Dated: 15.12.2017 (Friday)

**FSSAI enlists 15 agencies to audit food safety**

New Delhi: Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has empanelled 15 national and international agencies to audit food safety and hygiene standards of canteens, cafeterias and hostel mess of several IITs and IIMs.

Some agencies which have been empanelled are DNV, Bureau Veritas, Intertek, MS Certification, IRCLASS, SGS, BIS, TUV and Indocert.

This is the first time the food authority has taken a step like this in order to strengthen the food safety surveillance system in the country.

The audit will start with select large central institutes such as IITs in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Guwahati, AIIMS (Delhi and Jodhpur), IIM (Ahmedabad and Kozhikode), IISc Bangalore and IISER Kolkata.