WORKSHOP OUTPUT

Workshop Question	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
What is the strongest point of doing risk benefit analysis that may be incorporated in the traditional risk analysis?	 Risk-Benefit Analysis is useful on some food but not all food; Effective only to food that is commonly consumed like fish, fruits and vegetables; Useful in providing additional scientific information for risk communication; Useful in providing additional information to food control authorities for more precise information to consumers 	 We believed there is a high value of RISK-BENEFIT, which make more holistic evaluation then just risk evaluation. When we use Risk-Benefit, make sure to communicate with more emphasis in BENEFIT, than in risks, getting a better an effective communication and facilitation the decision taken by policy makers, and to establish the better measures to handle the risks and decide that the balance is more in the scale is in the BENEFIT side. Remember, COMMUNICATION is key as part of the risk-benefit analysis 	 Come up with recommendations Estimation of minimum problems of food safety (benefits) Multi-sectoral involvement Dose response benefits Calculating effectiveness in relationship with RA, Application of RM, Refine the best options for RM How to estimate the cost (training, experts identification) – weak point Agreements: Recommendation on the best possible option for government's intervention Refine RM study RBA consumers are given scientific basis of undertaking RM option, as a consequence Consumers are confident on the safety of food 	 Improve and strengthen food safety policies Increase consumer confidence in science-based regulations More profit: Should benefits outweigh the risks, communicating it would enjoin industry or other stakeholders to contribute to developing RBA; Should risks outweigh the benefits, need to the reduction of risks
What is the possibility of adopting risk benefit analysis in your food safety system in the future?	 Difficult to adopt at the moment because different economies have different level of risk analysis infrastructure Perhaps a systematic rate 	The simple answer is YES, but the economies need TIME to adapt their risk analysis, to PRODUCE data, and to BUILT CAPACITY, looking in a HOLISTIC way each of the components involved in Risks-	 High possibility Development of the RBA framework in the economy Must be based on the economy's priorities (e.g. RBA must be conducted on 	 Yes, economies can adopt but there are challenges: Need to institutionalize traditional risk

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	for adoption, but there should be a needs and resource assessment in the part of the economy prior to adoption of such analysis	•	Benefit analysis. Therefore Economies can say that the risk-benefit analysis could be adapted in the midterm, one of the point of view for our economies is that It is better to be adopted voluntary, more than obligatory approach It is better to start in producing more study cases and have examples from each of us, to facilitated the adoption in the economies There is an easy form to adopt if we establish common criteria to implement this approach We should have an interdisciplinary group included: Risks assessors (health professionals, toxicologists, epidemiologist, statisticians, infectious diseases experts, agriculture, and biologist), NUTRITIONISTS, and ECONOMIST.	-	new products before entering the markets) RBA will give priority to standard development (e.g. infant formula)	•	analysis Need for funding support, data collection and most importantly capacity building (e.g. experts, equipment, facilities)
If it is possible to have a follow up seminar workshop, what would you recommend to APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF) as a follow up activity?	Projects on the development of skill in the conduct of Risk Benefit Analysis; There is a need to have more case studies to be familiarized with Risk Benefit Analysis; a need for common denominator in measuring benefit and a need for more data sharing between APEC member economies prior to a holding of a new workshop		We recommended to have a more extensive workshop "learning on doing" using one case study and built different scenarios, and Look how much of money we have to establish different scenarios an how to decide to apply. Next workshop that promote actively thinking, may be at least a week, is necessary to reinforce application of the risk benefit analysis and to have an agenda so long on risk benefit analysis on epidemiologic and chemical scenarios and consider minimal data approaches.	C .	apacity Building: Phase I – Seminar Workshop on the calculation of benefits within RBA; Phase II – Case study presentation on RBA (e.g. agricultural and fishery products)	=	Trainings on how traditional risk analysis is performed using hands-on exercises (increased capacity building) Focus on specific food commodities (e.g. fisheries, fruits and vegetables, animal products Capacity building through exchange (e.g. human

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 Project on training the 	 Have a meeting approaching the best 	resource placements
trainers for the conduct of	way to communicate about the	on APEC economies
risk benefit analysis	benefits and risks in order to do a	doing traditional risk
 APEC should prioritize first 	better way of communication.	analysis or RBA)
the food that needs risk-	 Have a follow up workshop to obtain 	Upon publication of
benefit assessment because	steps or basic aspects that we should	RBA framework,
RB needs technical	fill, in order to have a good and	awareness seminar-
expertise and more	homogenous risks benefit analysis. It	workshop may be
resources.	is necessary that in the future	conducted
	workshop exists a pre-work and a	
	clearly agenda that contains case	
	studies adapted to the reality of	
	APEC economies, clear risk benefit	
	analysis criteria and actions lines.	
	The economies believe that is	
	necessary to create an APEC Food	
	Safety Risk Benefit website that	
	includes the languages of the APEC	
	economies more than English, in	
	order to have a common place to	
	discuss and exchange ideas and	
	information about the risks-benefit	
	 Have a longer workshop such as 5 	
	days to work in data that economies	
	can prepare information to use during	
	the workshop. And have pre-work in	
	order to have work done. And this	
	workshop should be named "Train the	
	trainers" in order to replicate the	
	workshop in their own economies	
	 Have the same workshop in different 	
	locations (give 3-4 times) during the	
	year in order to facilitate the	
	economies to attend the workshop.	