



## APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF) Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN)

### Welcome

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The APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF) Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN) helps APEC Member Economies anticipate, prevent, and manage incidents, and thus better assure the safety of the food chain in the Asia Pacific Region. Working across borders, the PTIN engages the food industry and academics with regulators, to strengthen capacity building in food safety. The PTIN goal is to facilitate trade and protect public health by building the capacity of stakeholders in the supply chain in the use of international standards and best practices in food safety management from production to consumption, specifically in five areas: incident management, supply chain management, laboratory capacity building, regulatory systems, and risk analysis.

#### Upcoming Events:

- April 21-22, FSCF Maximum Residue Limit Expert Meeting, Sydney, Australia
- April 29-30, 2015: APEC Conference of Management and Related Scientific Detection of Food Additives in Foods, Chinese Taipei
- June 8-9, APEC SME workshop on Non-Tariff Measures and Supply Chain, focus on processed food and agriculture, Atlanta, GA
- August 24-25, 2015, FSCF Pesticide Maximum Residue Limit Workshop, Cebu, the Philippines
- August 26-27, FSCF PTIN Industry Association Capacity Building Workshop, Aug 26 and half day Aug 27, Cebu, the Philippines
- August 27, 2015, FSCF PTIN Steering Group meeting, Cebu, the Philippines
- August 28, 2015, Food Safety Cooperation Forum, Cebu, the Philippines
- September 23-25, 2015: Facilitating Trade through Updates on Food Safety Regulatory Standards of APEC Economies, Santiago, Chile
- September 2015: Proposed: Preparing Trainers to Deliver Sustainable Education to Prevent Emerging Animal Diseases and Food Safety Concerns Threatening Aquaculture Development- a Joint FSCF PTIN and World Bank Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) Program, Hanoi, Vietnam
- October 28-30, 2015: Coordinated Research Initiative for Implementation of Antimicrobial Resistance Control Strategies, Santiago, Chile

*Past workshop materials are available on the PTIN website:*

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## Upcoming APEC FSCF PTIN Events:

- April 29-30, 2015: APEC Conference of Management and Related Scientific Detection of Food Additives in Foods, Chinese Taipei
  - This self-funded workshop, sponsored by Chinese Taipei, will discuss how to establish early warning and preventive control measures to prevent illegal chemical additives in food. Speakers from Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, and the United States will share their economy's different management systems with a focus on how to harmonize regulations across economies.
- August 26-27, FSCF PTIN Industry Association Capacity Building Workshop, Aug 26 and half day Aug 27, Cebu, the Philippines
  - This workshop is a direct outcome of the September 2014 APEC High-Level Regulator Industry Dialogue on Food Safety in Beijing, where regulators and industry conveyed the need to move away from a reactive towards a proactive approach that emphasizes prevention and partnership – where pre-regulation consultation processes (and industry input) is key. The workshop will build the capacity of trade associations, so that they can be effective in helping their governments develop workable, sustainable national food safety policies, laws, and regulations. It will also explore novel ways for regulators to recognize industry best practices and good industry performance, given limited resources and growing trade volumes.
- August 27, 2015, FSCF PTIN Steering Group meeting, Cebu, the Philippines
  - The FSCF PTIN Steering Group will hold its semi-annual meeting of industry, academic, and regulator Steering Group representatives on August 27, 2015 to discuss planning for future activities and take stock of past capacity building.
- August 28, 2015, Food Safety Cooperation Forum, Cebu, the Philippines
  - The Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF) will hold its semi-annual meeting of food safety regulators on August 28, 2015
- September 23-25, 2015: Facilitating Trade through Updates on Food Safety Regulatory Standards of APEC Economies, Santiago, Chile
  - Chile will hold a three day workshop that will develop recommendations and set up an electronic working group for understanding modernization in food safety standards and how APEC economies are dealing with emerging food safety challenges. APEC economies will also have the opportunity to provide updates on changing standards. The workshop will promote regulatory cooperation and dialogue and help to harmonize and align food safety systems across the region. A report will also be issued that will be based on questionnaire responses from workshop participants.

- September 2015: Proposed: Preparing Trainers to Deliver Sustainable Education to Prevent Emerging Animal Diseases and Food Safety Concerns Threatening Aquaculture Development- a Joint FSCF PTIN and World Bank Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) Program, Hanoi, Vietnam
  - The United States and Vietnam prepared a concept note for APEC funding consideration that focuses on preventing Emerging Animal Diseases and Food Safety Concerns in aquaculture. This builds on previous APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network and Global Food Safety Partnership work. The GFSP is providing funding of \$75,750 for the trainers and training materials and the FSCF PTIN is seeking \$73,285 in funding from APEC to bring in travel eligible participants. Funding decisions will come out at the end of April. The four day train-the-trainer workshop would establish trainers as an 'APEC network' to communicate and coordinate delivery of information for responsible and successful aquaculture operations. It would also prepare trainers to serve as conduits for information to prevent food safety problems and avert potential animal diseases in aquaculture operations and support aquaculture in the APEC region, a high value and highly traded good.
- October 28-30, 2015: Coordinated Research Initiative for Implementation of Antimicrobial Resistance Control Strategies, Santiago, Chile
  - This three day workshop will examine antimicrobial resistance (AMR) present in microbial strains isolated from animals, environment, and food and lay the foundations for establishing a Resistance Surveillance Systems in each economy in the short term. Economies with more experience and ongoing surveillance systems can contribute with expertise and share training materials. Participants will be from government, public, and private laboratories, food producers, scientists and academia, and international organizations.

## Outcomes from Suite of APEC Food Safety Meetings that took place in Beijing, China in September 2014

- High Level Regulator-Industry Dialogue on Food Safety
  - Brought together regulators, industry, and academia from across the APEC region with the theme of shared responsibility reiterated throughout. 156 participants from 19 APEC economies and 4 non-APEC members attended.
  - Key themes that emerged from the dialogue were that governments can: Consider benefits of formal partnership arrangements, make use of international standards (ie Codex), notify measures to the WTO, and enhance oversight of exports. Industry can: formalize partnerships, be the front line for food safety, focus on prevention, and use trade associations to amplify industry's voice.
- Special Session of the Food Safety Cooperation Forum
  - A special session of the FSCF was held to discuss progress on the FSCF Regulatory Cooperation Plan that was endorsed at Surabaya in 2013 which focused on two work areas: export certificates and pesticide maximum residue limits.
  - The FSCF endorsed the APEC Wine Regulatory Forum's work on export certificates including identifying common requirements leading to work on a model certificate and identifying alternatives to export certificates such as self-certification, consolidation, electronic certification, and mutual acceptance.



- The FSCF endorsed three work products of the **FSCF Export Certificate Electronic Working Group**: common nomenclature, certificate compendium, and electronic certification document and endorsed new and ongoing work in developing electronic guidance and commodity risk profiles.
- The FSCF endorsed four principles for **pesticide Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) harmonization**: participation in Code Committee on Pesticide Residues, adoption of Codex MRLs where appropriate, exchange of data and work share to support establishment of MRLs, and development of unilateral “recognition” or “import tolerance” on a case by case basis.
- Work on pesticide MRL harmonization will continue with two expert working group meetings and an APEC wide consultation in 2015/2016 to further harmonize pesticide MRLs.
- For the final Beijing Statement see: [http://fscf-ptin.apec.org/docs/Final\\_signed\\_Beijing\\_statement.pdf](http://fscf-ptin.apec.org/docs/Final_signed_Beijing_statement.pdf)

## APEC FSCF PTIN Laboratory Competency Strengthening Initiative

The PTIN Laboratory Competency Strengthening Initiative seeks to facilitate trade through strengthening of laboratory practices. Activities under the project are “hands-on”, and the result of cooperative efforts between government regulators, academia, and industry and has been in place since 2011.

- The APEC FSCF PTIN partnered with the Global Food Safety Partnership to further roll out capacity building. China was selected as one of the pilot economies and veterinary drug residue analysis was selected as a topic as it was deemed a priority in APEC prioritization activities in 2014. Work will focus on screening and confirmation methods and will follow the train-the-trainer format.
- Pilot Progress:
  - Phase 1: Online preparation modules ✓
  - Phase 2: T-o-T for CAAS and CFSA ✓
  - Phase 3: Reproduction in Shanghai
    - April 20-24 (eve of AOAC)
    - August 10-14 (food safety conference)
    - August 17- 26 (T-o-T for CAIQ)
- Impact measurement will be done through proficiency testing in May and September with a final report, including metrics, released in November 2015.
- Outcomes
  - Online training modules are available that are designed for new analysts to bring everyone to minimum required base of vocabulary and technical background
  - Four new trainers getting ready to deliver in China
  - Trainers will promote fit-for-purpose methods



*Work with the World Bank and the APEC FSCF led to the signing of an MOU and then to development of the Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) in 2012 that was based on the public-private partnership model of the FSCF PTIN.*

*For more information please see: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/agriculture/brief/global-food-safety-partnership>*

## Global Food Safety Partnership

GFSP is a unique public-private initiative dedicated to improving the safety of food in middle-income and developing countries. The initiative combines food safety training and technical support so developing countries can improve their food safety systems and benefit from better compliance with food safety standards.

In a globalized food chain, it can be difficult

to bring together all the various players—private sector producers, processors and retailers, regulatory agencies, consumer advocates, and technical service providers—for effective collaboration on food safety

### How to Get Involved:

- [Join GFSP mailing list](#)
- [Sign up](#) for an advisory working group: IT / Communication /

Technical / Monitoring / Future Governance

- [Share resources](#) that can be scaled globally
- [Donate](#) to the trust fund
- [Learn more about GFSP work](#)

### Upcoming GFSP Meetings:

- **The 4th Annual GFSP Conference** with associated meetings will be held in November 2015

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the APEC FSCF PTIN including links to past workshop materials and training materials, please visit [fscf-ptin.apec.org](http://fscf-ptin.apec.org).

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