

FOOD SAFETY ACT (DAIRY AND OTHER PRODUCTS) IN TANZANIA

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History of FS legislations

- Meat Hygiene Ordinance of 1961- under the Ministry responsible for Livestock Development. Regulated the production of safe meat and meat products.
- Food and Drug Ordinance of 1973 - under Ministry of Health

Hx of FS legislations cont...

- 1978 Meat hygiene & Food and Drug ordinance repealed
- Pharmaceuticals and poisons Act - established the Pharmacy Board
- Food (Control of Quality) Act - established the National Food Control Commission as an agency responsible for food control activities.

Hx of FS legislations cont...

- Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act No 1 of 2003 – established the TFDA

Hx of FS legislations cont...

- process of enacting legislation goes through (about) 13 different stages
- final stage involves Presidential assent & formulation of regulations by the Minister

Principal legislations on FS (Dairy)

- **The Dairy Industry Act, 2004**
 - Established the Dairy Board
 - Raw milk must passed platform tests - Density, Odour, Colour, Alcohol ppt test, Clot on boil, Fat %, Freezing point, PH, Acidity %, Rezasurin test, Total plate count and Coliform
 - Board refer quality testing to TFDA & TBS

Principal legislations on FS (Dairy) cont...

- **The Animal Diseases Act, 2003**

- under the DVS

- prohibits production of milk from diseased animals

- focused on the health of dairy animals rather than the end product (milk)

- yet to form regulations on milk safety

- issue health certificate for import/expo of milk

Principal legislations on FS (Dairy) cont...

- **The Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2003**
 - established the Tz Food & Drug Authority
 - regulate & control food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics and herbal drugs
 - defines food as any article other than drugs, cosmetics and tobacco used as food or drink for human consumption
 - has widest scope in the food industry and invariably overlaps other Acts

Other legislations on FS

- **The Meat Industry Act, 2006**
 - established the Tanzania Meat Board (TMB)
 - TMB ensure stakeholders' compliance to national and international meat and meat products standards in collaboration with other quality control institutions

Other legislations on FS cont...

- **The Livestock Identification, Registration and Traceability Act, 2010**
 - control animal diseases, enhance food safety assurance and promote access to market
 - currently ear tags & branding are endorsed

Other legislations on FS cont...



Other legislations on FS cont...

- **The Grazing-land and Animal Feed Resources Act, 2010**
 - control and regulate the manufacture, composition, containers, packaging and labelling of animal feed resources

Other legislations on FS cont...

- **The Fisheries Act No. 6 of 1970**
 - under the Director of fisheries production
 - regulate the production and safety of fish and fishery products in collaboration with TFDA.

Other legislations on FS cont...

- **The Standards Act of 1975**

- established the Tz Bureau of Standards (TBS) in the Ministry of Trade & Industries
- promulgate national standards including standards for food products
- makes use of the Codex Alimentarius guidelines and codes of practice as the basis for making its national food standards

Other legislations on FS cont...

- **Radiation Control Act, 2003**

- under the Ministry of Science & Tech.

- monitor food products for the presence of radioactive material.

Conclusion

- FS legislations in Tanzania involves multiple institutions with overlapping roles
- The food quality control policy is currently in a draft form.
- legislations are living documents which are subject to update in accordance with needs of the public.

Conclusion cont..

- Experiences learnt from Member States will be instrumental in our efforts to come up with effective national FS and quality control legislation

Thank you for listening