

Regional Workshop: Trade Facilitation & Paperless Systems for Agrifood Products

# Effective Implementation of Food Recall Systems for Trade Facilitation

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### Introduction

- Globalization increasing demand by consumers for variety creation of global market - transboundary movement and trade across countries – imports/exports - trade
- Quality, health, safety, labelling, fraud issues acquiring global focus
- Requirements imposed government & buyers need to be met
- WTO role important in global trade SPS/TBT Agreements allow governments to impose measures within rules to prevent use of standards as trade barriers
- Non compliances various reasons; handled through various options recall
- Rejections/ NCs/ FS emergencies require the food safety/ quality/ fraud problem to be contained – varius RM options
- Food recall a fundamental RM tool used in events of FS/ quality/ fraud events/food safety emergencies which helps to avoid unnecessary wider disruption of trade & thereby facilitate trade
- Role of paperless or e-systems for food recall

Food safety and quality in value chain
The food chain

Food production chain highly complex involves many steps from primary production or imports right to sale to final consumer. At each stage there is scope for introduction of food safety hazards or even issues that relate to food safety, quality or fraud.



#### RM Options for handling non-compliance

- Food destroyed
- Food reconditioned/ retreated
- Exported to another country whose requirements not as stringent
- Food recalled

### Food Recall

"The action to remove food from the market at any stage of the food chain, including that possessed by consumers"

It is a is a fundamental tool in the management of risks in response to food safety events and emergencies.

## Food Safety & Product Recalls -Some Examples

- Melamine Contamination of Infant Formula in 2008
- E.coli O104:H4 (in 2011) in northern Germany
  - rious outbreak of foodborne illness (characterized by bloody diarrhoea, serious complications)
- Dioxin contaminated Irish pork in 2008
- radionuclide contamination of food items from Japan
- Pesticide residues found by EU in vegetable consignments from Thailand in 2009-11
- Horse meat fraudulent labelling horse meat being passed off as beef – issue of consumer confidence & trust

#### A snapshot of recent recalls in US

- <u>Listeria and Salmonella contamination continues to be the main causes of recall</u> even during 2013
- Jan 25, 2013 <u>Michigan Retail Store Recalls Ground Beef Products Due To Possible Salmonella</u>
   Contamination
- Jan 26, 2013 <u>Oklahoma Firm Recalls Chicken Fried Chicken Breasts That May Contain Foreign</u> <u>Materials</u>
- Jan 26, 2013 Whole Foods Market Recall Whole Catch Wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon Because of Possible Health Risk from Listeria
- Jan 29, 2013<u>Sprouter Northwest Recalls Alfafa, Brocco Sandwich Sprouts, Clover, Spicy Sprouts</u>
   Because of Possible Health Risk
- Jan 29, 2013 New Mexico Firm Recalls Beef Jerky Products Due to Misbranding and An Undeclared Allergen
- Jan 30, 2013 Whole Foods Market Expands Its recall from 18 states of Whole Catch Wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon Because of Possible Health Risk From Listeria

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