

## Singapore

### COUNTRY Food Safety Framework Profile - Country Overview

Area	699 Km <sup>2</sup>
Population	4,351,400
% of population working in agriculture	*
Average income	S\$4,867 (household income for 2003)
Main food products	**
Main food exports	**
Main food imports	**

\* Singapore's has very little agriculture. The figure is nor available.

\*\* Food products are mainly imported.

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.

Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) is the food safety authority at the national level. It develops policies and implements food safety programmes except for licensing control of food retail establishments that are regulated by the National Environment Agency (NEA).

The key elements of a Food Safety Plan are:

Sector	Agency	Food Safety Responsibilities	Notes
<b>Legislation</b>	AVA	Development and enforcement of food laws.	
<b>Laboratories</b>	AVA	Supports AVA's food safety programmes by providing food testing services.	
<b>Monitoring and surveillance</b>	AVA	Undertakes surveillance programmes to monitor food safety hazards in both primary produce and processed food.	
<b>Implementation of food safety systems</b>	AVA	Implements food safety control systems (e.g., HACCP, GMP) in the whole food chain.	

<b>Food inspection and certification</b>	AVA	Conducts cross-border inspections as well as inspections at the points of entry and retail ends. Provides certification services to local food processing establishments for food export.	
<b>Education and training</b>	AVA	Conducts seminars, workshops and training courses to educate the industry on food safety.	
<b>Information sharing</b>	AVA	Conducts dialogues with industry and provides consultations to food traders. Participation in bilateral and multilateral meetings to enhance knowledge exchange.	
<b>Research and Development</b>	AVA	Undertakes the development of new technologies and farming systems in conjunction with the industry as well as tertiary R&D institutes to facilitate food production and to enhance safe food production practices for supply of food to Singapore.	
<b>International participation</b>	AVA	Actively participates in international meetings (e.g., Codex, OIE).	
<b>Consumer participation in food safety</b>	AVA	Runs food safety public awareness programme to raise awareness among the public on food safety issues.	
<b>Food Safety Control System</b>	AVA	Manages food safety in the whole food chain that covers inspection and accreditation, import inspection and laboratory testing.	

**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