



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	Food Safety and Quality Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Food Control and Consumer Protection Group	DURATION *:	Fixed-term: 3 years
	Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, AGN	POST CODE/N°:	C/0433802
	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	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 guidance of the Director, AGN and the direct supervision of the Senior Officer, Food Control and Consumer Protection Group, the incumbent will undertake activities to promote improved safety and quality of foods at all stages of the food chain. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Provide guidance and support for the assessment of capacity development needs for strengthened national food control systems, covering institutional frameworks, standards and regulations, application of the risk analysis framework in the design of food control programmes, technical services, compliance of food chain operators with good practices;
- Provide technical support in the design, planning and implementation of food safety programmes and projects;
- Develop training material for and participate in the conduct of technical workshops and seminars at global, regional or national levels;
- Contribute to the preparation of manuals and guidelines aimed at strengthening food safety/quality control programmes;
- Contribute to the development of technical and scientific advice to member countries on specific food safety and quality issues as required;
- Prepare technical papers on topical issues relevant to food safety/quality management;
- Collect, analyze, update and disseminate information on food safety/quality and maintain databases and information systems as required;
- Maintain networks of collaboration with international and national governmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in activities related to food quality control and consumer protection that could contribute to the work of the Group;
- Maintain technical liaison with decentralised offices and with other units at Headquarters on issues related to food safety and quality;
- Prepare material for and participate in international meetings concerned with food quality and safety matters;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Food Chemistry, Food Science, Food Technology or related subjects
- Five years of relevant experience at national or international level in areas related to food safety/quality management and/or food safety/quality regulation
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of academic background
- Extent and depth of experience directly related to food safety/quality regulation at international or national levels
- Extent of working experience in the development of capacities of food chain operators to implement food safety management programmes
- Quality and number of technical/scientific papers prepared on food safety/ quality issues
- Relevance of experience in the design, planning and implementation of food control-related capacity development projects/programmes
- Extent of knowledge of key issues facing the food and agriculture sectors with implications for food safety management and regulation
- Quality of both oral and written communications skills in English
- Extent of language skills

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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