

Brunei Darussalam

COUNTRY Food Safety Framework Profile - Country Overview

Area	Km2
Population	357,800 (2004)
% of population working in agriculture	Minority
Average income	
Main food products	Rice, fruits and vegetables major crops, The livestock sector saw improvements in poultry activities producing meat and eggs. Cattle and buffaloes were the main source of red meat.
Main food exports	None
Main food imports	Only about 15% of the land is cultivated. Brunei imports about 80% of food although the development plan focuses on achieving self-sufficiency in food production. All types of food including raw and processed

National Food Safety plans include the involvement of a number of government agencies working on particular aspects of Food Safety and how cooperation and management of the plan operates.

The key elements of a Food Safety Plan are:

Sector	Agency	Food Safety Responsibilities	Notes
Legislation	Department of Health Services	Lead Agency	Public Health (Food) Act 1998 and Public Health (Food), Regulations 2000 Infectious Disease Order 2003
	Department of Fisheries	Lead Agency	Fisheries Act and Fisheries (Fish Processing Establishment) Regulations, 2002
	Department of Agriculture	Agro-based products	Wholesome Meat Act (final stage of formulation)
	Municipal Boards and the District Offices	Licensing authorities for business establishments including food premises	Miscellaneous Licensing Act

Laboratories	Department of Health Services – Scientific Services	Physical, Chemical and Microbiological analysis for processed food	
	Department of Agriculture	Physical, Chemical and Microbiological analysis for agro-based food	
	Department of Fisheries	Physical, Chemical and Microbiological analysis For fish-based products	
Monitoring and surveillance	Department of Health Services	Imported and local food, Inspection of Food establishments	
	Department of Fisheries	Raw imported and fish farming, fish farming and aqua culture, inspection at fish processing establishments	
	Department of Agriculture	Locally grown, raw imported and locally farming, inspection at abattoirs	
	Brunei Industrial Development Authority	Responsible for local production and importation of bottled packed drinking and mineral water	Issuing approval importation permit
Implementation of food safety systems	Department of Health Services	Good Manufacturing Practices, Good Hygiene Practices, HACCP, Good Agricultural Practices, Good Husbandry Practices - According to the respective departments jurisdiction	
	Department of Fisheries		
	Department of Agriculture		
Food inspection and certification	Department of Health Services	According to the respective departments jurisdiction	Brunei Darussalam is in the process of giving certification to food industries especially to those who have potential to market overseas
	Department of Fisheries		
	Department of Agriculture		
Education and training	Department of Health Services		

	Department of Fisheries Department of Agriculture	According to the respective departments program and needs	Continuous
Information sharing	Department of Health Services, Department of Fisheries and Department of Agriculture	Sharing and exchanging information among departments	Continuous and also dissemination of information to public / consumers
Research and Development	Department of Fisheries, Department of Agriculture and University of Brunei Darussalam	According to the respective departments / university program and needs	
International participation	Department of Health Services, Department of Fisheries and Department of Agriculture	According to the respective departments program and needs	Continuous through participation in meetings, seminars, conferences etc
Consumer participation in food safety	Department of Health Services, Department of Fisheries and Department of Agriculture	According to the respective departments program and needs	Continuous, holding seminar, talks, workshop, dialogue sessions
Food Safety Control System	Department of Health Services, Department of Fisheries and Department of Agriculture	Integrated among departments	
	Brunei Industrial Development Authority	none	Integrated and responsible to allocate industrial sites and complexes for industrial activities including food industries

Food Safety Councils/Committees (e.g. CODEX Committee)

Name of the Council/ Committee	Member Organisations of the Council/ Committee	Chair of the Council/ Committee	Council/ Committee responsibilities	Council/ Committee programs
Municipal Board Licensing Board	Department of Municipal, Department of Health Services, Town and Country Planning, Land Department, Fire Department, Brunei Industrial Development Authority	Department of Municipal	Issuing licenses business establishments including food premises	Some of the programs such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet regularly 2. Policy makers 3. Awareness programs
District Offices Licensing Committee	District Office, Department of Health Services, Town and Country Planning, Land Department, Fire Department, Brunei Industrial Development Authority	District Office		
Board of Issuing Halal Permit	Department of Municipal, District Office, Department of Health Services, Department of Custom and Excise, Town and Country Planning, Land Department, Fire Department, Brunei Industrial Development Authority, Department of Agriculture	Controller of Custom and Excise	Control and issuing of Halal meat products	Some of the programs such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Meet regularly 5. Policy makers 6. Awareness programs