



<b>Activity Title and Number:</b> EU-China exchanges on food safety governance; A453-C3	<b>Beneficiary:</b> Chinese Food and Drug Administration (CFDA).
<b>Location and Date:</b> Beijing, September 1, 2015.	<b>Stakeholders:</b> The National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), Agri-Food Industry, Academic institutions and Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)

## Brief Activity Report

### Relevance and Impact

Over the past four years food safety issues have continued to be a matter of major concern in China. Consequently, the Chinese government initiated a review of China's first Food Safety Law (FSL), including public consultations. In April 2015, the amended FSL was published and the date of October 1st, 2015 was set up for its enactment. The new version of the FSL states that the CFDA is the main agency in charge of food safety. Agricultural trading partners of China, among them, the European Union (EU) and the United States (USA), provided comments during the FSL public consultation. The activity described herein is a follow-up on the EUCTP II study assignment "The EU Governance strategy to ensure food and feed safety (A331-C3)," where officials from the National People's Congress (NPC) and CFDA enhanced their understanding of the technical and political aspects related to the development and enforcement of the EU food safety legal framework. The event reported herein increases China's trading partners understanding of how to comply with the FSL and, additionally, will contribute to dissipate concerns about unnecessary potential disruptions in agricultural trade. Apart from the EU member states, this activity engages a variety of China's international trading partners such as the USA and other countries outside the EU.

### Activity Description

This interactive event was attended by 272 participants from the Chinese competent authorities, EU and non EU diplomatic mission representatives and relevant industry.

Key technical topics during the activity:

- The Perspectives on Food Safety International Cooperation
- Overview on the Amendments of the Food Safety Law
- China's Management System for Food Safety
- Innovation of China Food Safety Legal System
- Food Marketing and Supervision in the Food Safety Law of China
- Dairy Products and their Labelling Management

### Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Participants from Chinese competent authorities, EU and non EU diplomatic mission representatives and relevant industry enhanced their knowledge regarding the amendments resultant from the revision of the FSL that will come into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- ✓ Experts from the domestic and international industry, and diplomatic representatives gained information about the state of play of the development of specific regulations that will become effective with the implementation of the Chinese FSL.