



ROBUST INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT GUIDING SOUND FOOD REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT

2-Day Workshop • Sheraton, Cairo • 18-19 August 2024

Background and Workshop Objectives

The robustness of a food regulatory framework is conditioned by the way the food stakeholder community is engaged and is contributing to the development and deployment of the food regulatory agenda, including:

- ❖ The identification and development of food regulatory priorities.
- ❖ The development and input in food regulatory proposals.
- ❖ The collaborative deployment of select food regulatory functions.

This workshop gathers officials of the National Food Safety Authority of Egypt (NFSA) and of representatives of major food industry actors in the Arab republic of Egypt and aims to review current practices and develop recommendations for a more collaborative approach between all stakeholders in shaping Egypt's food regulatory decisions.

This workshop supports the delivery of NFSA's commitments as part of the Authority Strategic Plan 2023-26, aiming for a more inclusive, transparent, predictable and evidence-based food regulatory system in Egypt, protecting consumers and offering an enabling environment for the development of food and agrifood industries.

PROPOSED AGENDA • DAY 1 • 18 August 2024

10:00-10:30 Official Opening

10:30-11:00 Introduction of Participants, Review of the Workshop Objectives and Agenda

11:00-12:00 Introductory Presentation

Setting the Scene: Foundations of a Robust Food Regulatory Program – Learning from International Guidance and Best Practices Globally

➤ Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Université Laval; IUFoST; GForSS

12:00-12:30 Qs & As and Discussion by Participants

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13:00-14:30 Modernizing Contribution of the Food Industry in the Food Regulatory Agenda

Introductory Presentation followed by facilitated group work in roundtables.

Topics for discussion:

- The identification of food regulatory priorities.
- Contribution of industry with provision of data and evidence.
- Support to benchmarking food regulatory measures.
- Shaping the food regulatory process and avenues for industry's contributions.
- Proposing systematic approaches for industry's engagement in the food regulatory agenda: advisory committees, technical working groups, etc.
- Making recommendations to ensure a more inclusive, predictable and collaborative approach in developing food regulatory decisions by NFSA.

This session aims to review the current practice of industry's involvement in the food regulatory development led by NFSA, and avenues to modernize such contribution towards more effectiveness and collaboration.

14:30-15:30 Reporting on Group Work and Shaping Initial Recommendations

15:30 Networking Catered Lunch

PROPOSED AGENDA • DAY 2 • 19 August 2024

10:00-10:30 **Review of Day 1 Recommendations and Objectives | Day 2 Agenda**

10:30-12:00 **Reviewing Examples of Food Regulatory Policy**

- OECD recommendations on *Improving the Quality of Government Regulation*.
- Ensuring Effectiveness of food regulatory instruments.
- Examples of Targeted food regulatory policies supporting a consistent and predictable food regulatory environment: e.g. food labelling, managing of contaminants in food.

Introductory presentation by Prof. Samuel Godefroy followed by facilitated discussions focussing on recommended areas of improvement of Egypt's food regulatory landscape to enable a favorable environment for the development of the sector.

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12:30-14:30 **Recommended Enhancement in Egypt's Food Regulatory Processes to Support an Enabling Environment for the Food / Agrifood Production Sector**

This session aims to take stock of the international practices in food regulatory modernization and to discuss possible recommendations for:

- Adaptation of co-regulatory and self-regulatory mechanisms to the Egyptian food regulatory landscape
- Ensuring the systematic and robust documentation and substantiation of Egypt's food regulatory decisions
- Ensuring effective leadership of Egypt in regional and international food regulatory decision making process

Introductory presentation on best practices promoting food regulatory collaboration (including concepts of self and co-regulation) and group discussions.

14:30-15:00 **Group Reports and Recording of Recommendations**

15:00-15:30 **Official Workshop Closing**

15:30 **Networking Catered Lunch**