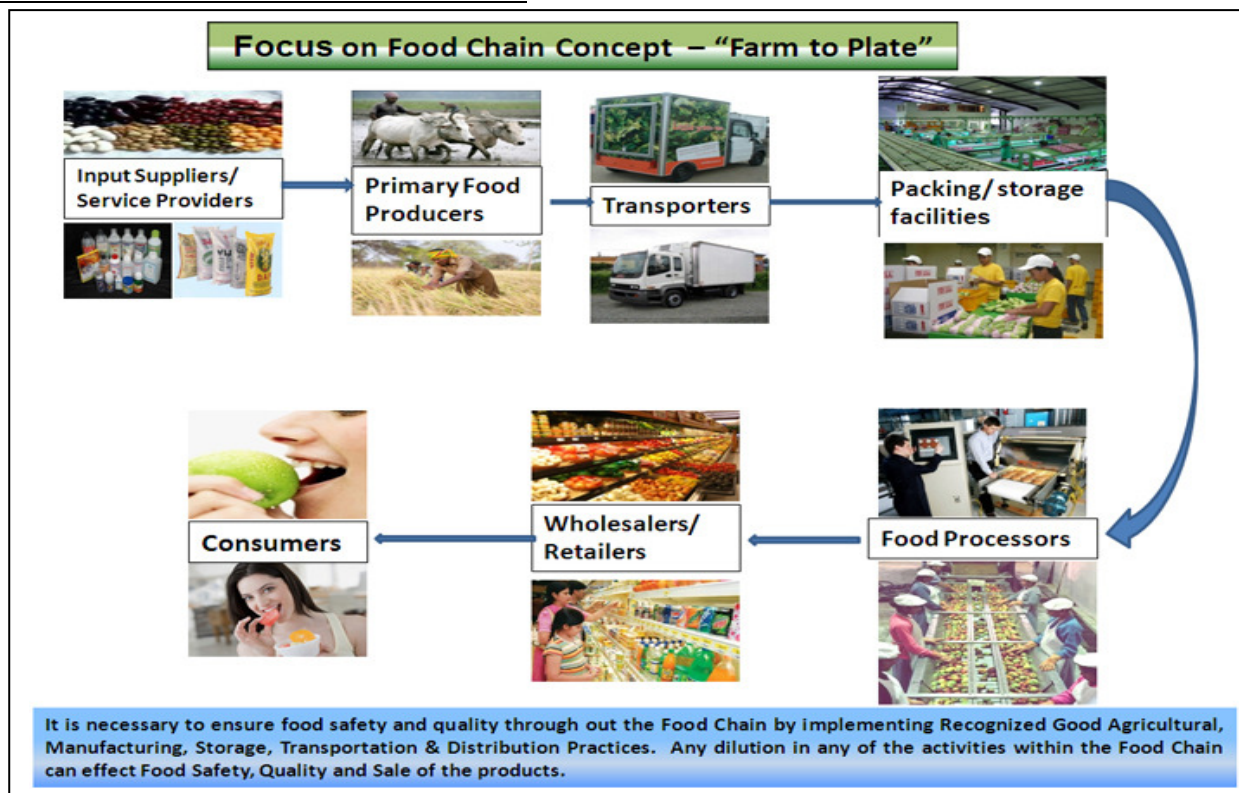


Recent News at FoodCert India.



1. Ayush Product Certification Scheme launched by Dept. of AYUSH, Ministry of Health, Govt.of India

I am pleased to inform you that "**FCI is the first CB in India recognized by Quality Council of India, and is the first CB to register the first batch of organizations in India in Sept 2010 under the scheme.**"

The Certified customers are:

- **M/s. Unijules Life Sciences Ltd, Nagpur**
- **M/s. DXN Herbal Manufacturing (India) Pvt. Ltd, Puducherry**
- **M/s. Warriors Hospitals Panchakarma Centre, Ernakulum**
- **M/s. Maharishi Ayurveda Products Pvt .Ltd, New Delhi**
- **M/s. Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Roorkee**
- **M/s. Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd, New Delhi**
- **M/s. Sitaram Ayurveda Pharmacy Limited, Thrissur**

The scheme envisages two levels of certifications

- 1). **AYUSH Standard Mark** for meeting the domestic regulatory requirements and
- 2). **AYUSH Premium Mark** for meeting international norms.

2. Re-Accreditation for ISO 22000

The assessment for Re-accreditation was carried out by NABCB in July 2010 and granted the Re-Accreditation for ISO 22000 NABCB vide registration no. FSMS 002, valid from: 17-Aug-2010 up to 16-Aug-2014 for the Scopes:

Category	Particulars
C	Processing 1 (Perishable animal Products)
D	Processing 2 (Vegetal perishable product)
E	Processing 3 (long shelf life at ambient temperature)

3. India GAP Standard

FCI is one of the task force members for preparation of India GAP Standard. India GAP Standard document has been prepared by Quality Council of India at the request of Food Safety and Standard Authority of India. The standard has been finalized and released in March 2011.

Food Cert India Recognitions:

4. Good Agricultural Practices/ Good Field Collection Practices for Medicinal Plants.

Food Cert India is the first Certification Body recognized by Quality Council of India as inspection & Certification Body for GAP / GFCP for Medicinal Plant produce. The scheme documents were prepared by Quality Council of India and National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry Health & Welfare, Govt.of India.

5. Food Cert India receives Accreditation for US NOP standard for Organic Scheme received from Govt.of India effect from 1-June 2011.

6. National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt.Of India has empanelled Food Cert India in the areas of:

- i. Quality Standards in Food Chain
- ii. National & International Accreditations for all Certifications within food chain
- iii. Post farm Auditors-Food Processing
- iv. Pre Farm inspectors-Agriculture
- v. Auditors-AYUSJH Products
- vi. Technical Experts-AYUSH Products
- vii. Inspection-Cold Storage & Pack House

7. Exposure to PRIVATE GAP Projects:

- **International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group)** has appointed FCI as Advisor for setting up JAIN GAP Food safety management system for implementation of Good Agricultural Practices amongst its Mango and Onion growers.
- **ITC Ltd, ABD Division** has appointed FCI for conducting inspections against their “Choupal Fresh GAP” Scheme for its Vegetable Growers.
- **Agri Business & Farming Solutions, Deepak Fertilizers** has appointed FCI for review of Deepak GAP documentation and its alignment with Global GAP.

8. Recognitions

- FCI is recognized Certification Body by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority for availing Financial Benefits by the registered exporters under Quality Certification Programs on food safety.
- FCI Also recognized Certification Body by Ministry of Food Processing for Availing financial benefits by the Food Processors.

9. Memberships

FCI is a member of the

- Technical Committee for developing GAP and GFPC Certification Standards for Medicinal Plants-Set up by Ayush Dept., Ministry of Health, Govt. of India
- Multi stakeholder Steering committee (MSC) for overseeing the Voluntary Certification Scheme for AYUSH Products-Set up by Ayush Dept.
- Expert Group setup by FSSAI (Food Safety & Standards Authority of India), on Food Safety to propose a basic Food Safety Management System for food establishments & certifying food safety professionals.
- Multi Stake Holder Advisory Group for advising to FSSAI on the initiative for Grading of Restaurants-Set up by Quality Council of India.

- Committee on Promotion of Quality in Agriculture-Interpretation of provisions of Global GAP scheme as applicable under Indian situation-Set up by Quality Council of India/Food plus Global GAP scheme owner.
- Expert Committee for formulation of National Agricultural Code-Setup by Bureau of Indian Standard
- Task force on Horticulture setup by CII.
- Technical Committee for Food Hygiene, Safety Management Sectional Committee-FAD15-Setup by BIS.

For other accreditations refer www.foodcert.in or www.isacert.com

“One Stop Shop for all Certification schemes within the food chain”

With Regards
Srihari Kotela
Director

