



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	Food Safety Officer (EMPRES Information)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	EMPRES-Food Safety Unit, AGNDF	DUTY STATION:	Rome
	Nutrition & Consumer Protection Division, AGN	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 Years
	Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG	POST CODE/N°:	C/2002606
		CCOG CODE:	1102b

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 Senior Officer responsible for the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES)-Food Safety Programme, the direct supervision of the Food Safety Officer (EMPRES), and in close collaboration with other concerned officers the incumbent will contribute to the effective implementation of the Food Safety Programme supporting activities on early warning, prevention and response to food safety threats. In particular, will:

- Implement a network for the continuous collection and analysis of data for identification of food safety threats.
- Participate in the work of the International Food Safety Authority Network (INFOSAN) Secretariat.
- Collect and analyse food safety monitoring and surveillance data/information and research results.
- Develop approaches for horizon scanning, monitoring and analysis of food safety data.
- Liaise with relevant staff in organizations and with external experts conducting early warning activities to exchange information for the elaboration of technical advice and guidance.
- Participate in the organization of expert meetings on assessment of food safety emergencies.
- Assist in the development of guidance, education material and advice linked to early warning, prevention and response to food safety threats.
- Prepare and coordinate technical projects to support countries in improvement of their food safety control programmes, in particular, in the establishment of the implementation of early warning systems and national food safety emergency response plans.
- Collaborate in the preparation of communication materials for rapid dissemination of information food safety threats.
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in one of the following: Food Safety, Food Microbiology, Public Health, Statistics, Epidemiology, Veterinary Public Health or a related subject.
- Five years of relevant experience in food safety, which included the analysis of food safety data/information at national, regional or international level.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one 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 food safety programmes along the food supply chain
- Extent of experience in the collection and analysis of food safety monitoring and surveillance data/information at national, regional or international level
- Depth and understanding of mechanisms and approaches for monitoring and analysis of data on food safety threats
- Extent and relevance of experience in the development of networks and project management
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English

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

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

Send your application to:

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