FAO/IAEA Workshop on “Food Control Systems and the Role of the Different Stakeholders in the Food Supply Chain”

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**What is a Food Control System?**

**Food control system**

The System in place in a country to assure that official controls are carried out on food and food establishments to guarantee the food safety.

**Scope**

- Could be different
- UE Legal scope: Reg. 882/2004:
  - Food and food establishments
  - Animal welfare
  - Feed
  - Animal health
Member States shall enforce food law, and monitor and verify that the relevant requirements of food law are fulfilled by food and feed business operators at all stages. For that purpose, they shall maintain a **system of official controls**

**LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

**REGULATION (EC) No 178/2002**, laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety
REGULATION (EC) No 882/2004

COMMISSION DECISION 2007/363/EC on guidelines to assist Member States in preparing the MANCP provided for in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

COMMISSION DECISION 2008/654/EC on guidelines to assist Member States in preparing the annual report on the single integrated multiannual national control plan provided for in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004
Food control system

Regulation 882/2004

Hygiene package

Regulation 178/2002
Food Control System Elements

- Competent Authorities
- Legal framework
- Official Control Plans
- Resources
- Audit System
- Verification Effectiveness System
Control plan:

Means a description established by the competent authority containing general information on the structure and organization of its official control systems.

Article 41 Multi-annual national control plans

In order to ensure the effective implementation of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, each Member State shall prepare a single integrated multi-annual national control plan.
Spanish MANCP

http://www.aesan.msc.es/AESAN/web/control_oficial/control_oficial.shtml

Document that includes all the information regarding official controls along the food chain.

Is the main tool for the continuous improvement of the food control systems (PDCA-Cycle).

Spain's real situation is that it has 17 official control systems and must have ONLY ONE MANCP and ONLY ONE annual report (by law). This is our biggest handicap.
Why a MANCP?

- To have information about the system of official controls at national level.

- To inform about our working procedures and about our work (annual report). Aim of transparency of the public administration.

- To comply with the provisions of Regulation 882/2004.
Why a MANCP?

Utilities of MANCP

- Consulting tool
- Tool for the “continuous improvement”

Strong points of MANCP

- Transparent and accessible (Web)
- Integrated-Complete
- Updated (every year)
- Helps the CAs finding overlaps and gaps
Verifying the effectiveness of official control systems

3 Tools for the verification of the effectiveness of the official controls:

– Periodic review of the system (Annual report?)
– Audits of official controls
– Supervision

Verification of **compliance**
Verification of **effectiveness**
Suitability to achieve the **strategic objectives**
Review of the system

Inputs

Objectives

Actions

Indicators

Outputs

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Revision

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STAGES TO IMPLEMENT A FOOD CONTROL SYSTEM

1º CREATE AN OBJECTIVE
- Detailed as much as possible

2º DECIDE HOW TO ACHIEVE IT
- Depending the level of detail of the objectives, the flexibility would be more or less. Definition of the procedure to be followed

3º DO THE ACTIONS
- To perform the actions to achieve the objectives

4º EVALUATE IF THE ACTIONS PERFORMED WERE APPROPRIATE TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES
- Collecting data and using indicators to assess the level of achieving the objectives

5º REVIEW THE SYSTEM
- It could mean that the objectives should be adapted (step 1)
- Or the way to achieve the objectives (step 2)
- (...)

SUPERVISION
EVALUATION OF THE SYSTEM OPERATION
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Taller de Verificación de la eficacia del control oficial: supervisión y auditoría

Madrid, 2 y 3 de junio de 2014

Food control system flow

Food Business operators

Competent authorities

Environment

Efectiveness

Objetives
Inputs
Official controls
Outputs
Outcomes
Impact

Compliance

Efectiveness

Suitability of the System
Managing Units

Inspector

Food business operator

Food

AUDITS

SUPERVISION

CONTROL

REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM

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Thank you