



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION  
AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

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**ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WHO RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF CCFICS**

FAO supports national authorities setting modern food control systems including by assisting member countries on how to develop and implement risk based inspection programmes.

FAO is currently working on a manual for imported food control - consistent with the CCFICS texts - to help countries bridging the gap between principles and implementation. The manual will include a practical approach to the use of the risk analysis framework in the specific context of imported food control.

FAO is also developing a Toolkit on Risk analysis to support national authorities in the application of the risk analysis framework in food safety systems. The Toolkit will focus on some of the specific challenges faced by developing countries including: how to apply the risk-based approach to standard setting; and how to implement risk-based inspection. FAO and WHO are finalizing guidelines for application of Risk Analysis during food safety emergencies – to be published by the end 2011. FAO/ WHO have also initiated work on a guidance document to support countries in establishing and implementing effectively food recall systems during food safety emergencies.

**Regional and national activities**

A list with latest selected regional and national activities relevant to the work of CCFIS is provided below.

**Asia**

Activities:

- Sub regional Workshop: Equivalence and Mutual Recognition Agreements to facilitate trade of safe and quality food' for the countries of South Asia (Thailand, 28 -29 September 2011)
- Final Strategy Workshop: Enhancing food safety by strengthening food inspection systems in ASEAN countries (Hanoi, Vietnam, 5-6 May 2011)
- Sub Regional Workshop for the ASEAN countries: SPS Measures and their Impact on Food Inspection and Certification including Management Aspects (Thailand, 25-26 August 2010)
- Regional Training for the ASEAN countries: Training of Trainers on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 11-13 May 2010)
- National training: Risk-based Food Inspection for Domestic Food Control (Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 16-18 March 2011)
- National training: GHP/GMP Inspection Principles and Practices (Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 26-28 October 2010)
- National training: Strengthening Food Import Inspection and Certification (Vientiane, Lao PDR; 21-23 September 2010)

Publications:

Under the GCP/RAS/222/JPN “Enhancing Food Safety by Strengthening Food Inspection Systems in ASEAN Countries” the following publications have been developed:

- Guidelines on “Risk Categorization Applicable to ASEAN Countries” - presently under editing and soon to be published.
- Case studies on different aspects of Inspection and Certification systems in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

**Latin America**Activities:

- Regional Electronic Course on “Risk Analysis for Food Safety” for professionals working in public institutions (2010-2011)
- Regional Electronic Course “Food Safety Control Systems” for professionals working in public institutions (2009-2011)
- International Seminar “Applying Risk Analysis to Mycotoxins” (Argentina, November 2011)
- Regional Workshop on “Successful experiences in implementing an integrated food safety control system” TCP/RLA/3213 (Chile, September 2011).
- Regional Workshop on “Development of National Food Safety Emergency Response Plans” (Chile, June 2011)
- Regional Workshop “Raising awareness and effective communication on food safety and quality” (Ecuador, June 2011);
- Sub-regional Workshops "Food Safety and New Strategic Issues for South Cone Countries" (Argentina, May 2011) and "Food Safety and New Strategic Issues for Andean Countries" (Chile, December 2010);
- Workshop “The international process of risk assessment in developing risk-based standards” (Mexico, November 2010)
- Regional Seminar on “Applications of the FAO manuals on strengthening the national control systems and their evaluation” TCP/RLA/3213 (Costa Rica, July 2010)
- Regional Seminar on “Applying risk analysis to contaminant control and the Codex Alimentarius standard setting process” (Mexico, June 2010).

Projects:

- TCP/CUB/3201: Cuba, National Project on Food Risk Analysis;
- TCP/CHI/3201: Chile, National Project on Risk Analysis Training.
- TCP/RLA/3213: FAO Regional Project “Assistance in designing and/or strengthening food safety policies for the countries of the region” (Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay);
- FNOP/INT/NO/102: Haiti, “Assessment of capacity and support to national food control system”;
- FNOP/INT/NOR/103: Guatemala, “Improved Food Safety and Food Quality at the National Level”.

**Africa**Activities:

- Regional training on Risk Analysis in Food Safety (Benin, February 2010)

Projects:

- FAO has undertaken pilot work to field test in Angola, Côte d’Ivoire and Guinea, parts of the guidelines from the imported food control manual.

- FAO has also delivered advice and helped Djibouti, Republic of Congo, Rwanda to assess the performance of their food control systems, using the "Guidelines to assess capacity building needs".

## **Europe**

### Activities:

- Regional training for Central Asia countries on the "Application of Risk Analysis in Food Safety Control and Foodborne Disease Surveillance Systems" (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 14-17 June 2011)

## **Near East**

### Activities:

- Workshop on Food Inspection (Lebanon, February 2011)
- Regional workshop on "Risk-based inspection of imported food" (Jordan, November 2011).

## **Pacific**

### Activities:

- Training course on risk analysis with a specific focus on risk-based food inspection systems (Federated States of Micronesia, October 2011)
- Codex Trust Fund regional workshop on utilising risk-based approaches in National Food Control Systems (Wellington, New Zealand, December 2011)