



Confederation of Indian Industry



Strengthening the Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory Ecosystem: Towards Enhancing the State Food Safety Index

1200 hrs: 9th August 2024, Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai

1200-1300 hrs: Theme Session: Catalysing an Enabling Framework for Food Safety & Regulatory Ecosystem

1200 – 1210 hrs	Welcome Address	Mr Geemon Korah Geemon Korah Chairman, Foodpro Conference & Executive Director and CEO Mane Kancor Ingredients Pvt Ltd Past Chair, Kerala State Council
1210 – 1220 hrs	Setting the Context	Ms Inoshi Sharma IRS Executive Director Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
1220 – 1230 hrs	Special Address	Mr R Lalvena IAS* Commissioner of Food Safety and Drugs Administration Government of Tamil Nadu
1230 – 1240 hrs	Special Address	Ms Supriya Sahu IAS* Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare Government of Tamil Nadu
1240 hrs	Keynote Address	Mr G Kamala Vardhana Rao IAS* Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
	Vote of Thanks	CII

1300 hrs: Lunch Break

1400-1515 hrs Plenary Session I: Strategizing Interventions towards Staple Food Fortification

Access to enough safe and nutritious food is the key to sustaining life and promoting good health. The need of the hour is to promote collaboration between the leading stakeholders from SMEs, HORECA etc to come together and build a strong food safety network through capacity building trainings, increasing awareness, and providing timely hand-holding interventions including the Cluster approach as appropriate. With this objective, State Connect Chennai is envisaged, as an endeavour towards creating awareness about the Eat Right India initiative and to strengthen the food testing, food safety & regulatory ecosystem in the State. This session will emphasize strengthening the interface with stakeholders and enable build capacity on regulatory compliance through updates on the key Food Safety & Quality measures and initiatives. In addition, capacity building and awareness on the food safety & regulatory compliance requirement would bring clarity, resolve interpretation issues, and encourage self-compliance thereby reducing the surveillance aspects. This would help establish a cohesive food safety & regulatory ecosystem across states contributing to overall performance in the State's Food Safety Index.

1400–1410 hrs	Welcome Address and Setting the context	Dr Prabodh Halde* Member, CII Task Force on Food Regulatory & Head Regulatory Marico Ltd
1410-1420 hrs	Address: Oil & Milk Fortification	Ms Bhuvaneswari* Balasubramanian India Country Director – GAIN
1420-1430 hrs	Address: Rice Fortification	Ms Rohini Saran* Project Lead-Nutrition PATH India
1430-1440 hrs	Address: Intervention with Rice Millers across India	Ms Sakshi Jain* National Program Manager Nutrition International
1440-1450 hrs	Address: Wheat flour fortification	Ms Shakun Sharma* Director of Programs Fortify Health
1450-1500 hrs	Special Address	Mr. T. Mohanraj* Dy. Secretary – Coop, Food & Consumer protection Secretariat, Tamil Nadu

1500-1510 hrs Question & Answer

1510-1515 hrs Vote of Thanks

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1515 – 1630 hrs Plenary Session II: Global Food Regulatory Framework on Exports
(Focus on Spices and Marine products)

The global food trade is expanding rapidly and significantly due to increase in consumer demand and growing awareness, internationalization of tastes and habits, developments in science and technology, and improvement in communications and transportation. Coupled with the breaking down of tariff barriers and quantitative restrictions, ensuring food safety and quality with effective regulatory framework have become very important in international trade.

There is a need for a strong and well-designed application of proper Food Control systems (imports and exports) to assure quality and safety while ensuring adherence to conditions for fair trade.

The regulatory Framework provided by Codex standards play a crucial role in providing a legislative framework for imports/ exports and the role for official/government inspection/certification agencies and recognition of such agencies at the exporting country's end through equivalence agreements, permits members to establish formal systems of import control to ensure the appropriate degree of protection for their populace. The Codex Alimentarius Commission established the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) to develop principles and guidelines in this area. There are also commodity specific committees such on spices (CCSCH), Fish and fish products to further support with respective guidelines.

On spices and marine product India is one of the world's largest producers. In the fiscal year 2022-23, India's spices exports were valued at approximately USD 3.73 billion¹. Major export destinations included the USA, China, Bangladesh, and the UAE. India's fish and fish products exports were valued at around USD 7.76 billion in the year 2021-22.² The top export markets included the USA, China, Japan, and various countries in the European Union. These export figures highlight the crucial role that both sectors play in India's economy.

Current issues affecting the export of spices and fish products from India primarily revolve around contamination concerns, regulatory challenges, and market fluctuations. Addressing these issues requires coordinated efforts between industry stakeholders and regulatory bodies to ensure compliance with international standards and maintain the trust of global markets.

This session will focus on the global food regulatory landscape on trade and key insights w.r.t these essential commodities. This session is essential for exporters, regulatory compliance officers, quality assurance professionals, and anyone involved in the spices and marine products sectors. Gain valuable insights, hear from leading experts, and engage in discussions that will help navigate the complexities of global trade regulations leading to enhanced compliance.

1515-1520 hrs Welcome Address
*An overview of Global
Regulatory Frameworks &
India's Journey*

Mr. Geemon Korah

1520-1530 hrs	Address <i>"The role and relevance of CODEX for Indian industry"</i>	Dr Alka Rao* Advisor (Science & Standards) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
1530-1540 hrs	Codex- Food Control Systems – Protecting Health, facilitating global trade.	Ms Nicola Hinder Chairperson Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)
1540 -1550 hrs	Codex perspective on Spices	Dr M.R. Sudharshan Chairperson Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)
1550-1600 hrs	Codex perspective on Fish and Fishery products	Ms Vigdis S. Veum Møllersen Chairperson Codex Committee on Fish and Fish Products (Virtual)
1600-1625 hrs	Panel Discussion Collaborative Regulatory Approaches - Ensuring Quality and Safety in Food Trade Moderator: Mr Geemon Korah	Representatives from: Spice board / MPEDA/ FSSAI / Industry / Codex Chairs
1625-1630 hrs	Vote of Thanks	CII

1630 – 1730 hrs Technical Session Building Robustness in Infrastructure & Capacity of Food Testing Laboratories

Food Testing Laboratories play a crucial role in maintaining a nationally integrated science-based system for food safety and quality. Strong & updated knowledge of sampling, key and emerging contaminants and the analytical methods for their detection ensure the quality of the food and reflect on the overall capability and competency of food testing laboratories. This technical session will focus on pertinent issues for developing robust food testing laboratory and will be particularly important for FSOs, Food Safety professionals from State Laboratories, FBOs and others.

1630-1635 hrs	Welcome Remarks	CII
1635-1645 hrs	Role of Sampling and Sample Analysis in Microbiological Examination of Foods	Dr K. N Bhilegaonkar Principal scientist & Head, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar

1645-1655 hrs	Advanced Techniques for Microbiological Analysis of Foods	Dr K. Balamurugan Prof & Head, Department of Biotechnology Alagappa University
1655-1705 hrs	Preformed Toxins & Allergens in Food: safety implications	Dr Abhijit Ganguli Sr Counsellor, CII FACE
1705-1715 hrs	Food Allergens risk analysis	Mr. Shrinivas Joshi President, AOAC India
1715-1725 hrs	Question & Answer	Facilitated by CII FACE
1725-1730 hrs	Vote of Thanks	CII