



India's *Nutrition Intelligence* Infrastructure.

Powered by Science. Governed by Ethics. Built for India.

One Nutrition Intelligence Centre

An initiative of the India Chamber of Business & Commerce

FOREWORD

From Trust, To *Validated Trust*.

A note from the India Chamber of Business & Commerce.

The India Chamber of Business & Commerce has stood beside Indian industry - shaping standards, strengthening institutions, and advancing the principle that **trust must be earned, never merely declared**. In every phase of India's economic rise, credibility, innovation, and institution-building have remained central to sustainable progress.

Today, the dietary supplement and nutrition sector stands at a historic inflection point. Rising health consciousness, preventive wellness demand, functional foods, and digital commerce are reshaping global markets. India now has the opportunity to emerge as a global powerhouse and future leader in the nutrition economy. Yet scale without standards creates vulnerability. Marketing investments have often outpaced scientific validation, while consumers continue to face inconsistent quality, exaggerated claims, and limited transparency. Regulatory approvals may validate compliance processes, but they do not always confirm whether a product truly delivers what it promises.

It is in this context that the Chamber has established the One Nutrition Intelligence Centre - an industry-led, future-driven institutional platform designed to transform how nutrition is validated, produced, and consumed. ONIC integrates science, technology, policy, and market mechanisms to build India's Dietary Supplement Validation and Certification Framework. By placing new-age tools at the centre of product validation, compliance intelligence, traceability, R&D acceleration, and consumer-trust systems, ONIC will help modernise the nutrition industry for the next era of growth.

Beyond standards, ONIC is envisioned as a catalyst for capacity building, industry transformation, talent development, innovation ecosystems, and global competitiveness. It will support India's ambition to become a worldwide hub for nutrition, nutritional science, and trusted wellness products. Governed through an independent structure, separated from commercial interests, and accountable to consumers, ONIC represents a new institutional model for the sector.

This brochure outlines the vision, architecture, and mission of ONIC. We invite industry leaders, regulators, scientists, investors, and entrepreneurs to join us in shaping a nutrition future the world can trust.

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Four obligations. One *institutional* promise.

ONIC exists to serve the public interest in nutrition - through independent science, transparent governance, and AI built for accountability rather than persuasion.

01

Verify, before we *declare*.

Every claim is traced to its source - clinical trial, monograph, or regulatory record. Nothing certified that cannot be cited.

03

Govern, by *structural firewall*.

Independent ethics board, no commercial cross-ownership. Validation is decoupled from any single market interest.

02

Standardise, across *jurisdictions*.

Responsible Nutrition Standard, harmonised against global regulatory frameworks - so Indian validation travels.

04

Disclose, by *default*.

Every certification is published with its evidence chain. Consumers, regulators, and partners read the same record.

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PART I

01

The *Vision.*

A pioneering global initiative for responsible nutrition intelligence - born out of India, designed for the world.

From Validation to *Intelligence*, our promise stays the same.

Transparency, validation, and traceability — the core principles of ONIC's certification authority.

In an era of converging global health challenges, nutritional security and innovation are vital. ONIC is a pioneering global initiative that places Artificial Intelligence at the heart of nutrition science, innovation, and regulation.

The Centre is conceived as a global engine for Responsible Nutrition Intelligence - a system that integrates science, technology, policy, and market mechanisms to transform how nutrition is validated, produced, and consumed.

Designed to serve as a strategic gateway for the global nutrition economy, the Centre brings together industry, academia, government, and startups under one AI-powered roof - validating products and protocols, harmonising standards, accelerating innovation, and orchestrating a global coalition for nutrition sovereignty.

Transparency.

Machine-readable transparency from source to consumption - every step visible, every claim verifiable.

Validation.

Rigorous, independent validation protocols ensuring scientific accuracy and regulatory compliance at every stage.

Traceability.

End-to-end supply-chain traceability ensuring ingredient authenticity and quality from farm to final product.

20

Maximum RNS score across five auditable domains

5

Auditable evidence domains under RNS

4

Certification tiers
Platinum to Conditional
Bronze

Global

Regulatory framework alignment

02

The *Platform.*

*A unified AI-powered window into nutrition validation,
certification, and intelligence - built on independent science.*

What is *ONIC*?

India's first AI-powered nutrition intelligence platform - built on independent science, governed by an ethics-first board.

Conceived by the India Chamber of Business & Commerce, ONIC unites clinical science, regulatory frameworks, and ethics governance in one unified platform. Every output is traceable, validated against the Responsible Nutrition Standard, and reviewed by an independent expert board.

What ONIC Is

01

An Independent Institution

Not a product. Not a vendor. ONIC is an autonomous institutional body — conceived by the India Chamber of Business & Commerce, governed by an independent ethics board, and answerable only to science.

02

An AI-Powered Intelligence Platform

The Validation Engine is trained on a curated corpus of clinical trials, pharmacopoeial monographs, and regulatory records — purpose-built for nutraceuticals, not adapted from general tools.

03

A Certification Authority

The ONIC Certification Authority (OCA) issues the Responsible Nutrition Standard mark — a 20-point, five-domain score that drives Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Conditional Bronze tier assignment.

04

A Startup & Manufacturer Ecosystem

PANI Accelerator supports early-stage nutrition startups. The ECM network empanels GMP-verified contract manufacturers. EAL-accredited labs provide independent safety verification.

Why *ONIC*?

Because consumers, regulators, and industry deserve more than fast answers - they deserve verified ones.

India's nutrition industry has grown faster than its guardrails. Marketing budgets often outpace investment in product testing. Consumers face a sea of unverified claims. Government approvals confirm paperwork, not whether a product actually delivers.

ONIC is built to change this.

It pairs the authority of independent science with the agility of AI - bringing structure, transparency, and accountability into India's nutrition value chain.

01

Trusted Sources Only

Every score is rooted in verified scientific and commercial data points - not internet aggregation.

No guesswork. Just evidence.

02

Built for Accountability

Every AI output cites the trial, paper, regulation, or registry it draws from.

You know what is said - and where it is from.

03

Designed for How You Work

From formulation to regulatory dossier, every tool fits the practice of food scientists, QA, and regulators.

04

Professionally Structured

The platform follows recognised regulatory and certification formats.

You don't just get answers - you get usable evidence.

The Validation *Engine*.

Your AI co-pilot for nutrition product validation - powered by science, grounded in evidence.

The Validation Engine is ONIC's core intelligence layer. Trained on a curated corpus of clinical trials, regulatory frameworks, and pharmacopoeial monographs, it analyses every submitted product across five evidence pillars — flagging exactly what is verified, what is missing, and what needs strengthening before an OCA application is filed.

01

Structured Intake STEP 1

Submit a product through a structured intake covering formulation, label transparency, safety testing, clinical evidence, and consolidated review. One audit trail. End-to-end traceability.

02

Certify with Structure STEP 2

Receive a Responsible Nutrition Standard score across five auditable domains — each weighted by its criticality to consumer safety and product integrity. Full domain breakdown: page 16.

03

Tools That Work for You STEP 3

- **Independent Co-pilot.** Formulation guidance grounded in peer-reviewed literature, regulatory monographs, and curated pharmacological references.
- **Document Insight.** Upload labels, COAs, dossiers; receive structured, traceable analysis.
- **Regulatory Mapping.** Cross-border compliance check against FSSAI, FDA, EFSA, Codex, and applicable Asian and Gulf frameworks.
- **Audit Trail.** Every decision linked to its evidence chain - versioned and exportable.

04

The ONIC AI Dossier

Standalone intelligence products commissioned independently of certification — ingredient intelligence mapping, claims substantiation, evidence-gap assessments, RNS readiness scoring, export compliance mapping, scientific protocol architecture, and population suitability intelligence.

The *structure* behind every certification.

Every ONIC certification is built on an auditable framework, a defined evidence base, and an independent governance pathway - traceable from submission to consumer.

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Point ECM facility checklist (OCA). Comprehensive on-site assessment of manufacturer GMP compliance, quality systems, and production capability, feeding Domain D1.

100

Point EAL technical assessment (OCA). Laboratory competency evaluation including blind sample testing, feeding the safety and finished-product verification components of Domains D3 and D5.

5

Auditable RNS domains. Manufacturer credentialing, label transparency, safety verification, scientific substantiation, STOF integrated validation.

20

Maximum RNS score. Each domain contributes a weighted score; the total drives tier assignment.

4

Certification tiers. Platinum, Gold, Silver, Conditional Bronze - each tied to a verifiable RNS score band.

6

Pipeline stages. Submission, completeness check, domain-by-domain assessment, peer review and calibration, ICB Decision Panel, public certification.

Purpose-Built for *Nutrition Science*.

A curated intelligence engine — not a general-purpose chatbot. Created by 20+ subject-matter experts and updated monthly.

ONIC's review system is purpose-built for the nutraceutical and dietary supplement industry — maintained by Phytochemists, PharmDs, medical doctors, food scientists, and data scientists, with dataset updates published monthly.

Techniques Employed

01

Pathway Prediction

Neural networks for predicting ingredient metabolic pathways and pharmacological interactions.

02

Synergy Assessment

ML models for assessing ingredient synergies and potential contraindications.

03

Regulatory Compliance Mapping

Cross-references formulations against country-specific approved ingredient lists and dosage limits.

04

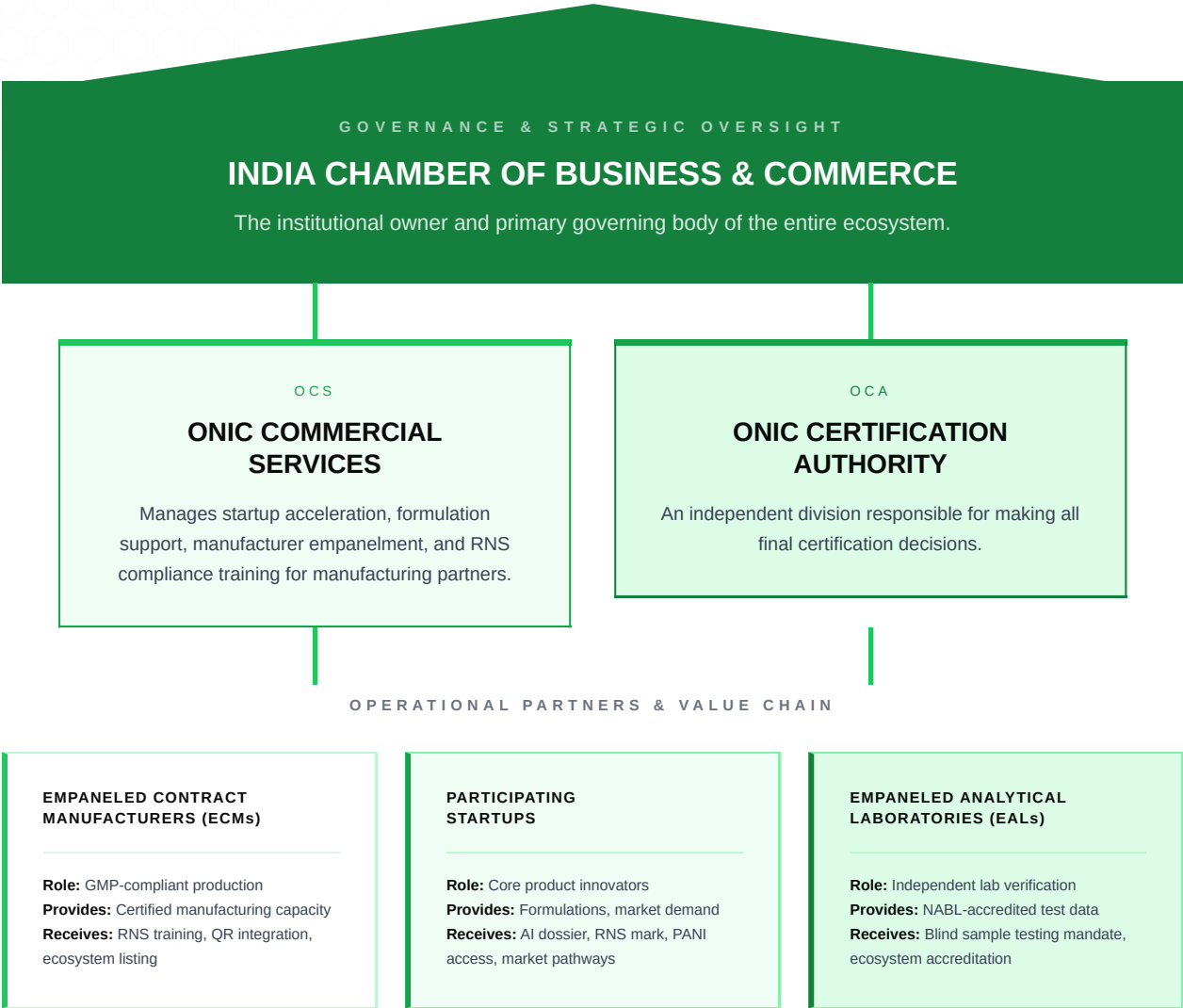
Clinical Evidence Analysis

NLP-based analysis to extract efficacy endpoints, study quality indicators, and evidence strength.

RAG Foundation: Validated datasets underpin every output — the system retrieves from curated data, not from open-ended text generation.

The Five-Party *Startup Ecosystem* Architecture.

India Chamber governs. OCS accelerates. OCA certifies. Manufacturers produce. EALs (Empaneled Analytical Laboratories) and EIS (Empaneled Ingredient Suppliers) verify. Startups lead.



Platform *Intelligence.*

01

AI Product Dossier

Ingredient mapping, claims review, evidence-gap analysis, and RNS readiness scoring — pre-submission intelligence.

02

Ingredient Intelligence Mapping

Analysis of 10,000+ mapped compounds — regulatory status across FSSAI, FDA, EFSA, and Codex.

03

Claims Substantiation Analysis

Claims benchmarked against clinical evidence — graded by level, unsupported flags raised before regulatory exposure.

04

Evidence-Gap Assessments

Identifies claims lacking clinical backing — turns each gap into a structured scientific roadmap.

05

RNS Readiness Scoring

Pre-certification score against the 20-point RNS — gaps surfaced before a formal OCA application is filed.

06

Export Compliance Mapping

Regulatory alignment across 11+ frameworks — export-readiness reports for EU, US, GCC, and ASEAN.

07

Scientific Protocol Architecture

Evidence frameworks for novel ingredients — a scientific roadmap from formulation to certification.

08

Formulation Validation

Evaluates ingredient compatibility, dosage rationale, and population suitability before manufacturing.

09

Ingredient Risk Analysis

Flags heavy metals, allergens, and adulterant risk — graded by severity and clinical significance.

10

Population Suitability

Formulation suitability for target populations — age, metabolic profile, pregnancy, and co-morbidities.

Three Pillars. *One Purpose.*

Scientific rigour, ethical independence, and trusted standards — the foundation every ONIC product is built on.

01 / Science

Scientific Formulation

AI-powered, evidence-backed innovation driving the future of nutrition science and product development. Every formulation traced to peer-reviewed, curated data.

02 / Trust

Ethics & Validation

Independent review and safety assurance through rigorous validation protocols and ethical governance — no commercial influence on scientific outcomes.

03 / Standards

Responsible Nutrition Standards

Trusted standards and supply chain integrity ensuring quality nutrition reaches every consumer — from farm to shelf, traceable and verified.

"The future of nutrition will not be built on assumptions — it will be built on validated science, transparent systems, and intelligent governance." — ONIC Vision

One Centre. Five Pillars. *Global Trust.*

A national and global-grade infrastructure — integrating science, intelligence, manufacturing, policy, and governance into one unified system.

01

Science

Clinical, Molecular & Nutritional Research — the evidence backbone of every ONIC certification and advisory output.

02

Artificial Intelligence

Predictive Validation & Pattern Recognition — purpose-built for nutraceuticals, not adapted from general-purpose tools.

03

Manufacturing

Standardised, Compliant & Scalable Production — empanelled GMP contract manufacturers with QR traceability integration.

04

Policy

National & Global Framework Alignment — benchmarked against FSSAI, FDA, EFSA, Codex, WHO, FAO, and ICMR.

05

Governance

Independent Experts Oversight — safeguarding integrity across every certification decision, every product, every cycle.

Output: *Trusted, Validated & Globally Acceptable Nutrition Products — built on Transparency · Validation · Traceability · Certification.*

What ONIC *Does.*

From ideation to market — ONIC is the single window where science, compliance, and commercial readiness converge.

01

Ideation to Blueprint

Accelerate ideation and translate research into structured product blueprints, ready for clinical development and regulatory submission.

02

Clinical Pathway Design

Design validated clinical pathways aligned with global evidence-generation and approval standards — FSSAI, FDA, EFSA, and Codex.

03

Regulatory Foresight & Compliance

Anticipate regulatory shifts and align formulations early — so products are compliant before they reach the market, not after.

04

Transparency, Traceability & Data Integrity

Verifiable, machine-readable data across every step — from raw material to consumer shelf. No black boxes. No assumptions.

What ONIC *Delivers.*

From intelligence infrastructure to certified products — every output is evidence-led, independently governed, and market-ready.

01

Intelligence Infrastructure

Purpose-built AI infrastructure for nutrition science and health-tech innovation — curated datasets, regulatory mappings, and evidence frameworks, independently governed and audit-ready.

02

Validated & Certified Products

Scientifically validated, RNS-certified nutrition products — differentiated in the market by clinical evidence, not just marketing claims.

03

Evidence-Based Collaboration

Multi-stakeholder innovation across industry, academia, and government — catalysed by structured science, not assumption. PANI accelerator. ECM network. EAL-verified safety.

04

A Globally Portable Quality Mark

The RNS certification mark travels with the product — machine-readable QR, public registry, and a verifiable audit trail that regulators and retailers accept across borders.

03

The *Standard*.

The Responsible Nutrition Standard - a published, twenty-point, five-domain framework for certifying nutrition products.

The Responsible Nutrition *Standard.*

A 20-point, five-domain scoring system - independent, transparent, evidence-led.

The RNS is ONIC's published standard for certifying dietary supplements. Every product is scored across five auditable domains, weighted by their criticality to consumer safety and product integrity. Scoring is performed by qualified human assessors using AI-prepared evidence summaries - never by AI alone.

D1	Manufacturer Credentialing	20%
	GMP compliance, facility certification, audit trail.	
D2	Label Transparency	20%
	Full ingredient disclosure with no proprietary blends.	
D3	Safety Verification	25%
	Independent lab testing for heavy metals, contaminants, and adulterants. The highest-weighted domain reflecting safety primacy.	
D4	Scientific Substantiation	20%
	Clinical evidence graded using a modified hierarchy.	
D5	STOF Integrated Validation	15%
	Safety, Traceability, Origin, and Finished-product verification.	

Non-negotiable safety floor. A product fails certification regardless of total score if it fails the Safety Verification domain.

What ONIC *Provides.*

Two divisions. One mission. Every deliverable is traceable, independent, and evidence-led.

ONIC delivers through OCS (commercial services) and OCA (independent certification) — structurally separated so commercial interests never influence certification outcomes.

OCS · ONIC Commercial Services

01

Regulatory Submission Support

Structured dossier packages for FSSAI registration, CDSCO filings, and export authority submissions — built on platform intelligence and reviewed by ONIC's regulatory science team.

02

Formulation Co-pilot

AI-assisted formulation guidance grounded in peer-reviewed literature, pharmacopoeial monographs, and cross-border regulatory references including FSSAI, FDA, and EFSA.

03

PANI Accelerator Programme

25 validated startups per cohort. Covers scientific architecture, regulatory advisory, ECM network access, brand development, market access, and investor readiness.

04

Manufacturer Empanelment & Training

RNS compliance training, GMP assessment, QR traceability integration, and annual re-assessment for ONIC-approved contract manufacturers (ECMs).

What OCA *Provides.*

Independent certification. No commercial override. Every decision is auditable from submission to public registry.

OCA · ONIC Certification Authority

01

RNS Certification Mark

Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Conditional Bronze — issued by the ICB after independent scientific review and NABL-accredited lab verification. No commercial override.

02

Public Registry & QR Record

Machine-readable QR record on the OCA public certification registry — verifiable by consumers, retailers, and regulators in real time.

03

Post-Certification Surveillance

Continuous monitoring — random re-testing, label-change triggers, and tier-specific renewal cycles. Platinum/Gold: 2 years. Silver: 1 year. Conditional Bronze: 6 months.

04

ICB Decision Report

A formal, auditable certification report from the Independent Certification Board — versioned, exportable, and regulatorily defensible at any point.

OCA is firewalled from OCS. No one who delivers commercial services to an applicant may participate in that product's certification review.

Certification Tiers, *at a Glance.*

Four tiers. One framework. Every tier is anchored to a verifiable RNS score band and an auditable evidence trail.

The Responsible Nutrition Standard is scored on a 20-point scale across five domains. Each tier reflects how completely a product has met the framework - not how prominently it is marketed. Tier assignment is decoupled from any commercial relationship.

Capability	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Conditional Bronze
RNS Score Band	18.0 - 20.0	15.0 - 17.9	12.0 - 14.9	9.0 - 11.9
Five-Domain Evidence Pack	Full	Full	Full	Partial
Independent Lab Verification	✓	✓	✓	✓
ICB Decision Panel Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
Public Marketplace Listing (OCS)	✓	✓	✓	Restricted
Machine-Readable QR Record	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing Surveillance	Per Layer 3	Per Layer 3	Per Layer 3	Continuous review
Mark on Pack	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Conditional Entry Mark
Recertification Cycle	2 years	2 years	1 year	6 months

Safety Verification is an absolute floor. A product that fails the safety domain is denied certification at any tier - no overrides, no exceptions.

04

The Governance.

Independence by architecture. Ethics by board. A structural firewall that no commercial pressure can bypass.

Governance by Design.

Independence, ethical oversight, and a structural firewall - by architecture, not by promise.

ONIC operates under a dual governance model. The commercial side - services, formulation tools, AI co-pilot - is structurally separated from the certification side, which performs independent scoring, audit, and ethics review. They share infrastructure. They never share decisions.

ONIC Governing Board Provides strategic direction and administrative oversight for ONIC's commercial and operational functions, including OCS. Composed of governance specialists and India Chamber representatives.	Independent Certification Board (ICB) Majority external. Final authority on scientific validation and tier issuance. The India Chamber Executive Board has no override on ICB certification decisions.
ONIC Ethics Board (OEB) Provides institutional-level ethics oversight for all ONIC operations. Ensures ONIC's activities remain aligned with the ethical standards and institutional values of the India Chamber of Business & Commerce.	External Advisory Council (EAC) Bi-annual non-binding advisory body. Startup, ECM, EAL, and EIS representatives alongside independent science, regulatory, and consumer-advocacy experts. Provides ecosystem-health feedback on OCA standards.

The Firewall Protocol enforces separation across personnel, data systems, and finances. Cross-divisional transfers require a 12-month cooling-off period. Three confirmed firewall breaches in any 12-month period trigger a mandatory independent structural review.

Built for *Privacy*, Trust & *Professional Ethics*.

Your formulation. Your evidence. Your data. Protected end-to-end by design - not by promise.

A certification authority earns its standing not only by what it certifies, but by how it handles the evidence entrusted to it. ONIC has been engineered as a privacy-first institution. Every submission, every document, every audit log is governed by the same principle: **your work belongs to you.**

01

No Data *Sharing*.

Submissions, documents, and case responses are never used to train external models or shared across accounts. Evidence stays within your case.

02

Isolated *Workspaces*.

Each case is stored in a dedicated, access-controlled workspace. Coordinator and ethics access is logged, time-bound, and revocable.

03

Encrypted *at Rest and in Transit*.

All documents are stored with cryptographic hashing and transmitted over TLS 1.2+. Integrity is verifiable; tampering is detectable.

04

Always *Auditable*.

Every action is recorded in a structured audit log with timestamp, actor, and case reference. The record is exportable on regulator request.

DPDPA 2023

Aligned to India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023 principles - lawful purpose, minimisation, retention limits.

GDPR

Compatible with the EU General Data Protection Regulation for cross-border submissions.

ISO 27001 Posture

Information security controls aligned with the principles of the ISO/IEC 27001 framework as part of ONIC's information-security posture.

Ethics Firewall

Independent ethics committee structurally separated from commercial review.

Why Now. Why **ONIC**.

Three structural advantages no other platform in India offers today.

i

Single-Window Architecture

From formulation co-pilot to certification mark - one platform, one identity, one audit trail. Brands no longer chase three vendors and four lab partners. ONIC stitches the chain.

ii

India Chamber Governance

Owned, governed, and internationally represented by the India Chamber of Business and Commerce - giving ONIC an institutional weight that purely-private platforms cannot match.

iii

Global Collaboration by Design

Designed to align with FSSAI requirements and benchmarked against international frameworks including Codex Alimentarius, WHO-GMP, EFSA, and FDA - supporting a phased mutual-recognition pathway for ONIC-certified products.

INSTITUTIONAL BENEFITS

- Centralised, ethical governance through the India Chamber.
- Global visibility, credibility, and alignment with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Access to AI labs, IP support, and publication networks.
- Certification frameworks backed by scientific validation.
- Pipeline of curated, compliant, and validated products.

05

The *Reach*.

From food and nutraceutical leaders to academics, exporters, regulators, and investors - every node of the nutrition economy has a place in ONIC.

Who We *Serve.*

AI-enabled validation, certification, and market pathways for every node of the nutrition economy.

ONIC's mission cuts across the value chain - from agricultural origin to retail shelf, from research institutions to regulatory authorities. Every audience served by ONIC contributes to, and benefits from, a more transparent nutrition ecosystem.

		
Food & Nutraceutical Companies	Healthcare & Wellness Startups	Academic & Clinical Researchers
		
Regulatory Bodies & Public Health Missions	Exporters Seeking Global Compliance	Retailers, E-commerce & Institutional Buyers
		
Ingredient Suppliers & Contract Manufacturers	Farmers & Agri Cooperatives	Investors, Accelerators & Philanthropy

Get *Involved.*

Industry · Academia · Investors · Governments · Startups.

ONIC's mission to transform India's nutrition economy is collaborative by design. The Centre invites partners across the public-private spectrum to build, govern, and grow responsible nutrition together. Whether you bring science, capital, regulatory expertise, or distribution - there is a role for you.

01 Innovation Partner Co-develop validation models, ingredient databases, or certification methodology.	02 Ecosystem Collaborator Bring labs, manufacturers, or distributors into the ONIC supply-chain network.
03 Technology Contributor Contribute AI models, datasets, or auditing tools to the open knowledge graph.	04 Policy Advisor Shape national and global standards through the Ecosystem Advisory Council.
05 Impact Fund Investor Invest through PANI — ONIC's flagship accelerator selecting 25 validated startups per cohort across cognitive nutrition, preventive health, and precision nutrition. Full programme on page 25.	06 Training & Capacity Building Partner Support ONIC's training programmes for food scientists, QA teams, startup founders, and manufacturing partners on RNS standards and responsible formulation. Available to academic institutions, professional associations, and industry bodies.

APPLY NOW AT

www.onenutrition.ai/initiate-query

The PANI *Accelerator*.

Platform for Acceleration in Nutrition Innovation · 25 startups per cohort · Science to global market.

PANI is ONIC's flagship accelerator for nutrition startups - selecting 25 per cohort across cognitive nutrition, preventive health, precision nutrition, nutraceutical innovation, and AI-enabled wellness. Only ONIC-validated, RNS-certified products are eligible, ensuring every startup in the PANI ecosystem is scientifically substantiated, ethically certified, and globally traceable.

01

AI Dossier Creation

Each cohort startup receives a full ONIC AI Dossier — ingredient mapping, claims substantiation, evidence-gap analysis, and RNS readiness scoring from day one.

02

Scientific Product Architecture

Formulation protocol design, ingredient selection rationale, and population suitability analysis — all grounded in peer-reviewed evidence.

03

Regulatory & Packaging Advisory

FSSAI and export market alignment, packaging review, and label claims advisory against the RNS Label Transparency standard (Domain D2).

04

Manufacturing & Market Access

Priority access to the ONIC ECM network, OCS brand development support, and domestic and global market access enablement.

05

Investor Readiness & Showcase

Investor readiness preparation, global ecosystem connectivity, and cohort showcase events with impact fund investors and institutional partners.

REFERENCE

Frequently *Asked* Questions.

A working guide for industry leaders, regulators, scientists, and partners considering ONIC certification.

GETTING CERTIFIED

What is the difference between an OCS and an OCA submission?

OCS (Commercial Services) is the advisory division — formulation co-pilot, regulatory dossier preparation, and market intelligence. **OCA** (Certification Authority) operates the Responsible Nutrition Standard, issues certification decisions, and maintains the public registry. They share infrastructure but never share decisions.

How long does a certification take, end to end?

Standard timeline: 25–35 business days from complete application to certification decision. The pathway covers completeness check, domain-by-domain assessment, peer review and calibration, ICB Decision Panel review, and public certification. Incomplete submissions or remediation cases extend the timeline.

Who decides the tier?

No individual decides the tier. The RNS score across the five auditable domains determines the band; an independent ethics committee ratifies the verdict. ONIC, the originator, and any commercial party are structurally separated from the score itself.

STANDARDS & TIERS

What are the five domains of the Responsible Nutrition Standard?

Manufacturer Credentialing, Label Transparency, Safety Verification, Scientific Substantiation, and STOF Integrated Validation (Safety, Traceability, Origin, and Finished-product verification). Each domain is independently scored and contributes a weighted share to the overall 20-point rating.

Can a product fail safety and still be certified at a lower tier?

No. Safety Verification is an absolute floor. Failure in this domain results in denial of certification at any tier, regardless of the overall score. There are no overrides.

PRIVACY & DATA

Is my submission data used to train models or shared with third parties?

No. Submissions, documents, and case responses are never used to train external models or shared across accounts. Evidence is contained within an isolated, access-controlled workspace per case.

Can a regulator audit the entire decision chain for a certified product?

Yes. Every action is recorded in a structured audit log with timestamp, actor, and case reference. The complete record - submission, evidence, validation findings, assessor scoring, peer review, and ICB Decision Panel ratification - is exportable on regulator request.



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