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Codex/FAO/WHO Web platform: Information of National Food Safety Control System

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Web platform on member countries' food safety control systems

At the 38th session of the CAC, the Codex Secretariat introduced the proposal of the revitalisation of FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees (RCCs) developed by the Codex Secretariat with FAO and WHO with the intention to recognise the importance of RCCs as regional fora for food safety and quality. There were four main proposals, namely

- (i) RCCs as improved food safety and quality fora: aligning the agendas of RCCs;
- (ii) Platform for information sharing on food control systems and roles and responsibilities in food safety;
- (iii) Identification of needs and priorities in regions; and
- (iv) Regional Strategic planning and specific recommendations on these proposals on the next step for the RCC revitalization.

This web platform has been developed by FAO, WHO and the Codex Secretariat in response to the request of the 38th Session of the CAC.

Web platform on member countries' food safety control systems

Where to locate

- The Survey platform is accessible to all Codex members Contact Points at the URL <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/survey>.
- The published information is available at the “List of Codex Members” page <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/members-observers/members> by clicking on each Member's name.



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WEB platform to collect information on member countries' food safety control systems - Brief Notes

This web platform has been developed by FAO, WHO and the Codex Secretariat in response to the request of the 38th Session of the CAC. This platform should provide a global source of information for Codex members on national food safety control systems.



The Codex Contact Points of member countries are encouraged to provide or update data three months before each session of the relevant FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee at the latest, after due consultation of ministries and agencies responsible for food safety/food control. The platform will be populated directly by the Codex Contact Points of members. Data will be used by FAO/WHO to prepare a discussion paper for FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees, which usually meet every other year. In advance of FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees, the Codex Secretariat will issue a reminder for members to update the information in the on-line system with a deadline for submitting information.

Answers to Question 11 will be handled by FAO/WHO with care and would only be published in a summary format that would not allow identification of the names of responding Codex members. Answers to all other questions will be made accessible to all Codex members. Codex Contact Points are invited to update data as new data become available.

The platform will be progressively developed, with new questions being added in conjunction with each cycle of regional coordinating committees.

Instruction points

The page is self-explanatory. However, you may want to note the following points:

- The icon  indicates the possibility to add rows in order to enter additional pieces of information. Up to 10 rows can be added;
- The icon , which is shown after clicking the "plus" icon, indicates the possibility to remove rows (they will be deleted including the content);
- You will note that some text boxes are expandable up to a maximum limit of 500 words;
- Click on the "Save" button at the bottom to save the entered information. After exiting, you can always re-enter and add or change the information;
- In the status dropdown select "Published" instead of "Draft" and then click on "Save" to actually publish on the Codex website. The information inserted will be visible in the member detail page.

Please login to access the survey

Information sharing on food safety control systems and roles and responsibilities

Part A. Competent authorities

Q.1. Which are the competent authorities¹ with responsibilities related to food safety. Briefly, indicate the main mandate and sphere of their competence.

Competent authority	Mandate/competence (link to website if available)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



Q.2. Provide details of the INFOSAN Emergency contact point responsible for food safety emergencies?

Part B. Food safety and consumer protection – laws and regulations

Q.3. Which are the main food laws and regulations setting out the legal basis and controls for food safety and consumer protection?

Please do not reply to this question now. FAO maintains a database – FAOLEX – since 1995 that compiles legislation in the food and agriculture fields. We are working with the FAO Legal Office to extract the food safety and consumer legislation for each country. In due course, lists of legislation related to food safety and consumer protection in each country will be provided. Noting that FAOLEX may not be comprehensive and up to date because legislation is collected from a variety of sources, we would request you to verify the information and advise of updates, errors or omissions to ensure that the information available is as comprehensive and up-to-date as possible.

Part C. The national Codex programme

Q.4. Describe the national consultative mechanism for Codex programme of work to ensure input from government stakeholders, private sector, scientific community and consumers.

In providing answer, please identify main participants engaged regularly in consultation

Q.5. Identify stakeholders providing core scientific and technical input during national consultation on Codex work. List which Codex issues input has been provided (indicator 2.1.2 in Codex strategic plan).

Part E. Surveillance of foodborne diseases and monitoring of food contamination

Q.9. Which surveillance systems are in place to collect data on foodborne disease in humans?

Q.10. Which monitoring systems are in place to collect data on foodborne hazards in the food chain?

Part D. Risk Assessments and Scientific Data

Q.6. Which bodies provide risk assessments and scientific advice to support risk management decisions by competent authorities?

Name bodies or laboratories:

Q.7. Please provide any risk assessments (quantitative or qualitative), risk profiles or scientific opinions available in public domain.

List, and provide links where available:

Q.8. List the official laboratories² involved in food safety and scope of competence.

Official Laboratory

Official Competence



Part F. National capacity in food safety

Q. 11. "To what extent do you agree with the following statement?" Please respond using the five point rating on the extent to which you agree with the statement.

Questions	Answering Options				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Policy and Legal frameworks					
Food safety legislation includes all the powers and responsibilities necessary to meet the objectives and enforce the various elements of food control ³	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infrastructure and finances					
In case of a food safety emergency, food control laboratories have the capabilities and versatility to adapt to the resulting changes/surges in demand of tests to be performed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Human resources					
Adequate number of competent staff are employed and receiving regular trainings to ensure the delivery of functions required for national food control.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implementation of core control activities					
A central coordination mechanism is documented (i.e. SOPs, manual, TOR, etc.) and includes all relevant Competent Authorities to address Food Safety emergencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implementation of specific functions					
Competent Authorities design a coherent risk based programme for control measures, taking into account relevant information (i.e. on product type, country of origin and importer's history)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Domestic stakeholders					
High risk categories of Food Business Operators (FBOs) are provided with special categories of communication channels ensuring that messages and important technical communiqués are delivered to FBOs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
International stakeholders					
An INFOSAN Emergency Contact Point is designated and registered on the INFOSAN Community Website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.1. Evidence/risk base					
Data from routine monitoring and surveillance are utilized for informing new risk analysis activities or for the review of former risk analysis activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

how to use the platform

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National legislation on food safety: FAOLEX

Competent authorities

Name of authority

The domestic food regulatory system in Australia is a cooperative bi-national arrangement between the Australian and New Zealand Government and Australian States and Territories. Australia has a food regulatory system that protects and enhances public health and safety across the whole of the food chain. The system is based upon a partnership between government, consumers and industry. The food regulatory system separates the responsibility of policy development, standards setting and the imple...

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Mandate/competence

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INFOSAN Emergency Contact Point

incident@foodstandards.gov.au

Food safety and consumer protection – laws and regulations

The current list of legislation, related to food safety and consumer protection in each country, is extracted from FAO's database on Food Legislation FAOLEX.

While FAOLEX makes every effort to serve as a high quality, reliable source of information, no guarantee is given that the information provided in FAOLEX is correct, complete, and up-to-date.

The national Codex programme

National Codex consultative mechanism

Codex Australia provides updates to stakeholders on the work of Codex Committees via our website in order to promote participation and involvement in our consultative processes.

We also have a registration form on our website for stakeholders to register their interest in providing input to Australian positions on Codex issues and or standards under development. Once a stakeholder is registered they are added to a contact list and receive emails requesting comments on draft Codex sta...

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Risk Assessments and Scientific Data

National bodies providing risk assessment and scientific advice

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) and the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)

World café

Station 1: advantages; disadvantages (7 min)

Station 2: Obstacles/Challenges (5 min)

Station 3: Needs for assistance (5 min)

Merci

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