



<b>Activity Title and Number:</b> EU management of risk communication and data exchanges; A443-C3	<b>Beneficiary:</b> National Family Planning and Health Commission (NFPHC)
<b>Location and Date:</b> Germany; 14 June- 4 July 2015	<b>Stakeholders:</b> Chinese Food and Drug Administration (CFDA), Agro-food Industry, Academic institutions.

## Brief Activity Report

### Relevance and Impact

The EU's food safety strategy is based on solid legislation on food safety and animal health. Risk assessment is one of the EU pillars to maintain its high standards in food safety. The Chinese Food Safety Law *Article 21* states that "Food safety risk assessment results shall be the scientific basis for developing, modifying food safety standards and implementing food safety regulatory work." According to this law the development of food standards must be science-base, and therefore the assessment of the risk associated to food consumption becomes compulsory. In this context, the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) agreed with the European Commission, specifically DG TRADE and DG SANTE, to implement initiatives to exchange knowledge and acquire first-hand experience in the area of risk assessment. This activity increases the capacity of the China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) on risk assessment to support the development and revision of standards as well as the harmonisation of EU and Chinese standards.

### Activity Description

Two Chinese experts from the NHFPC's China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) spent two weeks in the German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) in Berlin, Germany and one week in Lower Saxony State Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety (LAVES) in Oldenburg, Germany.

Key elements during the study assignment were:

- Understanding procedures to conduct food safety risk surveillance (source of funds, sampling design, data quality control, relation with reference laboratories, data collection and analysis, preparation of report as well as application of surveillance data into risk assessment)
- Gain first-hand experience in the enforcement of the regulatory framework related to risk assessment at the state level and industrial



CFSA and BVL experts participating in a workshop BVL headquarters in Berlin

### Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Chinese experts gained new knowledge regarding the structure, plan and surveillance programs to assess risk of agricultural products at central and state levels in Germany.
- ✓ The participants learned through first-hand experience the practices to assess risk at industrial level.
- ✓ The MOUs signed between CFSA and ANSES and BfR were implemented and follow-up activities were proposed.