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### Food Safety Coordinating Committee in Sri Lanka

Food Advisory Committee (FAC) chaired by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) who is also the Chief Food Authority (CFA)
FOOD SAFETY PROFILE

Organogram of Food Safety Competent Authorities in Sri Lanka

Ministry of Health
- Directorate of Environmental Health, Occupational Health and Food Safety
  - food act & regulations
  - registration of food premises and of bottled water manufacturers
  - export certification and import control
  - food safety surveillance and monitoring

Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
- Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
- Department of Export Agriculture
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Animal Production and Health
- Sri Lanka Standards Institution
- Government Analyst Department
- OIE
- ISO

Ministry of Agriculture
- Food Control Administration Unit - Directorate of Environmental Health, Occupational Health and Food Safety
  - food act & regulations
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Department of Export Agriculture
- research and development to support productivity, production, and quality improvements of a group of Export Agricultural Crops (EAC)
- safety surveillance and monitoring on Export Agricultural Crops (AEC)

Department of Agriculture
- Plant quarantine, crop pest and disease management
- Pest and pesticides residue surveillance and monitoring, health certificate of fresh vegetable and fruits
- Water quality testing

Food Safety Competent Authorities in Sri Lanka

Ministry of Health
- Director of Environmental Health, Occupational Health and Food Safety
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Department of Agriculture
- Department of Agriculture
- Old Gahala Road Peradeniya
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+ 94 812 388157
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### Department of Animal Production and Health
- Inspection and certification of meat and meat products, including training or meat inspectors
- Inspection and registration of establishments related to animal products
- Residue monitoring programs on drug residues, heavy metals, aflatoxins for animal product at primary production
- Environmental contaminants monitoring in water and animal feeds
- Monitoring of marine biotoxins and other toxins in seafood
- Health certificate of meat and meat products
- Epidemiology surveillance at farm, slaughterhouse, and market level

**PO BOX 13 Peradeniya**
**dgdaph@sltnet.lk**
**www.daph.gov.lk**
**+94 812 388463**

### Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
- Food safety management of fisheries products from harvest to market
- Licensing on fish processing establishment
- Inspection and enforcement on safety and quality of fish products
- Health certificate of fish and fish products

**New Secretarial Maligawatta, Colombo – 10**
**+94 11 2 449 170**

**www.fisheriesdept.gov.lk**

### Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI)
- Develop and promote standards on food safety and quality
- Consumer empowerment program
- Provide accreditation and certification for industry
- Import inspection
- Laboratory services

**17 Victoria Place Off Elvitigala Mawatha Colombo 08**
**slsi@slsi.lk**
**+94 11 2671567 / +94 11 2671572**

### Sri Lanka Customs Department
- Development and implementation of import requirements
- Validation on import and export certificates

**No. 40 Main Street Colombo 11**
**dgc@customs.gov.lk**
**www.customs.gov.lk**
**+94 11 2143434 ext. 7030 (Customs Information Center); +94 11 2143434/ 2221602-3/ 2221607**

**Food Safety Policy and Regulations**

- Food safety policy Sri Lanka (under the drafting process)
- Food Act No. 26/1980

**List of Food Safety Standards and Regulations**

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### Food Import and Export Control

_Institutions responsible for import and export recommendation_

1. **Food Control Administration Unit**
   - Link to import control procedure
   - Link to export certification procedure

2. **Department of Animal Production and Health**
   Link to import procedure for food from animals origin

3. **Customs Department** [https://srilankatradeportal.gov.lk/](https://srilankatradeportal.gov.lk/)

### Food Contaminations and Residue Monitoring

_Imported foods are regularly checked for following contaminants:_

- Infant milk formulae: microbiology, radio activity
- Milk powder: radio activity, microbiology, standards
- Chilies: aflatoxin
- Coconut oil: aflatoxin, standards
- Fish: formaldehyde, heavy metals
- Peanut: aflatoxin
- Ice cream: microbiology
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Food Safety Accredited Laboratory

1. Government Analyst Department
   - reference laboratory for chemical contaminants
   - capacity of analysis: food quality (proximate composition, potable water, etc.) and safety (heavy metal, pesticides residue)
     - 31 Pelawatta, Battaramulla, Isuru Mawatha
     - +94 112 176 800
     - www.analyst.gov.lk

2. Registrar of pesticides
   - Health and environmental impacts
   - Quality of pesticide
   - Fate of the chemical in the environment
   - Bio-efficacy under local conditions
   - Product labels and advertisements
   - Conformation to FAO and WHO standards, protocols and code of conduct
   - Awareness/Training
   - Legal action on violation of the law
     - 1056, Getambe PO BOX 49 Peradeniya 20400
     - +94 81 2388135/ +94 81 2388076
     - pest@slt.lk

3. Industrial Technology Institute, Colombo
   - Accredited Proficiency Testing in water microbiology, food microbiology
   - Capacity of analysis: pesticides and other chemical residue analysis (e.g. heavy metals, histamine), microbiology analysis, water, and waste-water analysis
   - Calibration services
   - Training
     - # 363, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7
     - +94 11 2379800
     - info@iti.lk
     - http://iti.lk/en/

4. Food Safety and Quality Laboratory, Department of Public Health Veterinary and Pharmacology
   - monitoring antimicrobial residues in food commodities
   - detection of Aflatoxins, Fumonisins, Ochratoxin
     - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya (20400)
     - +94 81 2395751
     - vphpfsqal@gmail.com
     - https://vet.pdn.ac.lk/vphp/fsqal/index.html
**Food Safety Profile**

**Foodborne Diseases Surveillance Programmes**

Status of foodborne diseases surveillance programs: IBS and EBS

Public health laboratories and epidemiology institutes/units involved in foodborne diseases surveillance programs:

- **Medical Research Institute**
  - Foodborne disease surveillance
  - Food safety monitoring
  - Provide laboratory services (sampling and analysis) on food safety (food and environmental samples)
  - Microbiological testing for meat and fish product

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  info@mri.gov.lk
  +94 11 2 693532-34/693527

**Food Safety Risk Assessment**

Responsible institutions for risk assessment at national level

- Food Control Administration Unit
- Government Analyst Department
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Fisheries
- Department of Animal Production and Health
- Other departments related to food handling

**Priority of commodity and contaminants**

1) Priority commodities: rice, chilies, coconut oil, vegetables, fruits fish, milk, meat
2) Priority contaminants: Aflatoxin, microbiology, pesticide residues, heavy metals, veterinary drug residues
3) Links to full risk assessment reports: Annual Health Bulletin 2019