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an APEC Framework on Food Safety
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15-17 November 2017**



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DAY 1 PROGRAM (15 November 2017)

OBJECTIVES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciate the changing landscape of food safety and food trade• Appreciate the current status of food safety modernisation in APEC economies and its implication on food trade• Refresh understanding and application of Codex principles on food control systems• Consensus building on a proposed roadmap on trade facilitation through an APEC framework on food safety modernisation	
Chair: Mr John Heaslip (Project Overseer)	
SESSION 1: WELCOME	
8:15 – 8:45	Registration
8:45 – 9:00	Opening Speech Mr Nguyen Nam Hai, Deputy Director General, Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality (STAMEQ), Vietnamese Ministry of Science and Technology
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Introduction Chair
SESSION 2: FOOD SAFETY AROUND THE WORLD	
9:30 – 10:00	Food Safety and Food Trade in Today's World Mr Sridhar Dharmapuri, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
10:00 – 11:00	Industry Perspective of Food Safety Enhancement and its Impact on Food Trade Dr Geoffrey Annison, Australian Food and Grocery Council Ms Yifan Jiang, Food Industry Asia
MORNING TEA	
SESSION 3: PERSPECTIVES OF MEMBER ECONOMIES IN FOOD SAFETY MODERNISATION/ENHANCEMENT	
11:30 – 13:00	Current Status and Future Perspectives of Food Safety Modernisation/Enhancement in Vietnam, the US, and China Dr Nguyen, Vietnam Food Administration Ms Jennifer Thomas & Ms Anna Gore - US Food and Drug Administration and USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Mr Xianjun Xiong, General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, China
LUNCH	
SESSION 3: PERSPECTIVES OF MEMBER ECONOMIES IN FOOD SAFETY MODERNISATION/ENHANCEMENT (CONTINUED)	
14:00 – 15:00	Current Status of Food Safety Modernisation/Enhancement in Australia and New Zealand Mr Mark Phythian, Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Mr Bruce Burdon, New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries
SESSION 4: REGULATORY CONVERGENCE	
15:00 – 15:30	Codex Principles for National Food Control Systems and Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Ms Barbara Cooper, Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
15:30 – 15:45	An Introduction to the Development of an APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation for Trade Facilitation Dr Dennis Bittisnich, Consultant to the FAO and WHO
AFTERNOON TEA	
SESSION 4: REGULATORY CONVERGENCE (CONTINUED)	
16:15 – 17:15	Consensus Building on a Proposed Roadmap on Trade Facilitation through an APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation – a plenary session moderated by Dr Dennis Bittisnich, Consultant to the FAO and WHO
17:15 – 17:30	Summary Chair

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DAY 2 PROGRAM (16 November 2017)

OBJECTIVES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciate the purpose, scope and principles embraced by member economies in food safety modernisation or enhancement and those associated with food trade• Hear about regional approaches in harmonising food safety control systems• Consensus building on the purpose of an APEC framework on food safety modernisation for trade facilitation	
Chair: Dr Hong Jin (Project Manager)	
8:30 – 8:45	Registration
8:45 – 9:00	Recap of Day 1 Activities
SESSION 1: MEMBER ECONOMIES' CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES IN FOOD SAFETY MODERNISATION/ ENHANCEMENT	
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Group Activity on Member Economies' Current Status and Future Perspectives in Food Safety Modernisation or Enhancement</p> <p>Group 1 – Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, FIA Group 2 – USA, Malaysia, Philippines, WHO WPRO Group 3 – China, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Singapore Group 4 – Australia, Chile, Indonesia, FAO</p> <p>Note: Each economy will present its current status and future perspectives in food safety modernisation or enhancement and its impact on food import/export controls. Economies having presented on Day 1 will play a coordinator's role to assist in summarising key messages from this group activity including the common features of the Purpose, Scope, Principles, and key Content of economies' food safety modernisation or enhancement activities, as well as issues faced. Maximum time for presentation from each economy including Q&A should be 25 minutes. Presentations should include summaries of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food safety modernisation/enhancement activities in your economy, such as history, principles, drivers, status of implementation, and if available the associated costs and benefits• How food trade (export/import) has been addressed and impacted in the implementation of the food safety modernisation/enhancement in your economy• Further needs and requirements to modernise food safety in your economy with relevance to food import/export controls
MORNING TEA	
SESSION 2: GROUP PRESENTATIONS	
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Group Presentations of Member Economies' Current Status and Future Perspectives in Food Safety Modernisation or Enhancement (a plenary session)</p> <p>By representatives of the groups</p> <p>Note: Group presentations should aim to highlight the group understanding on the Purpose, Scope, Principles, and key Content that should be included in an APEC Framework on food safety modernisation</p>
LUNCH	
SESSION 3: REGIONAL APPROACHES IN HARMONISING FOOD SAFETY CONTROL SYSTEMS	
14:00 – 14:45	<p>WPRO Regional Framework for Action on Food Safety and Its Development</p> <p>Mr Peter Hoejskov, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office</p>
AFTERNOON TEA	
SESSION 4: REGULATORY CONVERGENCE – CONSENSUS BUILDING ON THE PURPOSE	
15:15 – 17:15	<p>Consensus Building on the Purpose of an APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation that Facilitates Trade – introduction of a proposed Purpose for an APEC framework on food safety modernisation for trade facilitation by Dr Dennis Bittisnich, followed by group discussion, and then plenary presentations by groups and Q&A moderated by Dr Dennis Bittisnich, Consultant to the FAO and WHO</p>
17:15 – 17:30	<p>Summary</p> <p>Chair</p>

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DAY 3 PROGRAM (17 November 2017)

OBJECTIVES:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus building on the scope, principles and key content of an APEC framework on food safety modernisation that facilitates trade • Consider the next steps 	
Chair – Mr Steve Crossley (Food Standards Australia New Zealand)	
8:30 – 8:45	Registration
8:45 – 9:00	Recap of Day 2 Activities
SESSION 1: REGULATORY CONVERGENCE 1 - CONSENSUS BUILDING ON SCOPE	
9:00 – 9:15	Proposed Scope of an APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation for Trade Facilitation Dr Dennis Bittisnich, Consultant to the FAO and WHO
9:15 – 10:15	Group Discussion on the Above Proposed Scope Note: This group discussion should focus on defining the <i>Scope</i> of an APEC framework on food safety modernisation for trade facilitation. The group discussion should take into consideration that food safety modernisation or enhancement is a part of the domestic food control system which is subject to individual economy's self-determined appropriate level of protection, and covers extensive aspects. The discussion on the <i>Scope</i> should keep in mind internationally recommended principles and guidelines and the discussions and outcomes on <i>Purpose</i> from Day 1. Particular attention should be given to food or food ingredients traded among APEC member economies
10:15 – 10:45	Consensus Building on the Scope of the APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation for Trade Facilitation A plenary session moderated by Chair
10:45 – 11:00	Proposed Principles and Key Content of an APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation for Trade Facilitation Dr Dennis Bittisnich, Consultant to the FAO and WHO
MORNING TEA	
SESSION 2: REGULATORY CONVERGENCE 2 - CONSENSUS BUILDING ON PRINCIPLES, AND KEY CONTENT	
11:30 – 12:30	Group Discussion on the Above Proposed Principles and Key Content Note: This group discussion should focus on establishing the <i>Principles</i> and <i>Key Content</i> of an APEC framework on food safety modernisation for trade facilitation.
12:30 – 13:00	Consensus Building on the Principles and Key Content of an APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation A plenary session moderated by Chair
LUNCH	
SESSION 3: REGULATORY CONVERGENCE 3 - CONSENSUS BUILDING ON DRAFT FRAMEWORK AND ROADMAP	
14:00 – 16:00	Draft APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernisation for Trade Facilitation and the Associated Roadmap Draft framework and roadmap presented by Dr Dennis Bittisnich followed with plenary discussions moderated by the Chair
AFTERNOON TEA	
SESSION 4: CONCLUSION AND THE NEXT MEETING	
16:00 – 16:45	Summary, Project Management, and the Second Expert Meeting Chair and others Note: If a project steering committee is formed, the Committee's oversight on this project will be outlined. Ms Erica Agnes Pawiong will introduce Papua New Guinea's preparation for an APEC Food Safety Week in 2018
16:45 - 17:00	Concluding Remarks By STAMEQ Leader, Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality (STAMEQ), Vietnamese Ministry of Science and Technology