



Activity Title and Number: Technical consultation on food safety risk assessment; A425-C3	Beneficiary: National Family Planning and Health Commission (NFPHC)
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Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

The Chinese Food Safety (FS) Law has been recently reviewed and it reiterates the need to incorporate risk analysis in the revision and development of food-related regulations. The newly revised law will come into effect in October 2015. According to the Chinese FS Law the development of the food standards must be science-based and, as a consequence of this, 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 resulted in the design of a study assignment to the EU for Chinese risk analysis experts from the China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA). CFSA is the highest ranking risk assessment institution in China with a comprehensive mandate to assess the risk of food related products to support the revision and development of foods standards.

Activity Description

Chinese experts from the NHFPC's China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) travelled to Germany and France to participate in workshops and visit the German Federal Institute for Risk Analysis (BfR), the German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) and the French Agency for Food, Environmental and occupational Health safety (ANSES)

Key elements during the study assignment were:

- Understanding of strategic plan on supervision, surveillance and risk assessment.
- Establishment of priorities, organic structure and human resources.
- 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)
- Assessment of cooperative programs for expert exchanges, research, workshops and trainings to implement the MOU signed between ANSES and CFSA, and BfR and CFSA.
- Explore the possibility of a three-year plan for technical cooperation under the auspices of the Memoranda of Understanding previously signed.



CFSA and ANSES experts participating in workshops at ANSES headquarters in Paris.

Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Chinese experts gained new knowledge regarding the structure, plan and surveillance programs to assess risk from agricultural products in Germany and France.
- ✓ The MOUs signed between CFSA and ANSES and BfR were implemented and follow-up activities were proposed.