



"FAO initiatives on regional SPS & TBT issues"

**Regional Workshop for Asia on WTO Agreements
on SPS and TBT
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FAO Vision

- **Achieving food security for all** is at the heart of FAO's efforts – to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives.

Food security: all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. [World Food Summit, 1996]



FAO's Regional Food safety & Quality Programme

- Around **15 - 20 projects/ programmes** on food safety & quality (national/ regional) & tools & GL developed
- Broadly covers:
 - **Food control management** – food control (safety & quality) policy, legislation, strategy, governance (incl coordination mechanisms)
 - **SPS/ Food standards, requirements/ norms and Codex** related activities
 - **Enforcement and surveillance** – routine inspection, mgmt of food safety incidents & emergencies; FBDS, import/ export controls
 - **Laboratory and testing aspects**
 - **Agro-food supply chains** (including street foods/ retail); linkage to primary production
 - **Certifications and accreditation**
 - **Information, education, communication and training**



Food safety Policies, Legislation & Governance

- ❑ **Assessment of country scenario to determine preparedness for FS** – food safety controls, coordination – Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand (FAO/WHO food control system assessment tool)



- ❑ **Policy and governance**

- Regional Consultations on **Food Safety Policy** development in Asia; Enhancing **Inter-ministerial Coordination** to strengthen/ promote Food Safety
- **Evidence-based** decision making & policy development using multi criteria approaches
- **Policy assistance** – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Laos, Nepal, Mongolia, Cambodia, Thailand



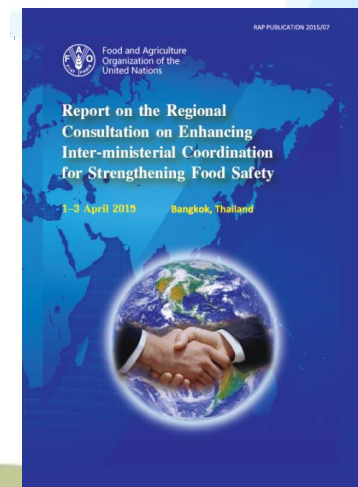
Record of Proceedings

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Guidelines for Development of Food Safety Policies for Countries in Asia
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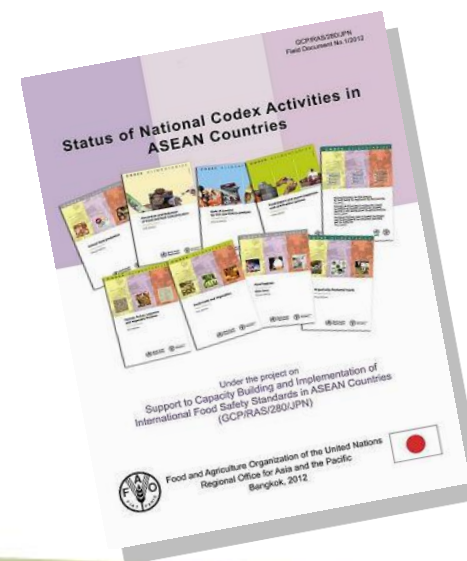
- ❑ **Support in review of legislation/ regulations** – Bangladesh, Laos, Cambodia, Nepal, Mongolia





SPS/Standards/ Codex related

- ❑ **Standards** – clarity between voluntary and regulatory standards; harmonization
- ❑ **Codex** – understanding working of CAC, facilitating country participation in CAC, establishment of country infrastructure
- ❑ **Training materials**
 - Training WS on Food recall and traceability -Application in National food safety control:
 - Strengthening Capacity in Data Collection and Generation for Food Safety Risk Analysis
 - Design and Evaluation of Mycotoxin Sampling Protocols
 - Enhancing effective participation in Codex activities in ASEAN countries

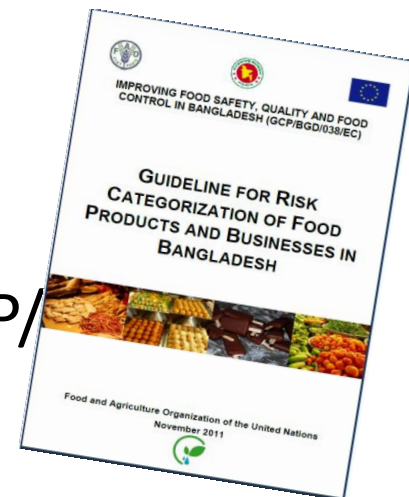


<http://foodsafetyasiapacific.net/>



Enforcement and Surveillance

- ❑ Guidelines for **risk categorization** of food & food establishments for ASEAN, Bangladesh
- ❑ **Imported food control manual** - risk-based import controls manual – pre-border, border, post-border
- ❑ **Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programme Development** - Training Workshop for Asian Countries
- ❑ **Laboratory and testing aspects** – Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand – inspection
- ❑ **Strengthening preventive approaches (GAP/GMP/HACCP)** : developing schemes & certification systems, strengthening SMEs, food retail





Food safety Emergencies

- **Focus:** FSER planning, food safety recalls, **early warning & horizon scanning**, INFOSAN
- **Activities**
 - Pilots (Bangladesh, Thailand), WS Developing National **FSER** Plans (ASEAN)
 - **INFOSAN** – projects (Thailand, Bangladesh)
- **Publications**
 - Framework for developing national food safety emergency response plans (2010)
 - Guide for application of risk analysis principles to food safety emergencies
 - Guide for developing & improving National Food Recall Systems





Strengthening preventive approaches - Food Retail

- Food retail in Asia

- Regional WS on hygiene and safety in the food retail sector (12 - 14 September 2013, Singapore); 22 countries 41 delegates

- Recommendations

- ✓ **Guidance on hygiene and safety in food retail sector – 12 sections**
- ✓ **Regional network** - Food retail network in Asia <http://foodretailnetwork.asia/>
- ✓ **Checklist** for inspection of street food
- ✓ Booklet giving information on **rapid test kits**



Strengthening preventive approaches GMP/HACCP

- **GMP/HACCP In Asia**

- **Regional Consultation Workshop:
Implementation of GMP/HACCP in Asia
a status review**, organised FAO & FSVO,
Switzerland 23-25 June 2014, Bangkok

- **Recommendations**

- ❖ **Regional guidance** on criteria for
GMP/HACCP for Asia
- ❖ **Sector specific guidance** - restaurant/
catering, meat, desiccated coconut, fish
sauce, dairy, fishery, etc;





Certifications and Accreditations

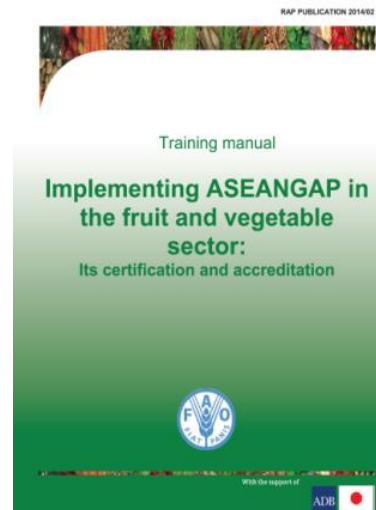
- **Focus:** Support in developing/ strengthening schemes certifications for government, private sector, internal control mechanisms; trainings
- Activities
 - Implementing **GAP** in F&V, its Certification & Accreditation – ASEAN, SAARC
 - **GI certification** – support 4 countries to build a GI certification scheme, trainings, marketing opportunities



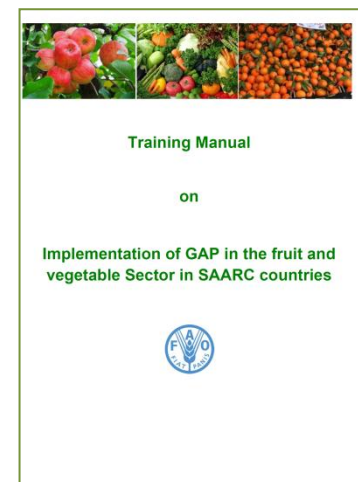


Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)

- Training manual on “Implementing ASEANGAP in the F&V sector, its Certification & Accreditation”
- **SAARC - Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) Standards & Certification Scheme**
 - Scheme – 3 parts - Piloting in 4 countries
 - ✓ I – GAP standards/ requirements
 - ✓ II Structure for implementing GAP in a country
 - ✓ Part III Certification of GAP - Certification criteria, process, CB requirements, Rules for using Logo
 - Training manual Implementation of GAP in the fruit and vegetable Sector in SAARC countries (5 modules, 18 sessions)



<http://www.fao.org/docrep/019/i3576e/i3576e00.htm>





Training Manual on Implementation of GAP in the fruit and vegetable Sector in SAARC countries

Module I Introduction to GAP

Session 1 Background to food safety and introduction to GAP
Session 2 Different GAP standards – GlobalG.A.P./ other GAPs

Module II The GAP standards/requirements

Session 3 An overview of GAP standard - Structure, requirements and conformity criteria
Session 4 Food safety module
Session 5 Environmental management module
Session 6 Workers health, safety and welfare module
Session 7 Produce quality module
Session 8 General requirements module (incl. group controls)
Session 9 GAP verification criteria, control points & checklists

Module III Establishment of National Implementation Systems

Session 10 Options & Structure for implementing GAP in a country
Session 11 Scheme & Scheme Owner

Module IV GAP Certification and Accreditation

Session 12 Importance of GAP certification and accreditation
Session 13 Criteria for selection of an AB for GAP
Session 14 Establishment of a CB for GAP
Session 15 GAP Certification Process
Session 16 Auditing and auditing techniques

Module V Preparing a Farmer/Producer or Producer Group for GAP

Session 17 Preparing the farmer/ farmer groups for implementing GAP
Session 18 The application and approval process



Information, Education, Communication and Training

- ☐ **Projects** - Bangladesh, Viet Nam
- ☐ **Trainings and workshops** - Risk communication training
- ☐ **Curriculum** - Diploma in Sanitary Inspector course
- ☐ **IEC materials** on food –GHP for Street food/bakery /sweetmeat
- ☐ **Food safety platforms/ databases** – GM Platform, INFOSAN, safety for food retail - Food retail network in Asia
<http://foodretailnetwork.asia/>



<http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4850e.pdf>



Snapshot of Ongoing Projects in Asia ...1

Regional projects:

- **ASEAN** - Support to CB & Implementation of International **Food Safety Standards** in ASEAN Countries” (*WS, training course, case studies, guidance documents*)
- **GMS** - Promotion of rural development through development of **Geographical indications** at regional level in Asia
- **SAARC - Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) Standards & Certification Scheme**
- **Asia** – Enhancing Inter-ministerial Coordination to strengthen/ promote food safety



Snapshot of Ongoing Projects in Asia ...2

- **Country Projects:**

- Improving food safety & Institutionalization of Food Safety in Bangladesh for safer Food (**Bangladesh**)
- Developing food law (**Laos**)
- Development of Food Safety Law (**Cambodia**)
- Institutional Strengthening on FS & QC in Supply Chain Management of Livestock Products & INFOSAN (**Thailand**)
- Strengthening the FS information, education, communication capacity (**VN**)
- Strengthening SPS capacity for trade – improving safety & Q of fresh vegetables through value chain approach (**Vietnam**)
- Assessment of food safety control system in **Sri Lanka**
- Strengthening Food Safety Control Management in **Myanmar**
- Enhancing SPS Capacity of Ginger Exports through PPP and Policy assistance for **bio-secure** agro-food supply chain(**Nepal**)
- Strengthening of Food Safety and Standards (**Bhutan**)
- Strengthening of National Codex Capacity (**Mongolia**)
- CB to improve market access for fish & fishery products (**Myn**)



Some priorities in the Region

- Assessment of countries on Food Control capacity
- Support to countries in strengthening coordination between Ministries/ Departments for food safety
- Regional Consultation on **Food Safety Indicators/ food safety strategy for the region**
- Regional network on **food retail**
- **Risk-based inspections** – trainings, import controls
- Harmonization of standards & technical regulations on food – clear role of **regulatory & voluntary standards**
- **Primary production aspects** - Strengthening GAP through development of schemes & certification systems



Important websites

- FAO Food Safety and quality home page
<http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/home-page/en/>
- Web page on Vet & Public Health, Feed & Food Safety;
www.fao.org/ag/AGAinfo/programmes/en/A6.html
- Emergency prevention & early warning in area of food safety:
EMPRES-FS@fao.org
- INFOSAN – International food safety authorities network – for dissemination of important global food safety information – INFOSAN Community Network <https://extranet.who.int/infosan/>
- *FAO Regional office for Asia and the Pacific
<http://www.fao.org/asiapacific/rap/home/en/>
- *Capacity Building and implementation of international food safety standards in ASEAN countries
<http://foodsafetyasiapacific.net/>
- Food retail network in Asia <http://foodretailnetwork.asia/>

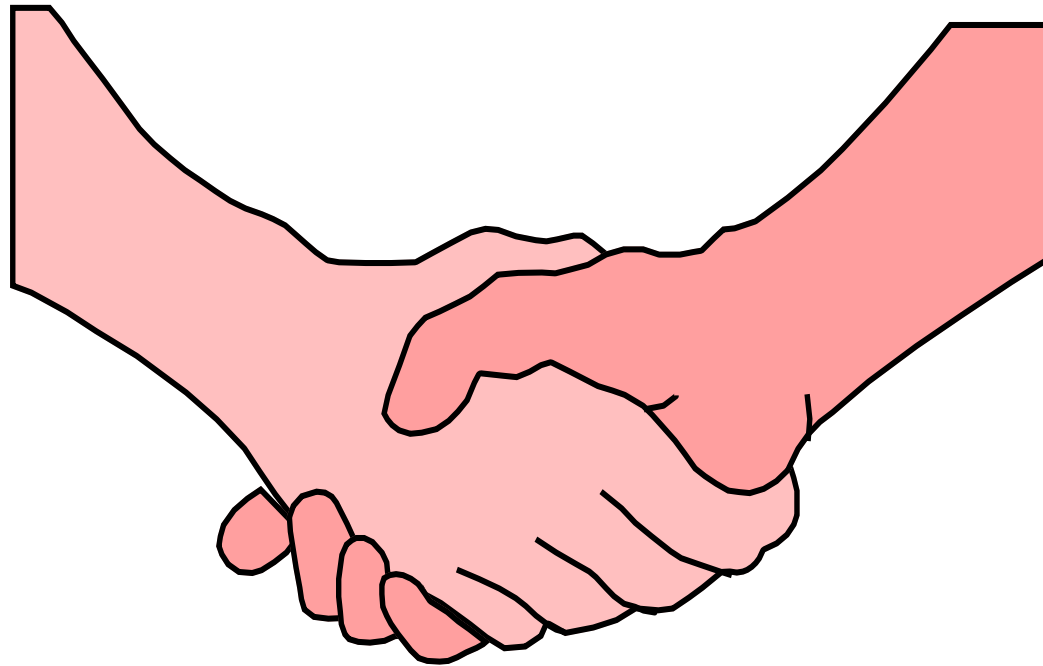


FAO addresses such issues along the following Animal Health Themes

- Support to national efforts to control selected 'high impact' diseases present in the country (field projects on technical aspects, legislation)
- 'Generic' enhancement of national disease control systems (capacity building)
- Fostering regional cooperation and the development of regional approaches and coordination capacity for the control of priority transboundary and emerging diseases
- Promotion of Human – Animal Health Sector collaboration (zoonoses, food safety)
- Information generation and dissemination (education, guidelines, SOPs).



THANK YOU



Any Questions?

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