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# UNPACKING FOOD REGULATORY FUNCTIONS

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# Introduction and Objectives

#### **Map Food Regulatory Programs**

**Using Codex Guidance:** 

Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems: CXG 82-2013 and

Best Practices in Food Regulatory
Operations



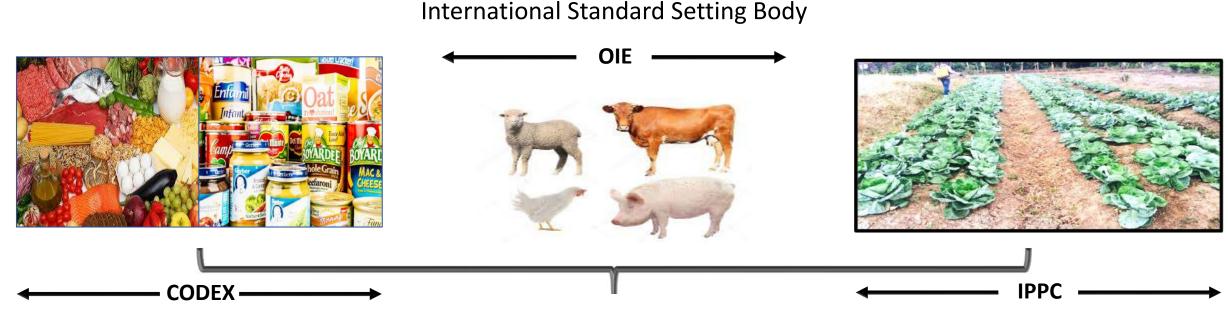






### NIVS Mandate

Mandate of the NIVS and Division of Responsibilities Against Mandate of the FAO / WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX):



Food Products At Any Processing Level
And Feed







## Public Health Mandate

Disease Surveillance
E.g. Salmonellosis

Prioritization

Prevention

Treatment



International Health Regulations **30G OVERSIGHT** 

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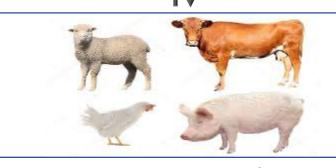


Raw Meat, Vegetables, Milk and
Processed Food

Oversight on Food Products and Feed

CODEX -

**NIVS OVERSIGHT** 



Zoonoses Surveillance / Disease Prevention Management

Management of Resource Oversight on Animal Health

OIE

**LVV OVERSIGHT** 



Surveillance / Prevention Management

Management of Resource Oversight on Plant Health

**IPPC** 

LVV OVERSIGHT







# Building a Robust Food Regulatory Structure









# A Food Competent Authority

#### **An Effective Food Safety Competent Authority:**

- Anchors its actions and operations in a *robust legislative* and regulatory framework that enables it to "develop, establish, implement, maintain and enforce a national food control system".
- ☐ Bases its food safety decisions un the application of the *Risk Analysis Principles*.
- ☐ Ensures effective food regulatory operations both for standard setting and compliance and enforcement
- ☐ Is supported by a **focused**:
  - Scientific capacity for risk assessment
  - Laboratory operations.









# Food Safety Regulatory Management Foundation

#### **COLLABORATION & SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES**

Ensuring the Safety, Quality and Authenticity of Food is a Shared Responsibility:

- ☐ Industry Primary Responsibility
  - Sourcing ingredients.
  - Safe & sanitary conditions of production & sale.
  - Honest representation to consumers.
- □ Consumers
  - Choice of food and consumption as per direction.
  - Food handling and conservation as per recommendation to avoid spoilage and contamination (including cross-contamination).
- ☐ Regulators
  - Delegated authority from consumers to oversee "food" on their behalf.















# Food Safety is at the Centre of Several Policy Agendas

# Enhancing the Performance of Food/Agrifood Value Chains Through Food Safety



Food Safety at the Intersect of the Agriculture, Health and Trade Agendas

Enhancement of food safety performance of value chains

Backed with / supported by the enhancement of food regulatory backstops







# NIVS Operationalization — Principles

- □ Aligned with International Guidance: Codex
- ☐Anchors:
  - Evidence Basis
  - Scientific Foundation
- ☐ Practical, Pragmatic
- ☐ Sector-Focused
- ☐ Enabler of Sector Development and Innovation
- ☐ Commensurate with Resources
- ☐ Ambitious: For Regional Leadership
- **□**Sustainable

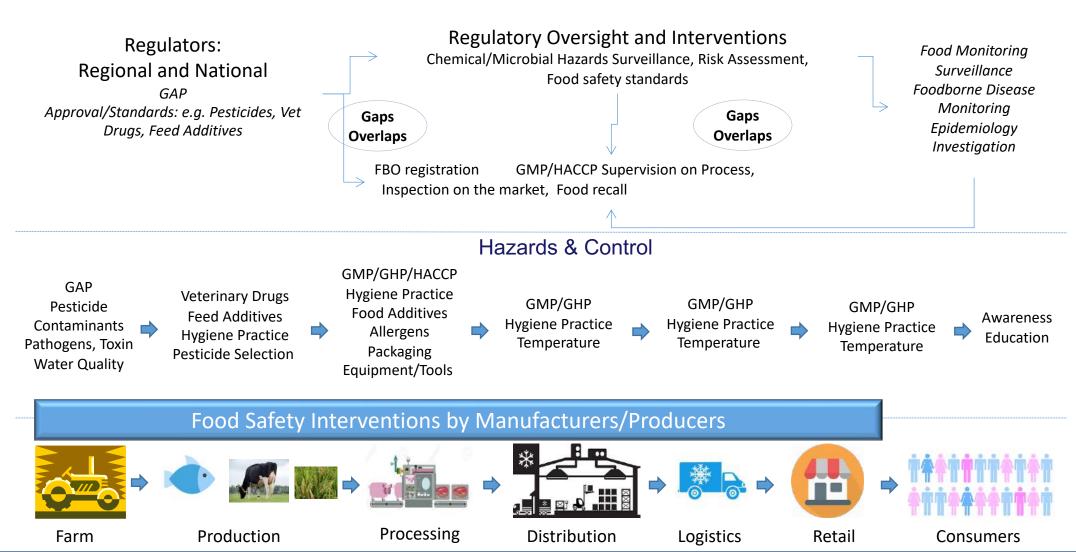








#### Proposed Approach: Incremental & Integrated Food Regulatory Interventions









## Benefits of the Integrations and Incremental Approach

#### Domestic **Value Chain Food Safety Food Safety Certification of** Markets **Standard Standard Adoption** Development of **Adherence** $\Rightarrow$ **Exports** & Implementation Food Safety **Development** Interventions **Competent Authorities Enabling Mechanisms** Accreditation Applied as Part of use Industry Experience of Certifying FBOs' due Support to Industry to Develop Voluntary **Partners** towards Enhanced diligence to Codes of Practice / Compliance address Risks: Standards Non-Competitive *In application of* **EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE** Guidance general provisions of food safety Which may evolve to Sector Specific Guidance mandatory measures requirements and Food Safety Solutions to of voluntary Facilitate Adoption of approaches **Enhanced Standards** Level Playing Field: Standards **REGULATORY** Compliance Verification **ENHANCEMENTS** Incident Management, Recalls, etc. **REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATION & ENHANCEMENT**







# Aiming for a Modern Regulatory Regime

#### **Older Food Safety Approach**

- Reactive approach
- Main responsibility with Government
- No structured risk analysis
- Reliance on end product testing and inspection

**Modern Food Safety Approach** 

- Preventive approach
- Shared responsibility –
   FBO main actor in food safety prevention
- Structured risk analysis
- Priority based on risk

Incremental / Risk-based
Oversight













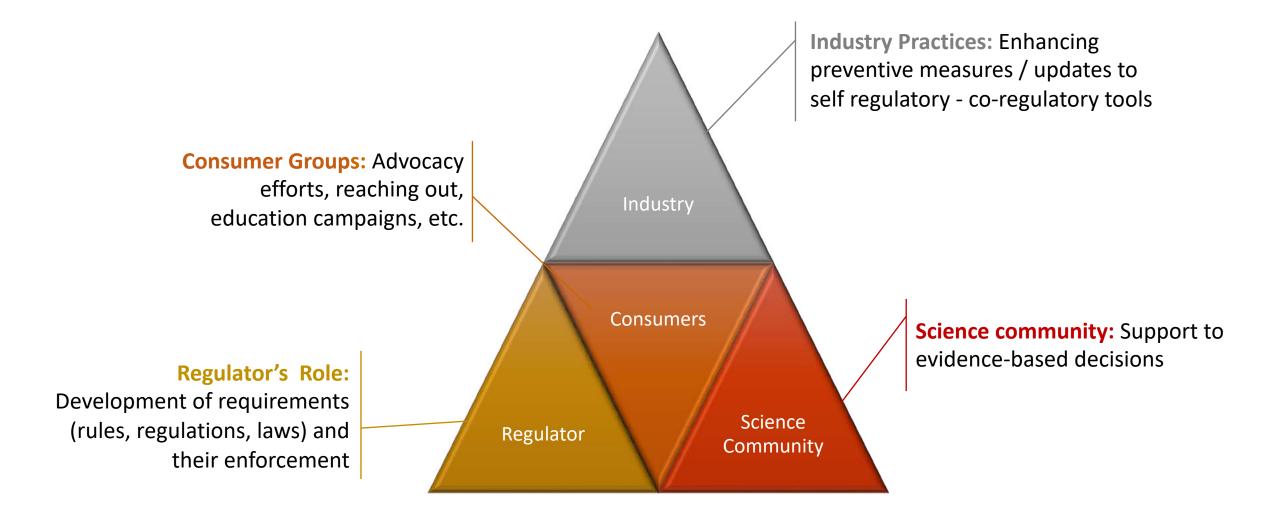








## Collaboration









### GOALS

#### **Contribute in Achieving Objectives of the National Food Control System**

#### **Primary Objective**

Protect consumers

- Health (Safety)
- Deception (Quality)

#### **Accompanying Objective**

Ensure fair practices in food trade / Support sector development

- Predictability
- Equality of treatment
- Transparency

\*Source: Section 2 of CAC/GL 82-2013







