



R E S O L U T I O N

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

COMITE RÉGIONAL DU
PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL

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FOOD SAFETY

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the World Health Assembly resolution on Advancing food safety initiatives (WHA63.3) and the Regional Committee resolution on the *Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015)* (WPR/RC62.R5);

Recalling also Regional Committee discussions in 2015 regarding the need to strengthen food safety systems with an updated framework to guide efforts;

Noting that an evaluation completed in 2017 of the *Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015)* confirmed progress and emerging challenges due to the changing context of food safety;

Reaffirming that health and food safety are intrinsically related and that food safety is an essential component of sustainable development;

Emphasizing linkages between food safety, nutrition and noncommunicable diseases;

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Stressing that food safety presents complex challenges that involve multiple sectors and stakeholders, and that food safety incidents and emergencies can have serious health and economic consequences domestically and internationally;

Noting that countries in the Western Pacific Region have food safety systems at different stages of development;

Recognizing that food safety risks cannot be eliminated, only reduced, and that managing food safety risks requires a new approach;

Having reviewed the draft *Regional Framework for Action on Food Safety in the Western Pacific*,

1. ENDORSES the *Regional Framework for Action on Food Safety in the Western Pacific*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to develop national action plans and implement priority actions in line with the *Regional Framework for Action on Food Safety in the Western Pacific*;
 - (2) to ensure adequate technical and financial resources for the implementation of national action plans and priority actions;
 - (3) to engage in regional cooperation to monitor progress and share experiences and best practices for continuous improvement of food safety systems;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (1) to provide technical support for Member States to implement the *Regional Framework for Action on Food Safety in the Western Pacific*;
 - (2) to facilitate regional food safety cooperation and promote learning and best practices for continuous improvement;
 - (3) to report progress periodically on the implementation of the Regional Framework for Action.

Sixth meeting, 12 October 2017