

TRAINING SESSION: 2 day Training program on QA/QC module for Edible Oil Fortification

To build capacity among the Edible Oil Industry, 2 day Training program on the quality assurance and quality control module was organised on 15th and 16th of October in Kandla, Gujarat. Experts from oil manufacturers like Cargill, LDC, Gokul Agro, Ruchi, Bunge , NNRIPL, Safe Food Solutions etc. actively participate at the program.

The training program focussed on:

Importance of Manuals: The GAPS and objective of QA/QC protocols, as prescribed in the manual. The benefits it offers to the companies and the critical care that a FBOs must focus on during fortification of Edible Oil.

Regulatory Aspects related to Edible Oil Fortification: The regulatory compliance is a critical must. It is important to understand, the manner in which the label must appear and other critical aspects of standards for ensuring compliance with the FSSAI regulations.

HACCP and FSMS Management in Fortified Edible Oil Processing: HACCP principles in Edible Oil Fortification process and implementation of Food Safety Management Systems focussing on key elements of the System standards. case studies on use of the Risk Assessment tools, the decision making steps for a hazard etc.,

Pre-requisite programs for Edible Oil Fortification industry: the critical pre-requisites and Operational pre requisites in the QA/QC Edible Oil Fortification manual and also the statutory requirements of FSSAI under Schedule 4 part 2. Best practices in common processes for accomplishing food safety were showcased through both illustrations, explanations and quoting the relevant standards.

Coinciding with the World Food Safety day, on 16th oct, as the part of the training program awareness sessions were also organised on the broader issues Malnourishment, the role of fortification etc., through Nukkad Natak etc.

It was suggested that considering the current inadequate capability both in terms of Technology and the soft skills and lack of Systemic approach in SME's and MSME's , the current training program aims at building such capability by bringing wide scale awareness among the SME's and MSME's especially in the area of Voluntary fortification