

Food Analysis and Mitigation Strategies

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FOOD

- Food Means any article used as food or drink for Human Consumption other than Drug and also includes:
- Any article which enters or used in the composition or preparation of food
- Any flavoring matter or condiments
- Any other article notified by the Central Govt.

Law of Land

□ No person shall Manufacture, Sell, Stock, Distribute, Transport or Exhibit for sale any article of food, including prepared, ready to served or irradiated food except under a license/Registration by FSSAI.

Exact Situation is Different

Food Safety

■Assurance that food will not cause harm to the consumer when it is prepared and/ or eaten according to its intended use.

International Trade: India

FY 2011-12 (Total)

- □ Export \$ 304 Billion (20.94% Growth)
- ☐ Import \$ 488 Billion (32.15% Growth)

FY 2011-12 (Food & Agri)

- □ Export \$ 21.35 Billon (56% Growth/Share 8.7%)
- □ Import \$ 27.19 Billion

No Estimate of Domestic Production

National/International Regime: Food Safety

FSSAI/FAO, WHO, WTO, CODEX, OIE, IPPC including SPS, TBT

1. Consumer Safety

(Prime Importance)

2. Fair Trade Practice

(Fraud/Adulteration)

Food Safety Issues

Intentional/Unintentional

- Physical Hazards
- Chemical Hazards

□ Biological Hazards

Adulteration Hazards

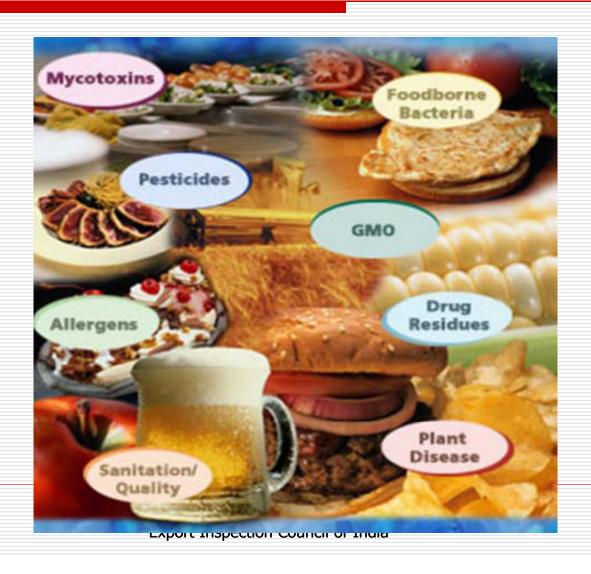
National Regime: Ensuring Food Safety

The Primary Responsibility is of National Food Control System

□ In India there are Multiple Competent Authorities

- 1. FSSAI (Domestic & Import),
- 2. EIC (Export).

Global Food safety issues



Food Safety Issues Travel Very Fast Food Safety Information Travel Faster than Sound and Light



STREET FOOD





- 2.5 billion people eat street food every day across the world
- Use of unsafe water for processing, cleaning & Serving
- Poor hygienic conditions, personal hygiene
- Hygiene and Sanitation Conditions around.
- Lack of food safety issues awareness

TIRUPATI (Pilgrim)





Food Sabotage

- ❖ Appximate 60,000/- persons are fed free
- ❖ 'Shram Daan': Any one can be involved in cooking, cleaning and serving activities
- Religious faith involvement
- Contamination can occur due to poor sanitation

VAISHNO DEVI





- Appx 30,000/- persons are fed in a day.
- ❖ `Shram Daan': Any one can be involved in cooking , cleaning activities, serving etc.
- Religious faith involvement
- Lack of availability of portable water at such hieght

MID-DAY MEAL







- ❖Midday Meal Scheme: It is the popular name for school meal programme in India which started in the 1960s
- ❖ Primary school children (6-14 years) form about 20 per cent of the total population.
- ❖lunch/snacks/meal free of cost to school children on school working days.
- ❖According to this scheme 13.6 million SC children and 10.09 million ST in classes I-V are to be fed every day.
- *Rubbing the plates with soil followed by a quick rinse after.
- Unclean uniform worn and floor where children are made to sit to have their food.

INDIAN WEDDING



- Big fat functions with impressive menu
- **❖Involvement of large number of families and friends**
- Possibility of Serving of stale/contaminated and chances of adulterated food.



- Preparation of food in unclean utensils.
- ❖ Poor personal hygiene of the individual preparing and serving the food.

FLIGHT CATERING







- Variety of Meals & customers to be catered by Airlines
- Chances of Cold Chain is ruptured
- Any contamination at Centralized Kitchen
- **❖Possibly Cross** –contamination may occur

POLITICAL PARTIES



- Cross country meetings at large scale
- Religious functions like Iftaar party



❖Involvement of Political personnel/ official delegates of importance (VVPIs) **HOTEL/ RESTAURANTS**





- Large number and variety of customers (domestic/international)
- Specialized Menu (Buffet)
- Working round the clock
- possibility of Cross-contamination when fresh food is prepared or stored on the same surface as spoiled food

Threats: Food Defense

- ☐ Food borne illness- Disease transmitted to humans by eating Unsafe/Contaminated food.
- □ Outbreak- Development of food borne illness by two or more people that eat a common food that is identified as the source of the illness.

Possible Reasons for Outbreak/Food poisoning

1.Natural Food Poisoning

- This is caused by type of plant and fish that are toxin to humans
- E.g. rhubarb leaves, poisonous mushroom, puffer, fish.

2. Chemical Food Poisoning

- This is caused by chemicals accidentally or negligently getting into food.
- E.g. Overuse of insecticides, cleaning agents, heavy metal contamination of fish from industrial areas.

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- 3. <u>Bacterial Food Poisoning</u>
- Five most common bacterial poisoning are:
- 1. Salmonella, 2. Staphylococcus aureus
- 3. Clostridium perfringens, 4. Bacillus cereus-
- 5. Vibrio parahaemolyticus
- 4. Viral Food borne Infection
- Viruses are transported by the food to the human body and than multiply.
- E.g. Hepatitis A, Gastroenteritis

Causes of Outbreak/Food Borne

- Intentional Contamination
- Failure to thoroughly cook or heat food
- Failure to properly cool processed food
- Infected employees who practice poor personal hygiene
- Food allowed to remain at bacteria-incubating temperatures
- Raw contaminated ingredients incorporated into foods that receive no further heat treatment
- Cross contamination of processed foods

Important Pillars of National Food Control System

- Legislation/Regulation
- Inspection
- □ Testing (Backbone) Food Chemist
- Enforcement



Food Analysis

- Inspection
- Sampling
- Examination
- Testing
- Reporting

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- To a Laboratory is
- (Sample)

Output

- Analytical Data
- (Test Report)

Decision

- Trade & Commerce (Import/Export)
- Safety (Environment/Research)

REQUIREMENT OF Food Testing

- □ Estimated to be 10 folds by 2020
- Estimated 200 Lakhs Food Business Operators in India
- ☐ Safe 3 Meals a day for over 1.2 Billions
- Critical Parameters: Environmental Contaminants (Dioxins, PCBs, PAHs,) Residues of antibiotics and its Epimers, Pesticides and its Isomers.

Targets to Ensure Food Safety

- Chemical Hazards
- 1. MRL
- 2. MRPL
- □ Biological Hazards
- 1. Limit Value (Hygiene/Safety Indicator)
- 2. Absent
- Physical Hazards
- 1. As per Regulation

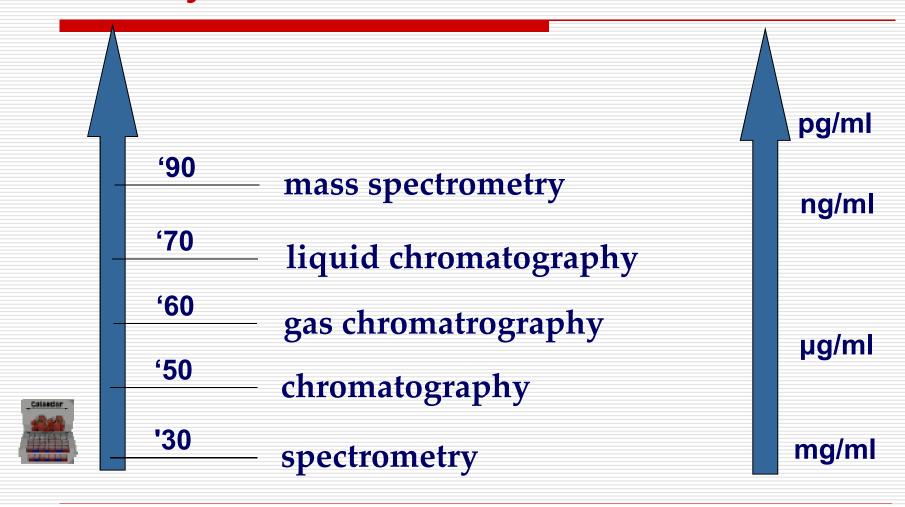
Target of an Analyst



By All Means:

Achieve the value of a constituent/
contaminant in a given Matrix
(as nearer as possible to the
Assigned/True Value)
to facilitate reliable decisions.

History



Mitigation Strategies

- Surveillance
- Intelligence
- Market Survey
- Access Control
- Education
- Awareness
- Authorization
- Training

- Strengthen Food Control System
- □ Security Checks (CCTVs)
- Quick and Highly Sensitive Food Testing
- Quick Decisions

EIC / EIA Network



Laboratory Infrastructure









Important to Achieve "Win-Win" Situation

Improved food safety
Less illness, Less Medical and
Social costs and Less Poverty

Food trade access

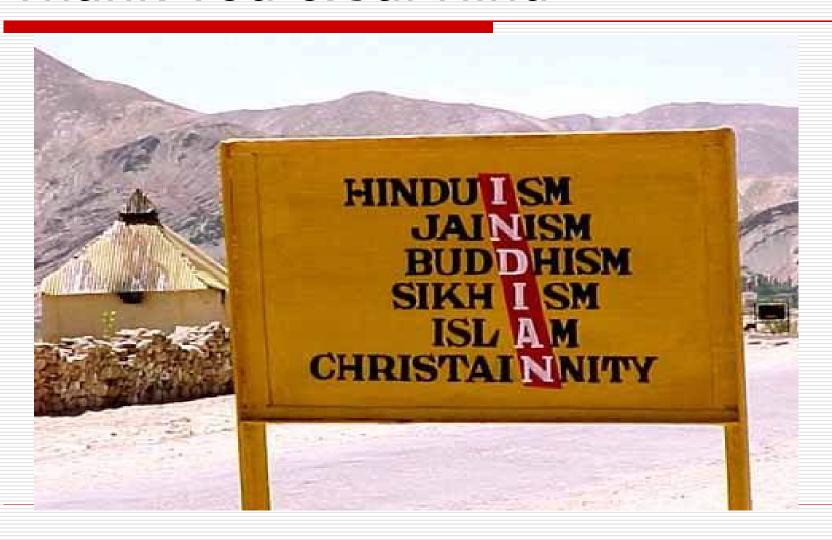
International trade capability
Safe national trade

Improved health

Improved participation in national development

Overall Development

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