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Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems



Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems *CCFICS*



- Principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and certification systems
- Harmonisation
- Protection of consumer health and facilitation of international trade in food



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- Objective: protect consumer health and ensure fair practices in the food trade.
- Practical guidance to assist national governments, and their competent authorities in the design, development, operation, evaluation and improvement of the national food control system.



Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems

Principles

- 1 – Protection of consumers
- 2 – Use of the whole food chain approach
- 3 – Transparency
- 4 – Roles and responsibilities
- 5 – Consistency and impartiality
- 6 – Use of risk-based, science-based and evidence-based decision making
- 7 – Cooperation and coordination between multiple competent authorities



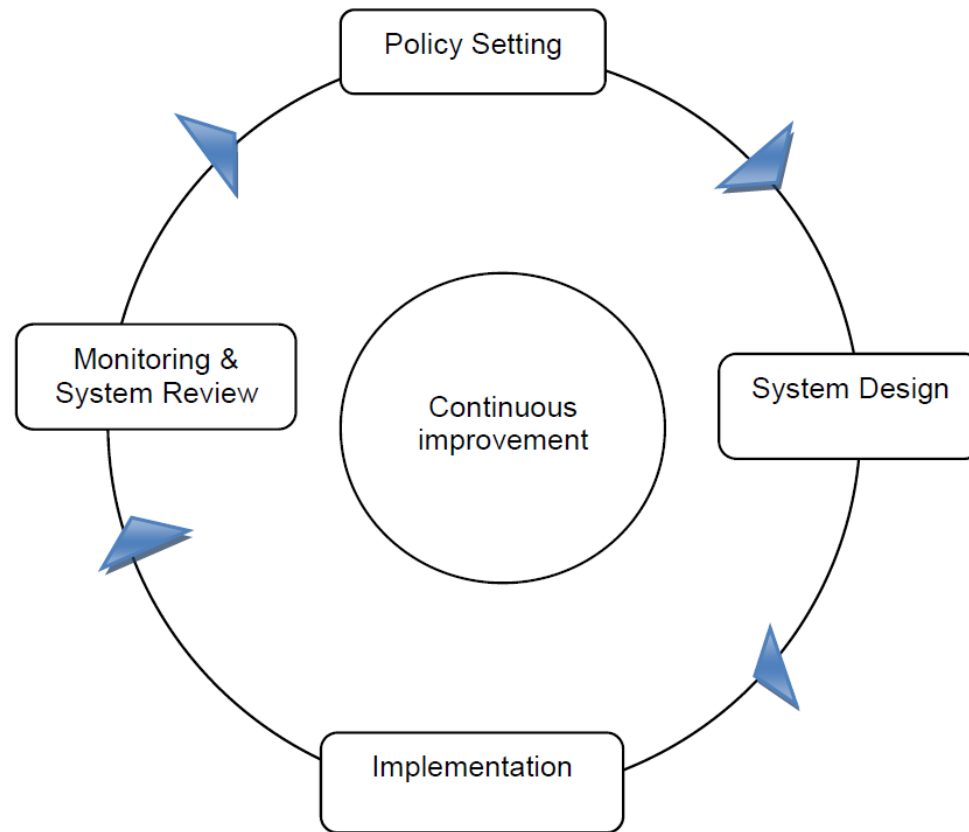
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Principles continued

- 8 – Use of preventative measures
- 9 – Use of self-assessment and review procedures
- 10 – Recognition of other systems (including equivalence)
- 11 – A legal foundation should be in place
- 12 – Harmonisation with Codex
- 13 – Resources



Framework for a National Food Control System



Concluding remarks

- Thank you

- Questions ?



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