

Report of Workshop on Food Safety & Quality and Codex Alimentarius jointly organized by Tea Board, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and FSSAI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India held in Dibrugarh on 29th May, 2017

A workshop on Food Safety & Quality and Codex Alimentarius was organised jointly by Tea Board and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India at Dibrugarh University on 29th of May 2017.

The workshop was attended by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, Shri Dilip Moran, Member, Tea Board, Dr D Kanungo, Chairman, MRL Committee, FSSAI, Shri Sanjay Dave, Former advisor FSSAI, Shri Sunil Bakshi, Advisor FSSAI and Dr Biswajit Bera, Director (Research), Tea Board, and other officials of Tea Board, Dibrugarh and FSSAI, New Delhi.

Different topics regarding food safety and quality of tea were discussed in great detail. Presentation on 'Harmonization of National Standards with International Regulatory Bodies' was made by Shri S Dave, 'Fixation of MRL at National and International Regulatory Bodies' was presented by Dr D. Kanungo and topics on Pesticide residue, Heavy metals and Iron filing in tea was covered by Dr A K Barooah, Director, Tea Research Association to the stakeholders. Mr. Prosenjit Biswas, Analytical Biochemist, Quality Control Laboratory (QCL), Tea Board, Siliguri made a presentation on different food safety and quality parameters undertaken by QCL, Tea Board at Siliguri.

More than 100 participants had attended the workshop representing food and beverages industry and from the tea industry including both big gardens, small tea growers and bought leaf factories.

Several topics regarding activities on Codex Alimentarius, its structures and functions and the role of stakeholders in formation of new codes were also covered by Shri Sunil Bakshi, Advisor, FSSAI and other officials of FSSAI.

A large number of participants interacted with the technical experts representing Tea Board and FSSAI for various food safety and regulatory issues and appreciated for organizing this workshop which will be helpful for maintaining quality of Indian tea for domestic consumption and export purpose.

Mr. Subir Hazra, Dy. Director, Tea Board and In-charge, Small Tea Growers Directorate, Dibrugarh Tea Board Office, offered a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, invited speakers and participants attended the workshop.



