Attention of all the Importers / CHAs and members of the Trade is invited towards Letter F. No. 1/PLR/FSSAI/2011 dated 12.09.2011 from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India regarding ‘Authorisation of NABL accredited food testing laboratories for analysis of food sample taken under FSS Regulation 2011’.

Vide above mentioned letter FSSAI has nominated certain NABL laboratories such as Export Inspection Agency Lab, Cochin; Quality Evaluation Laboratory, Spice Board, Cochin and others (list enclosed) on ad-hoc basis for a period of three months or till further order whichever is earlier, for undertaking food testing required under the FSS regulation 2011.

Imported/regulatory samples (such as FBO sample) can be tested as and when required in the nominated laboratories for a period of three months or till further order whichever is earlier. Also, the authorization of the laboratory for the above purpose will automatically stand cancelled in the event of discontinuation of NABL accreditation of laboratory. The laboratory will conduct tests as per the provisions of the FSS Act and will also strictly adhere to the instruction issued by FSSAI from time to time. The prescribed rates for testing samples are given below:

- Regulatory Sample – ₹ 1000 per sample
- Imported Sample – ₹ 3000 per sample

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COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

Encl.: As above