

Thailand

COUNTRY Food Safety Framework Profile - Country Overview

Area	Km2	513,115.0
Population		61.97 million
% of population working in agriculture		34
Average income	US\$	364.95 (14,963 ThB)
Main food products	fishery products, cereal grains, fruits & vegetables, Meat and Poultry product	
Main food exports	“	
Main food imports	Fishery products, oil seeds, fats & oils, cereal grains and products, dairy products, fruits and vegetables and products	

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	Food and Drug Administration (Ministry of Public Health), Office of Agricultural Commodities and Food Standards (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative), Thai Industrial Standard Institute (Ministry of Industry)	Develop food law and regulations	
Laboratories	Department of Medical Science (Ministry of Public Health), Thai Industrial Standard Institute (Ministry of Industry), Department of Scientific Service (Ministry of Science), National Food Institute (Ministry of Industry)	Analytical service, laboratory accreditation	
Sector	Agency	Food Safety Responsibilities	Notes
Monitoring and	Food and Drug	Monitoring sampling	

surveillance	Administration (Ministry of Public Health), Department of Health (Ministry of Public Health), Department of Fisheries (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative), Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture), Department of Livestock Development, Thai Industrial Standard Institute (Ministry of Industry)	inspection, investigation, surveillance	
Implementation of food safety systems	Food and Drug Administration (Ministry of Public Health) Office of Agricultural Commodities and Food Standards (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative),	Registration of premises and products, implementing of GAP, GHP, GMP and HACCP	
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Food inspection	Food and Drug	Establishing Accrediting body	

and certification	Administration (Ministry of Public Health), Department of Fisheries (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative), Office of Agricultural Commodities and Food Standards (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative), Department of Livestock Development	and certifying bodies and certification system	
Education and training	Food and Drug Administration (Ministry of Public Health), Office of Agricultural Commodities and Food Standards (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative), Department of Health (Ministry of Public Health),	Conducting, training materials capacity building	
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Information sharing	Food and Drug Administration (Ministry of Public Health), Office of Agricultural Commodities and Food Standards (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative)	Establish network on food safety and rapid alert system	
Research and Development	National Food Institute (Ministry of Industry), Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Institute of Food Products Research and Development, Kasetsart University, Department of Health (Ministry of Public Health),	Research on risk analysis and safety of products	
Sector	Agency	Food Safety Responsibilities	Notes
International	Office of Agricultural	Codex contact point, ASEAN	

participation	Commodities and Food Standards (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative), Thai Industrial Standard Institute (Ministry of Industry), Food and Drug Administration (Ministry of Public Health)	contact points SPS enquiry point , ISO contact point	
Consumer participation in food safety	Food and Drug Administration (Ministry of Public Health)	Consumer awareness/perception, consumer potential , activities on campaign and food safety	
Food Safety Control System	Food and Drug Administration (Ministry of Public Health), Office of Agricultural Commodities and Food Standards (Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative)	Set up compliance policies warning/prosecution/ punishment/fine	

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

Name of the	Member	Chair of the	Council/	Council/ Committee
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Council/ Committee	Organisations of the Council/ Committee	Council/ Committee	Committee responsibilities	programs
National Food Standard Committee	Relevant government and private sectors	Minister of Agriculture and cooperatives	Consider and approve standards of foods and agricultural commodities standards	
Food Committee	Relevant government and private sectors	Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Public Health	Consider and approve of standards of foods and measures for food control and safety	
National Biotechnology Committee	Relevant government of private sectors	Prime minister	Set up policy and strategies on development of biotechnology and GMO	