

NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY FRAMEWORK

Malaysia

Area	Km ²
Population	26.26 million
% of population working in agriculture	6.64%
Average income (per capita gross national income)	RM17,201
Main food products	Fruits, vegetables, livestock, fisheries, others.
Main food exports	Fish and fish products, fruits and vegetables, miscellaneous.
Main food imports	Processed foods, dairy food, cereals, meat and meat products and miscellaneous.

Sector	Agency	Food Safety Responsibilities	Notes
Legislation	MOH	Reviewing and updating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Act 1983 and Food Regulations 1985 ▪ Promulgation of the following legislations : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Hygiene Regulation ▪ Food Analyst Regulation ▪ Food Import Regulation ▪ Food Irradiation Regulation ▪ Food Analyst Act ▪ Genetically Modified Foods Regulation Harmonization of Food Regulations 1985 with Codex and ASEAN standards.	
	MOA	Reviewing and updating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinarian Surgeon Act 1974 ▪ Animal Ordinance 1953 ▪ Fisheries Act 1983 ▪ Animal Feed Act 	
Laboratories	MOH MOA CDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting up food lab and conduct analysis for purpose of enforcement and monitoring ▪ Analyses for food safety monitoring ▪ Identification and optimizing utilization of all facilities under all relevant ministries, agencies, private laboratories, etc. 	
Monitoring and surveillance	MOH MOA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct studies to strengthen monitoring and surveillance activities 2. Food Consumption Pattern 3. Guidelines on Risk Management 4. Conduct risk assessment for purposes of food safety management decisions. 5. Monitoring & surveillance of zoonotic / animal diseases 	
Implementation of food safety systems	MOA	Ensure safe food products through certification schemes Strengthening the implementation of food safety systems utilizing guidelines, certification, accreditation and policy	

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	JAKIM MOH DSM	building: - Farm Certification Scheme - Good Agriculture Practice - Aquaculture Farm Certification Scheme (GAqP) - Good Husbandry Practice - Certification of Abattoirs and Processing Plants - Good Manufacturing Practice in animal feed - Guideline on Organic Farming -Veterinary Health Mark Scheme(VHM) - Halal Certification Scheme - HACCP Certification Scheme - ISO MS 9000, 14000,17025 Quality System,	
Food inspection and certification	MOA JAKIM MOH DSM	- Farm Certification Scheme - Good Agriculture Practice - Aquaculture Farm Certification Scheme (GAqP) - Good Husbandry Practice - Certification of Abattoirs and Processing Plants - Good Manufacturing Practice in animal feed - Guideline on Organic Farming - Veterinary Health Mark Scheme(VHM) - Halal Certification Scheme - HACCP Certification Scheme - ISO MS 9000, 14000,17025 Quality System	
Education and training	MOH MOA MARDI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training of relevant stakeholders in food safety system. ▪ Food Handlers Training and Training of Trainers ▪ Human Resource Development e.g. in HACCP, ISO, auditors ▪ Training of enforcement personnel for prosecution purposes ▪ Training and extension program on GAP, GAHP, VHM, GAqP by respective agencies ▪ HACCP- Auditing and verification 	
Information sharing	MOH and MOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To make available relevant details on food safety to relevant agencies, consumer, public etc ▪ Inter-agency information sharing through website and linkages with local, regional and international organizations i.e. OIE, Codex and IPPC 	
Research and Development	MOH UPM UKM MOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To upgrade capability in handling new emerging issues ▪ Strengthen research methodologies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and development in food safety by relevant agencies to meet current needs and interest. 2. Strengthening collaboration among relevant agencies 3. Conduct animal disease investigation and diagnosis. 	
International participation	MOH	<p>To ensure relevant programmes related to food safety is been acknowledge and participate if necessary Malaysia continues to play an active role in Codex and other international activities on food safety.</p> <p>1. Codex The Codex Contact Point with Ministry of Health serves as the Secretariat of the National Codex Committee as well as the Contact Point for other international food safety activities. In parallel with Codex, Malaysia is continuously formulating national positions through the National Codex Committee, 21 Codex Sub-Committees and 3 Task Forces</p> <p>2. ASEAN Food safety and Codex activities are addressed mainly in</p>	

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		SOM-HD and to some extent in SOM-AMAF through the ASEAN Expert Group on Food Safety, ASEAN Task Force in Codex, etc	
	MOH DSM	3. APEC Malaysia is an active member and participant of the Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC)	
	MOH MOA	4. WHO/FAO Malaysia has served in expert consultations on food safety as well as consultancies in food safety and Codex under WHO and FAO.	
	MOH MOA	5. Bilateral arrangements for attachments There are bilateral arrangements between Malaysia and other countries for attachment of officers to relevant agencies on food safety.	
	MOH MOA	6. WTO/SPS The Focal Point for food safety, animal health and plant health has been established for at the relevant agencies and coordinated by the Ministry of Agriculture as the National Enquiry Point and National Notification Point.	
	MOA	7. OIE/SPS ▪ Malaysia is an active member and participant of OIE.	
Consumer participation in food safety	MOH MOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To strengthen consumer group participation in food safety issues ▪ Development of appropriate education materials for various stakeholders ▪ On-going dissemination of information to NGOs, industries, consumers and consumer groups ▪ Consumer education through use of IT, mass media, campaign etc. 	

MOH – Ministry of Health

MOA – Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industries

MARDI – Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute

JAKIM – Department of Islamic Development Malaysia

CDM - Chemistry Department Malaysia

DSM – Department of Standards Malaysia

UKM – National University Malaysia

UPM – University Putra Malaysia

Food Safety Councils/Committees

Name of the Council/Committee	Member Organization of the Council/Committee	Chair of the Council/Committee	Council/Committee responsibilities	Council/Committee programs
National Food Safety and Nutrition Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Agriculture & Agro-Based Industry 2. Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodity 3. Ministry of Housing and Local Government 4. Ministry of Health 5. Ministry Of Science, Technology and Innovation 6. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment 7. Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs 8. Ministry of International Trade and Industry 9. Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperative Development 10. Ministry of Education 11. Ministry of Higher Education 12. Ministry of Foreign Affairs 13. Ministry of Information 14. Ministry of Human Resource 15. Ministry of Finance 16. Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development 17. Department of National Unity and Integration 18. Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department 19. Implementation and Coordination Unit, PM's Department 20. Ministry of Rural and Regional Development 21. The Community Development Department (KEMAS) 	Minister of Health Malaysia	Responsible as the highest advisory body to the government in food safety and quality.	To implement Programs under the National Food Safety Policy and Plan of Action

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	22. Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia 23. Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers 24. Federation of Malaysian Consumers Association			
National Codex Committee	1. Ministry of Health 2. Ministry of Agriculture & Agro-Based Industry 3. Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodity 4. Ministry of International Trade and Industry 5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs 6. Department of Veterinary Services 7. Department of Fisheries 8. Department of Agriculture 9. SIRIM Berhad 10. Department of Islamic Development Malaysia 11. Pesticide Residue Board 12. Malaysia Cocoa Board 13. International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet) 14. Chemistry Department 15. Malaysian Palm Oil Board 16. Federation of Malaysian Consumers Association 17. Nutrition Society of Malaysia 18. Malaysian	Deputy Director General of Health (Public Health), Ministry of Health Malaysia	To discuss current issues under the Codex Committees and the Codex Alimentarius Commission.	To conduct meetings under the relevant Committees for national position.

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	Institute of Food Technology 19. Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers 20. Malaysian Institute for Nuclear Technology 21. University Putra Malaysia 22. Institute of Medical Research 23. Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute			
National Risk Analysis Committee	1. Ministry of Health 2. Ministry of Agriculture & Agro-Based Industry 3. Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute 4. Ministry Of Science, Technology and Innovation 5. Malaysian Institute for Nuclear Technology 6. Ministry of International Trade and Industry 7. Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodity 8. Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs 9. Malaysian Palm Oil Board 10. Federation of Malaysian Consumers Association 11. Malaysian Institute of Food Technology 12. Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers 13. University of Science Malaysia 14. University Putra Malaysia	Director, Food Safety and Quality Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia	- Advisory Committee to the Food Safety and Nutrition Council - To discuss national issues related to risk analysis in food safety and quality	To conduct activities under the National Risk Analysis Committee program

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	15. Univerisiti Kebangsaan Malaysia 16. Institute of Medical Research			