



WORKSHOP ON RISK-BASED FOOD REGULATORY INTERVENTIONS

29 September 2024 • W Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Event Supported by the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS), a Disciplinary Group of the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST)

Background and Objectives

The Food Safety and Quality Center of the Sultanate of Oman is collaborating with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to organize a one-day workshop dedicated to reviewing Risk-based Food Regulatory Interventions. The Workshop will review current and best practices related to the application of risk-based decision making in food import control, as well as to support the development of regulatory decisions pertaining to Plant health and food derived from biotechnology.

This event is supported by the contribution of experts from the USDA and the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS).

PROPOSED AGENDA

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-10:00 Official Opening Session

Dr. Harrison Grafos, Regional Agricultural Attache, United States Department of Agriculture's Regional Office, U.S. Consulate General in Dubai

Dr. Hussein Masroori, Director, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman

H.E. Dr. Saud Hamoud Al-Habsai, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman (TBC)

H.E. Ana Escrogima, U.S. Ambassador to Sultanate of Oman (TBC)

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:00 Introduction to Risk-Based Food Regulatory Decision Making

This presentation will set the scene with the introduction of Codex guidance related to Risk-based decision-making.

Samuel Godefroy, Ph.D., Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Quebec City, QC, Canada; President International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST); President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS)

11:00-11:30 Ensuring Safety of GM Foods and Food Security through Trade

Chris Peterson, PhD, Lead Science Advisor | New Technologies and Production Methods Division, Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture

11:30-12:00 Reviewing Parameters Impacting Risk Determination in Import Management and Risk Attribution

Samuel Godefroy, Ph.D., Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Quebec City, QC, Canada; President International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST); President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-13:30 APHIS Animal Health Status Evaluations and Import Risk Analysis

Erin Beasley, DVM, MPH, Agriculture Attaché, Middle East and North Africa, International Services (IS), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

13:30-14:00 Introduction of Risk-Based Food Import Control – Strategic Framework

Samuel Godefroy, Ph.D., Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Quebec City, QC, Canada; President International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST); President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)

14:00–14:30 Oman Efforts in the Development of Risk Analysis-Based Food Regulatory Environment

Dr. Hussein Masroori, Director, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-15:30 Presentation by Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman

Speaker: TBC

15:30-16:00 Overview of APHIS Plant Commodity Import Approval Process

Erin Beasley, DVM, MPH, Agriculture Attaché, Middle East and North Africa, International Services (IS), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

16:00-17:00 Panel Discussion

Sharing experiences and discussing challenges and opportunities to further anchor food regulatory decision-making in food risk analysis

Moderator: Samuel Godefroy, Ph.D., Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Quebec City, QC, Canada; President International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST); President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)

17:00-19:00 Workshop Closing Dinner

Closing Remarks

Dr. Harrison Grafos, Regional Agricultural Attache, United States Department of Agriculture's Regional Office, U.S. Consulate General in Dubai

Keynote Remarks

Dr. Hussein Masroori, Director, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman

Takeaway Remarks

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