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Deadline For Application: 31 July 2012

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Senior Officer</b> (Food Safety Risk Assessment)	<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>P-5</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:</b>	<b>Food Safety Risk Assessment Group, AGNDS</b> Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division, AGN 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  
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply  
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the general supervision of the Director, AGN, the incumbent will be responsible for the administration and supervision of the Programme on the Provision of Scientific Advice on Food Safety. In particular, the incumbent will:

- coordinate the planning, development, execution and evaluation of the programme of work on the provision of scientific advice on food safety in coherence with the overall FAO Food Safety Programme;
- contribute to the development of medium-term food safety strategies and biennial work programmes concerning food safety;
- act as the FAO Secretary for the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), ensuring the timely preparation of meetings, reports and monographs in accordance with the principles and procedures for the provision of scientific advice and safeguarding the scientific integrity of the JECFA outputs;
- oversee the update and maintenance of the JECFA databases, website and rosters;
- lead periodic reviews of the methodologies used by JECFA to undertake its safety/ risk assessments of food additives and contaminants, natural toxins and residues of veterinary drugs in foods;
- represent FAO and, where relevant, the FAO JECFA Secretariat, in the Codex Alimentarius Commission and subsidiary bodies and ensure effective communication between the FAO scientific advice programme and Codex;
- plan and facilitate the implementation of other expert meetings on prioritized scientific issues related to food safety;
- lead the development of training materials, guidance manuals and other technical documents specifically related to science-based and risk-based approaches to food safety decision-making;
- lead, as appropriate, the planning and implementation of training events and other capacity development activities, including the provision of technical advice and assistance in the event of chemical food safety emergencies;
- represent FAO in relevant international fora;
- foster inter-divisional and inter-agency collaboration and partnership in food safety assessment and related work;
- perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in chemistry, biochemistry, food science, food technology, pharmacology, veterinary medicine, or a related subject
- Ten years of relevant experience in safety/risk assessment of chemicals in food, including at least 5 years' experience in leading such work at national, regional or international level
- 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 knowledge and experience in relation to the use, occurrence and analysis of chemicals in foods and the assessment of associated food safety risks
- Extent and depth of experience in the provision of scientific advice on food safety at national, regional and international levels
- Demonstrated ability in human resources and programme management
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English
- Extent and depth of experience in knowledge translation and development of resource materials to support food safety decision making
- Demonstrated ability in the organization of national or international expert/scientific meetings
- Relevant publications from the last 5 years in the area of chemical food safety and risk assessment/risk analysis

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

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and complete the on-line application

**In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections**

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