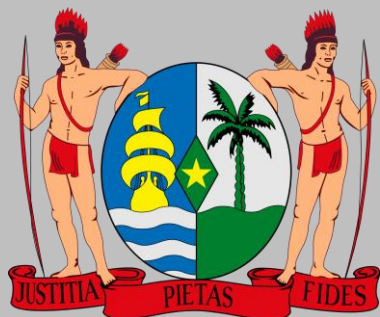




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Modernization of Suriname's Food Control Legislation

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Why Modernize ?

- ✓ *The outdated nature of the current food safety legislation, dating back to 1911.*
- ✓ *The need to anchor food safety decision-making in science and food risk analysis.*
- ✓ *Anchor Mission of Food Regulatory Interventions as the protection of Consumers' health and Creating a fair environment for the trade of food and agri-food products.*



Why Modernize ? – Continued

To Anchor in Legislation :

- ✓ *A Culture of Compliance Promotion*
- ✓ *The Need for Harmonization with International Standards*
- ✓ *The Need for Risk-based Regulatory Measures*
- ✓ *Imperatives to Support Innovation of the food and agri-food sector in Suriname*



What Does A Food Control Act Do ?

- Sets Definitions
- Establishes Roles and responsibilities
- Sets Prohibitions
- Sets Enabling Measures
- Defines Principles of Interventions for Regulatory Measures
- Sets Regulation-Making **Authorities**
- Sets Penalties for non-compliance



General Introduction

The Food Control Act of the Republic of Suriname is an Act in relation with **the management of food and agriculture products destined to be consumed as food commodities**, including ingredients, processes and operations supporting their production e.g., all agricultural inputs and feed.



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Definition of Food

“food”

which should be consistent with the definition adopted in the NIVS Law as a legal definition:

“Any article produced, manufactured, sold or represented for use as food or drink for human beings, chewing gum, alcoholic beverages (above 0.5% Alcohol) and any ingredient that may be mixed with a food for any purpose”

def·i·ni·tion

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noun: a statement of the exact meaning of a word.



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Areas of Interventions / Scope

- ❑ The Act will manage aspects related to standard setting, regulations, inspection of these commodities to ascertain safety and quality attributes, including:
 - their safety requirements, and the safety requirements of their conditions of production.
 - their labelling and advertising.
 - their import and export.
 - the establishment of standards for them.
 - the registration or licensing **of persons** who perform certain activities related to them.
 - the establishment of requirements governing establishments where food production and handling activities are performed.
 - the registration or licensing **of establishments** where those activities are performed.
 - their recall.
 - the management of situations of non-compliance.
 - the management of food and food establishments in situations of foodborne illness incidents and outbreaks.



Principles and Values

1. The reliance **on a base of evidence** for all decisions and **in particular the reliance on the food risk analysis principles** when developing **food safety and nutrition regulatory decisions**,
2. The requirements of **consultation and engagement** with stakeholders domestically and internationally
3. The requirements of **transparency for all food regulatory decisions**, by disclosing the scientific assessments
4. **Food Business operators (FBOs) are the primary responsible partners** to ensure food safety and quality and **must demonstrate their efforts to protect consumers, through preventive measures adopted to control food safety hazards and risks**
5. NIVS food rules will be **developed and implemented with the intent to promote compliance** (prior to Enforcement)
6. NIVS rules **will be focused to promote prevention** of the introduction of food safety hazards



- ❑ Prohibitions Related to Composition
- ❑ Prohibition Related to Mis-Representation
- ❑ Enabling Provisions
 - Composition Requirements
 - Management of Additives
 - Management of Contaminants
 - Management of Novel Foods etc..



Regulation Making Authorities

- ❑ Section: Regulation making authority related to various preparation and handling steps of food and food products
 - Provide NIVS with authorities to prohibit certain conditions of food preparation and handling in accordance with rules issued by NIVS.
- ❑ Section: Inspection / Powers of Inspectors
 - Defines the powers of the Inspector
- ❑ Section: Seizure and Forfeiture
 - Defines conditions to seize food and its disposal
- ❑ Section: Power of Recall
- ❑ Section: Compliance Promotion Requirements
- ❑ Section Approval of Exports
- ❑ Section: INFOSAN and Codex Contact Point
- ❑ Section: Requirements of Risk Analysis





Commensurate with Risk



Dispositions for Repeat Offenders

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