



# 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 United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), in collaboration with the Sultanate of Oman's Food Safety and Quality Center, is organizing a one-day workshop dedicated to reviewing risk-based food regulatory intervention. The workshop will review current and best practices related to the application of risk-based decision making in food import control, as well as support the development of regulatory decisions pertaining to plant and animal health, as well as food derived from biotechnology.

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

## PROPOSED AGENDA

**8:30-9:00** Registration

**9:00-9:30** Official Opening Session

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

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

**9:30-10:00** 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)*

**10:00-10:30** Ensuring Safety of GM Foods and Food Security through Trade

*Chris Peterson, PhD, Lead Science Advisor, New Technologies and Production Methods Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture*

**10:30-11:00** Coffee Break

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

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**11:30-12:00 APHIS Animal Health Status Evaluations and Import Risk Analysis**

*Dr. 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)*

**12:00-13:30 Lunch Break and Dhuhr Prayer**

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

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**14:00-14:45 Oman Efforts in the Development of Risk Analysis-Based Food Regulatory Environment**

*Dr. Intisar Al Gharibi, Director of Food Risk Assessment and Crisis Management, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman*

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

**14:45-15:15 Overview of APHIS Plant Commodity Import Approval Process**

*Dr. 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)*

**15:15-15:45 Coffee Break and Asr Prayer**

**15:45-16:30 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)*

**Panelists:**

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**16:30-19:00 Break and Maghreb Prayer**

**19:00-21:00 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-General, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman*

**Takeaway Remarks** • *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)*