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Quarterly Progress Report:

January-March 2016

**National Food Testing Laboratory (NFTL), BAFRA,
MoAF, Yusipang**

Background:

This Report provides the instant information on the types of food samples and the total number of samples tested at NFTL, BAFRA, Yusipang on quarterly basis i.e., from *January to March 2016*.

The food and water samples had been received from various BAFRA field offices, food business operators and Government agencies for testing to serve their intended purposes. The samples have been tested through application of internationally adopted/validated methods of analysis such as FAO, WHO, AOAC, APHA, BAM, IS etc.

The quality of our test reports issued are ensured through implementation of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 (General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories) for both microbiological and chemical parameters.

The samples are tested for the following test parameters at NFTL; depending on the types of samples being received:

1. **Microbiology:** Aerobic Plate Count, Yeast & Mould Count, Coli form Count by MPN and E coli by MPN.
2. **Chemistry:** Total Soluble Solids (TSS), Acidity, Moisture, Ash, Acid Insoluble Ash, Fat Content, Acidity of Extracted Fat, Protein, Dry Matter Content, Total Ash, Water Soluble Ash, pH, Acidity, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Alkalinity, Total Hardness, Lead (as Pb), Cadmium (as Cd), Zinc (as Zn), Refractive Index, Peroxide Value and Acid Value.



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I. Samples Tested for Microbiological Parameters:

Sl. No.	Types of food commodities	No. of Samples tested & Report issued			Total
		January	February	March	
1.	Raw/packaged drinking water	13	3	12	28
2.	Processed milk	-	-	2	2
3.	Cheese & butter	-	-	3	3
4.	Vegetable/fruit pickle	3	-	2	5
5.	Fruit jam/jelly	1	-	4	5
6.	Fruit juice/drink/squash	6	-	6	12
7.	Ketchup & sauce	-	-	4	4
8.	Cooked food (ready to eat)	-	5	-	5
9.	Noodles	1	-	2	3
10.	Soup powder	1	-	-	1
11.	Raw meat (beef/pork/chicken)		82	19	101
12.	Tarbu juice	-	1	-	1
Grand Total					170

II. Samples Tested for Chemical Parameters:

Sl. No.	Types of food commodities	No. of Samples tested & Report issued			Total
		January	February	March	
1.	Raw/packaged drinking water	12	1	15	28
2.	Processed Milk	-	-	2	2
3.	Biscuit	-	-	2	2
4.	Vegetable pickle	2	-	2	4
5.	Fruit jam	1	-	4	5
6.	Fruit juice	5	2	6	13
7.	Ketchup & sauce	-	-	4	4
8.	Honey	-	-	2	2



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9.	Oil	-	-	5	5
10.	Tea	-	-	2	2
11.	Pasta	1	-	-	1
12.	Soup powder	1	-	-	1
Grand Total:					69

III. Subcontracted samples

National Food Testing Laboratory (NFTL), BAFRA, MoAF Yusipang subcontracts the regulatory samples as per the requirement of ISO17025 if it is beyond the scope of NFTL. We have collected 10 numbers of imported fresh fruits and vegetables samples viz., Cabbage, Cauliflower, Potato, Chili, Beans, Grapes, Tomato, Cucumber, Brinjal and Broccoli from Centenary Farmers Market, Thimphu and referred to our three reference laboratories at Thailand and India. The samples are being tested against pesticides residues of different groups and quantified for regulatory purposes as shown in table below. Such initiative was taken, as high content of pesticide residues in food has health implications in long run.



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Lab B, Thailand											
Sl.#	Test Parameters	Samples, Unit of report=mg/kg									
		Cabbage	Cauliflower	Potato	Chili	Beans	Grapes	Tomato	Cucumber	Brinjal	Broccoli
Organochlorine group											
1	HCB										
2	alpha-BHC										
3	beta-BHC										
4	Lindane (gamma-BHC)										
5	Heptachlor										
6	Heptachlor epoxide										
7	Aldrin										
8	Dieldrin										
9	Dicofol										



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