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Food Safety Profile

National representatives of international bodies with food safety concern

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Food Safety Coordinating Committee in Maldives
Maldives Food and Drug Authority, Ministry of Health
Organogram of Food Safety Competent Authorities in Maldives

Food Safety Competent Authorities in Maldives

**Ministry of Health**
- Health Protection Agency
  - IHR
  - CODEX, INFOSAN
- Maldives Food and Drug Authority
- Fisheries Division
- Agriculture Division
- Maldives Customs Services
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture (MoFA)**
- Registration and licensing of food industry
- Hygiene certificate for fishing vessels
- Inspection and audit of food industry
- Clearance of imported agrochemical

**Ministry of Defense**

**Ministry of Economic Development**
- Fair Trade Section
  - Development of food standards
  - Facilitation of quality assurance and metrology services

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- Clearance of imported agrochemical
  - Sosun Magu Male
  - foodsafetydivision@health.gov.mv
  - +960 3014305

**Health Protection Agency**
- Registration and licensing of ready to food establishment
- Hygiene inspection and monitoring of food establishment
- Foodborne diseases surveillance
- Food hygiene training for food service establishments
  - Roashanee Building 4th Floor Sosun Magu Male
  - http://www.hpa.gov.mv/English/
  - hpa@health.gov.mv
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**Fair Trade Section**
- Development of food standards
- Facilitation of quality assurance and metrology services
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### Fisheries Division
- Registration, licensing and monitoring of vessels
- Issuance of catch certificate
- Implement national standards for fisheries adopted from Codex

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### Agriculture Division
- Animal health, quarantine, sanitary and phytosanitary
- Farm registration and inspection on a voluntary basis
- Registration and licensing for the imports of agrochemicals, e.g. fertilizers and pesticides
- Technical guidance to farmers and extension on the production

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### Maldives Customs Service
- Export dan import registration and licensing

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[https://www.customs.gov.mv/](https://www.customs.gov.mv/)

### Environment Protection Agency
- Registration and licensing of drinking water plant
- Research and monitor the available potable water sources

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### Food Safety Policy and Regulations

National Food Safety Policy 2017-2026 No: Policy/23-MoH/2017/02; 06 April 2017

#### Food safety legislations, regulations and standards

- The Consumer Protection Act (Act No. 1/96)
- Public Health Protection Bill
- Food Establishment’s Hygiene Act (27/78)
- Port Health Act (76/78),
- Import Products and Food Establishments Act (60/78)
- Export Import Act (31/79).
- General Regulation for Food Establishments and Services (2007/182/FS1)
- Regulation of Import, Produce and Sale of Breast Milk Substitutes in the Maldives (MFDAFS/ R1:2008)
- Food Advertisement Regulation
- Draft Regulation for Food Imports
- Guideline for Drinking Water
- Standards for Maintaining Food Safety and Quality of Products during Storage (MFDFS02:
  - 2006)
- National Standard for Labelling Prepackaged Food (MFDA-FCD STAN4-2014)
- Standards for Fishery
- Standards for Eggs and Spices
- Plant Protection Act 2011
- Draft Animal Health Bill
- Draft Pesticides Bill 2011
Food Import and Export Control

Institution responsible for import and export food control

Institution responsible for import control

- Maldives Customs Services (Import registration) https://www.customs.gov.mv/Business/Importers/Import-Registration
- Minister of Economic Development (Import license issuance) http://www.trade.gov.mv/page/import-license-issuing

Institution responsible export control

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Food Contaminations and Residue Monitoring

Information Not Available

Food Safety Accredited Laboratory

National Health Laboratory- MFDA

➢ Food analysis on microbiology (coliforms and E coli, Salmonella spp., Listeria monocytogenes, Staphylococcus aureus), histamine, Clostridium perfringens in drinking water
➢ Accreditation from Bureau of Laboratory Quality Standards

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Foodborne Diseases Surveillance Programmes

a. Status of foodborne diseases surveillance programmes : IBS and EBS
b. List of public health laboratories and epidemiology institutes/units involved in foodborne diseases surveillance programmes

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Food Safety Risk Assessment

a. Responsible institutions for risk assessment at national level
   - HPA – Risk assessment (IHR)
   - MFDA/HPA – Food safety risk analysis (Codex)
   - MOFA (Plant health) – Pest risk assessment (IPPC)
   - MOFA (Animal health) – Import risk analysis (OIE)
   - MOFA – FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

b. Priority of commodity and contaminants (information not available)