

# PTIN Food Safety Incident Management Workshop

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# Overview of Food Safety Incident Management in China

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## Importance of Food Safety Incident Management



□ Food safety: a very very important issue forever all around the world

□ In China and the world:

➤ Deeping of economy opening and reforming of economy —> diversification of different business type, growing up of food demanding)



Food safety: in new situations.



## Importance of Food Safety Incident Management



### Challenges:

- ❑ 1. Food safety problem
  - > food borne illness
  - > harm public health
  - with a wide and deep negative result
- ❑ 2. New pollution (biological & chemical),  
adulteration of forbidden additives happen from time to time
- ❑ 3. New food technology and new source of food
  - > new problems



## Importance of Food Safety Incident Management



### Challenges (continue):

- ❑ 4. Scale of food producer: not big;  
management: could be better
- ❑ 5. Criminals related to food: exist



Strengthen the food safety incident management, is crucial to safeguard people's health, economy and society.



## Legal system of Food Safety Incident Management



### 1. laws, regulations and rules

1) **Laws** --Legislated by the standing committee of National Congress

❑ Law of Management of Incident, since August 30, 2007

❑ Law of Food Safety, since June 1, 2009



## Legal system of Food Safety Incident Management



### 1. laws, regulations and rules

#### 2) Regulations -- stipulated by the State Council

❑ Regulation of management of public health incident, since May 7, 2003

❑ National overall plan of managing public incident, since September 1, 2006

❑ National plan of managing big food safety incident, since September 1, 2006





## Legal system of Food Safety Incident Management



### 1. laws, regulations and rules

3) **Rules** -- Stipulated by a single government agency (AQSIQ for example)

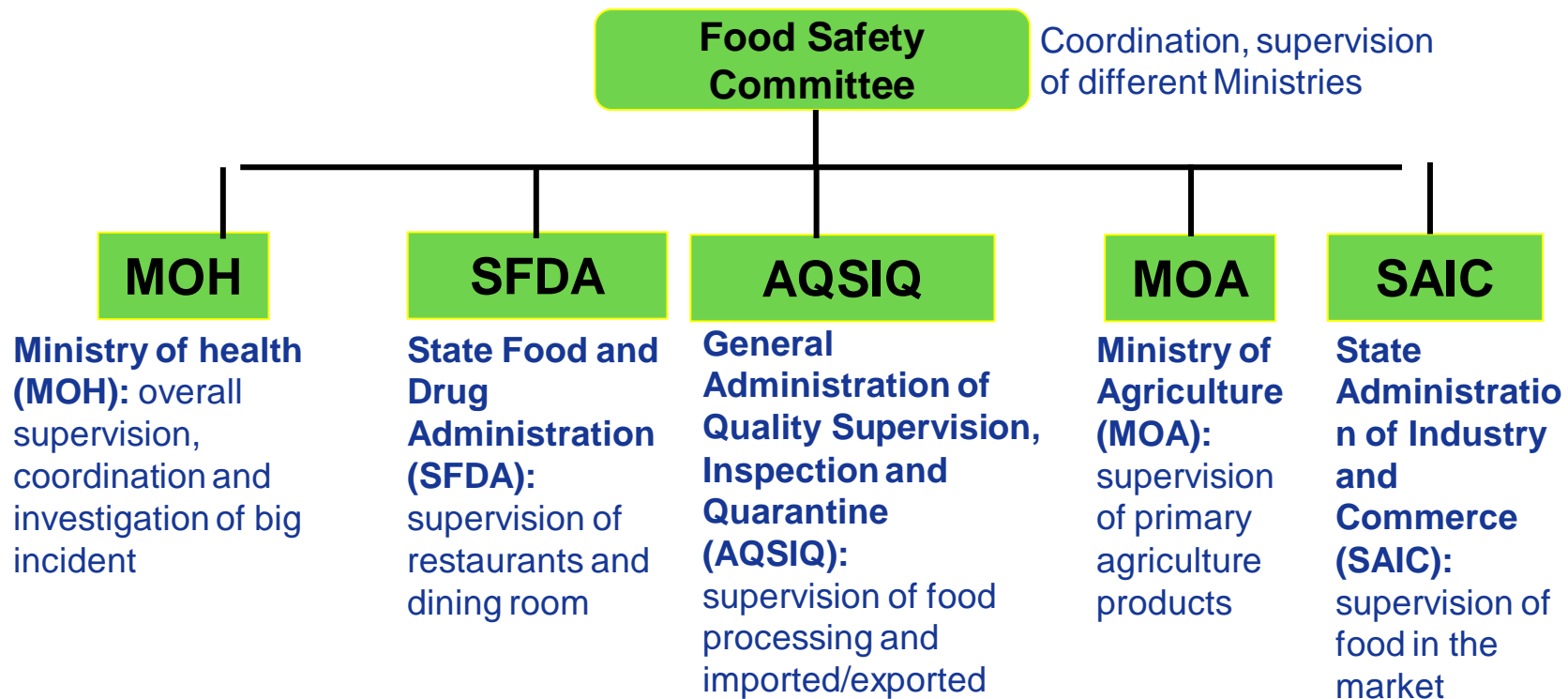
- ❑ AQSIQ's plan of managing food safety incident, since November 17, 2006
- ❑ AQSIQ's plan of managing incident of import and export food safety, since December 3, 2007
- ❑ AQSIQ's plan of managing public health incident at the entry port, since September 28, 2003



# Framework and Operation of China's System



## 1. Food safety Administrations



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### 2. Operation of China's Food Safety Incident Management System

*(take import & export food for example. Other Ministries: similar system in different fields)*



#### 1) organization structure

3 levels: AQSIQ + provincial branches (CIQ) + municipal branches (CIQ)



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CIQ=China Inspection and Quarantine agency

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### 1) organization structure

- **AQSIQ**: command center led by a Minister of AQSIQ and joined by related inner departments. Office of command center: The Bureau of Import and Export Food Safety
- Similar command centers in **provincial and municipal** (on-site command center) CIQs.
- **Expert Group** (if necessary): provide policy suggestion for incident management.



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### 2 ) Duties

#### • AQSIQ:

- implementation of orders from the State Council
- classification of incident
- instruct and supervise provincial CIQ
- information collection and handling
- emergent development of scientific methodology and standards
- report/communication with State Council/related central government agencies/local governments/media



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### 2) Duties

#### • Provincial CIQ:

- implementation of orders from AQSIQ
- instruct and supervise municipal CIQ
- report/communication with AQSIQ/local governments



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### 2) Duties

#### •Municipal CIQ :

- implementation of orders from Provincial CIQ
- Emergency reaction under the coordination of local government
- report/communication with Provincial CIQ /local governments



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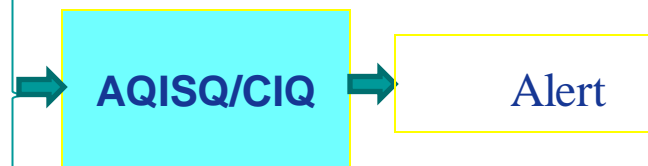


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#### 3) Information handling

##### a. Surveillance and alert

- info collected in routine supervision
- info provided by domestic government agencies/industry/consumers
- media report
- info provided by foreign government/organization/industry/consumer





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#### 3) Information handling

##### b. Report



**Provincial CIQ:** to report to AQSIQ with *Important Risk Alert Sheet*

- Very big incident: have to report within 4 hours



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#### **3) Information handling** **c. Information releasing**



- AQSIQ to release information
- For big incident: report to State Council, communicate with local government/other Ministries



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### 4) Emergent action

- a. AQSIQ to activate the reaction procedure in the plan
- b. Investigation
  - basic facts of food: trader, producer, requirements of trading countries/regions, port of entry/exit, lot number, quantity, etc
  - confirm the problem in food; develop testing methodology if necessary
  - follow the reaction and investigation of related foreign countries/regions and media



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### 4) Emergent action

#### c. Communication

with State Council/other agencies/embassy  
abroad/public/media



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### 4) Emergent action

#### d. Take measures

For import food:

- stop importation/detention/seize/recall/destroy
- stop issuing animal and plant quarantine permit
- strengthening control against certain shipments
- review list of compulsory inspection
- Fight against illegal trade



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### 4) Emergent action

#### d. Take measures

For export food:

- stop exportation/recall
- revoking the license
- enhanced audit
- stricter testing on food to be exported
- fight against illegal trade



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### 5) Resources

- a. Human resource: designated personnel
- b. Technical resource: methodology, facilities, training
- c. Material supply: rescue, testing, protection
- d. Funding: exclusive budget reserved



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### 6) Supervision

- a. Educate the public with legal and other knowledge through web/broadcast/television/newspaper
- b. Rehearsal: protection, on-site action, testing, instruments usage
- c. Awards/punishment: for good player/bad player





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#### 7) International cooperation

a. With international organizations: FAO, WHO, OIE, IPPC, CAC, etc.

b. With foreign countries/regions

c. Through multilateral platform: WTO/SPS, APEC/FSCF





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