



## Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce

### Workshop on “Food Safety – Quality Assurance and Regulatory Aspects” on Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce under the aegis of Agro & Food Processing Expert Committee organized a Half day Workshop on “Food Safety – Quality Assurance and Regulatory Aspects” on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

The main objective of the Workshop was to provide an opportunity to deliberate on the various aspects of food safety and quality with various food producers with a view to enable them to adopt and implement the same effectively thereby integrating the Indian food industry with prevalent/emerging global best practices.

The Workshop got an overwhelming response with 175 participants from diverse food related sectors like milling & manufacturing, bakery, hotel industry, food research, logistic service providers, packing material manufacturers etc.

Mr. K.R. Girish, President BCIC in his welcoming address, appreciated Mr. Murali Ganesan, Chairman Agro & Food Processing Expert Committee on taking the initiative for organizing this very important Workshop which is need of the hour. Mr. Girish mentioned about the plethora of Laws & Agencies regulating food safety & other activities of food Industry. He requested decision makers in India to recognize the multiplicity of laws and to evolve a unified system which should cover all aspects of Indian food Safety.

He then asked Mr. Murali Ganesan to dwell in detail about the critical issues related to food safety, regulations as well as best practices.

Mr. Ganesan mentioned about the significant strides made by India in the field of food production, export & health sector in the last decade. While highlighting the importance of safe food, he also mentioned about the key challenges in food safety.

He emphasized the need to adopt more appropriate legislation towards food safety by actively involving enforcement bodies like Food Safety Act 2006 and Food Safety & Standard Authority of India. He also stressed on public-private partnership for effective implementation of food safety programmes across the food supply chain.

He then introduced the eminent speakers from the industry who made presentations and addressed the participants.

| Speaker   | Presentation  | Highlights  |
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| <b>Dr. Deepa Bhajekar</b><br>Managing Director<br>Microchem Silliker                          | Food Safety – Current<br>Scenario & Future Trends           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of Safe food</li> <li>• Sources of Contamination</li> <li>• Types of Contamination</li> <li>• Emerging Food Safety Recalls</li> <li>• Overall Solutions</li> <li>• Food Safety Management Systems like HACCP &amp; ISO 22000</li> </ul> |
| <b>Dr. Jasvir Singh</b><br>Senior Manager<br>Scientific and<br>Regulatory Affairs<br>with ITC | Perspective on<br>Development of<br>Regulations             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Safety Concerns - Regulatory Frameworks</li> <li>• Risk &amp; Risk Analysis in the context of Food Safety</li> <li>• FSSAI Framework of Principles</li> <li>• Role Of Codex &amp; Others</li> <li>• WTO &amp; SPS Agreement</li> </ul>        |
| <b>Dr. Himanshu Gupta</b><br>Senior Manager<br>Regulatory Affairs<br>with Nestle              | Food Safety & Standard<br>Act, 2006 & Codex<br>Alimentarius | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to FSSA, 2006</li> <li>• Legislations to be replaced with FSSA, 2006</li> <li>• Developments in FSSA</li> <li>• Introduction to Codex Alimentarius</li> </ul>   |

The presentations were followed by an interactive session with the participants wherein role of Government, accredited food testing labs, impact of GM crops etc were discussed in detail. The participants were highly satisfied with the responses given by the Panelists and the discussion continued during lunch also.

Dr. Vasanth Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing summarized the proceedings & the outcome of the workshop.

Mr. Sampath Kumar, Secretary General, BCIC proposed a hearty Vote of Thanks to all the participants, speakers and the media for their overwhelming response , support & cooperation in making this event a grand success.