



National Instituut voor Voedselveiligheid Suriname
National Institute for Food Safety Suriname



PROPOSED NIVS STRATEGIC PLAN

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Paramaribo – Suriname

Why a Strategic Plan?

Offers the organization a direction for development and implementation of its programs during the upcoming period:

A Vision

A Set of Strategic Goals that support the development of an implementation plan



Vision – Iteration 1

To effectively serve the people, including the food and agrifood sector, of Suriname as the Primary Food Competent Authority supported by Modernized Food Legislation, and through the operations of Proactive Food Regulatory Programs



Vision – Iteration 2

To be recognized as the leading food regulatory authority of Suriname and support enhanced consumer protection, a favorable environment for the food and agrifood productions sector.



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To be recognized as the leading food regulatory authority of Suriname and support enhanced consumer protection and favorable environment for the food and agrifood productions sector.

To be recognized as the leading food regulatory authority of Suriname, to effectively enhance consumer protection and ~~strive for/contribute to /develop/~~ a favorable environment for the food and agrifood sector, supported by Modernized Food Legislation, and through the operations of Proactive Food Regulatory Programs

To be recognized as ~~the /~~ a leading food regulatory authority of ~~(Suriname)~~ ~~(in ~~the Caribbean / CARICOM~~)~~,
to effectively enhance consumer protection and contribute to a favorable environment for the food ~~and agri-food~~ sector, supported by Modernized Food Legislation, and through the operations of Proactive Food Regulatory Programs

To be recognized as a leading food regulatory authority *to effectively enhance consumer protection and contribute to a favorable environment for the food and agri-food sector, supported by Modernized Food Legislation, and through the operations of Proactive Food Regulatory Programs*

To regulate and promote the safety, quality and sustainability of food and agrifood products – produced, imported into and exported from Suriname – protecting the health of consumers and enabling fair practices in the food trade.





- ❑ Promote **collaboration** with and between stakeholders.
- ❑ Embrace **transparency** in food regulatory decision-making, operations and management.
- ❑ Emphasize **the independence** of NIVS as a food competent authority protecting consumers and creating a fair environment for food trade.
- ❑ Promote **impartial** treatment amongst stakeholders and constituents of NIVS



Strategic Goal 1

Modernize Suriname's Food Safety Legislation and Develop Supporting Regulatory Frameworks



Activities:

- Develop and consult on policy underpinning the new food safety legislation.
- Draft a modernized Suriname Food Act and support its discussion and adoption by Parliament.
- Develop a regulatory regime for food import management and Control.
- Develop a regulatory regime for minimum food safety requirements of Food Business Operators.
- Develop food contaminant regulatory requirements.

Strategic Goal 2

Promote Food Safety Practices by Surinamese Food Producers and Operators

Activities:

- Develop a general food safety awareness campaign:
 - For food producers.
 - For consumers.
- Develop tailored guidance for enhanced food safety practices:
 - Prerequisite programs.
 - Preventive controls.
- Develop and deploy guidance and associated training on Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) adapted for Suriname.
- Develop guidance on food labelling practices.



Strategic Goal 3

Engage with Domestic and International Partners and Stakeholders to Promote Suriname's Position as a Leading Food and Agrifood Producer.

Activities:

- Enable effective preparation and participation of Surinamese delegations in Codex Committee proceedings.
- Play a leading role in the operationalization of the Caribbean Taskforce on Food Safety and support Caribbean Food Regulatory Convergence.
- Support the development and enabling of food safety and food regulatory science capacity building in collaboration with CAHFSA that serves NIVS / Suriname's food regulatory programs.



Strategic Goal 4

Build a Dynamic and Professional Workforce and Enable Effective Food Regulatory Operations

Activities:

- Develop an introductory training for professional food safety staff to use as part of a professional recruitment strategy.
- Engage with technical institutes and other academic institutions in Suriname to support the identification of talent and promote food safety regulatory jobs.
- Develop a Safe and Favorable environment for NIVS workforce to operate and develop
- Develop working conditions, accountabilities, and rules
- Develop a code of conduct for NIVS staff.
- Identify and fill key food regulatory operational positions within the first 12 months.
- Develop and deploy NIVS on-boarding program supported by a continued education program.
- Develop a competency-based approach to HR management.
- Develop Information and Communication Tools (ICTs) to support effective food regulatory operations, including registration of establishments and the decision-making process.



Strategic Goal 5

Build a Science Capacity Serving Stakeholders and NIVS

Activities:

- Enhance food laboratory operations with extension of food testing capacities to address the needs of Suriname's food production sectors.
- Develop a food safety science capacity to anchor NIVS Decision-making in Food Risk Analysis:
 - E.g. risk assessment capacity and science evaluation operations.
- Promote NIVS scientific teams to be part of international food science regulatory networks.
- Sustain infrastructure and equipment investments to support NIVS food safety regulatory operations.



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