



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: 2588-AGN

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| <b>POSITION TITLE:</b>      | <b>Senior Officer</b><br>(Food Safety Risk Assessment)                                                                                                   | <b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>  | <b>P-5</b>                 |
| <b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b> | <b>Food Safety Risk Assessment Group, AGNDS</b><br>Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, AGN<br>Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG | <b>DUTY STATION:</b> | <b>Rome</b>                |
|                             |                                                                                                                                                          | <b>DURATION *:</b>   | <b>Fixed-term: 3 years</b> |
|                             |                                                                                                                                                          | <b>POST CODE/N°:</b> | <b>0444995</b>             |
|                             |                                                                                                                                                          | <b>CCOG CODE:</b>    | <b>1102b</b>               |

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged**

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Director, AGN, as FAO Secretary of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), the incumbent will be responsible for the administration and supervision of the Programme on Provision of Scientific Advice on Food Safety. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Coordinate the planning, development, execution and evaluation of the programme of work in the field of provision of scientific advice on food safety;
- Provide the secretariat for the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) in relation to the risk assessment of food additives, contaminants, natural toxins and residues of veterinary drugs in foods, in close collaboration with the secretariat of JECFA at the World Health Organization (WHO);
- Plan and organize expert meetings, seminars and workshops in subjects related to assessment of chemicals in foods, including assessments of risks and benefits;
- Represent FAO and the FAO JECFA Secretariat, in the Codex Alimentarius Commission and subsidiary bodies;
- Foster inter-agency collaboration and partnership in food safety assessment and related work in cooperation with WHO and other relevant international organizations;
- Liaise and interact with relevant units of FAO on matters related to the provision of scientific advice on food safety;
- Provide technical advice to Member Countries in the implementation of food safety risk assessment activities and Codex standards, guidelines and recommendations;
- Prepare and edit technical reports and monographs resulting from the JECFA meetings, and maintain and update the web-based JECFA databases;
- Perform other related duties as required.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates should meet the following:*

- Advanced University Degree in one of the following: Chemistry, Biochemistry, Food Science; Toxicology, Veterinary Medicine; Public Health, or a related subject
- Ten years of relevant experience in food safety, including safety/risk assessment of chemicals in food, at national, regional and international level which included at least five years experience in the implementation of activities related to the provision of scientific advice on food safety at regional or international level; including risk and risk-benefit assessments
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

### SELECTION CRITERIA

*Candidates will be assessed against the following:*

- Extent and depth of experience in food safety and its application in provision on scientific advice on food safety
- Extent and depth of experience in relation to risk assessment of chemicals in foods
- Extent of working experience in scientific expert committees at national, regional or international level
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English
- Demonstrated ability in management of human resources and strategic, results-based planning and delivery of quality results
- Relevance of experience in the organization of expert meetings

*Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.*

**\* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments**

### REMUNERATION

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**TO APPLY: PLEASE PROVIDE A COMPLETED FAO PERSONAL HISTORY FORM AND SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:**

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