

**REG-THE-040**

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## REGULATION

### FVO requirements for third countries

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#### • Context

Most SARAF Trainees are key players in their country in the field of food chemical safety, in particular food for exportation to Europe, and they need to have a thorough knowledge of the relevant European legislation. FVO inspections regularly show a poor understanding of European regulations and expectations, leading to foodstuff not meeting the European sanitary criteria and *in fine* to the country's temporary ban from exporting to the EU.

#### • General objective(s)

The general objective of this module is to explain to the trainees what the European Commission actually expects in terms of the safety of food exported to the European Union. The topics covered will be successively: the principle of SPS agreements, Food Law (178/2002/EC), third countries requirements (2004/432/EC as last amended by 2006/208/EC), monitoring and control plans (96/23/EC), performance of the methods of analysis (validation, accreditation) and the principle of FVO missions (findings, report, follow-up).

#### • Pedagogical objectives

- ✓ State the main principles of the SPS agreement
- ✓ List the Commission expectations as to the safety of food exported to the EU

#### • Main items

- ✓ SPS agreement,
- ✓ Third countries requirements (2004/432/EC and 2006/208/EC),
- ✓ Organisation of control (96/23/EC),
- ✓ Analytical decision (2002/657/EC),
- ✓ Principle of FVO inspection missions.

#### • Pedagogical tools

- ✓ Slide show

#### • Duration

- ✓ 1 ½ hours

#### • Pre-requisite

- ✓ Food regulatory limits (MRL, TML, zero residue) and compounds of Directive 96/23/EC,
- ✓ Method validation, performance criteria (2002/657/EC)