

INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Unsafe and unhealthy foods cause a staggering range of diseases and illnesses causing major threat to public health, both globally and in the WHO South-East Asia Region.

Myanmar , is also under the burden of controlling unsafe and unhealthy foods.



Ministry of Health and Sports, is now focusing on the strengthening of the national food control system.

Department of Food and Drug Administration (DFDA) is primarily concerned as a national food control authority and certification body to ensure the national food safety.

As a initial step, DFDA is now developed this "National Food Safety Policy" which adopts the 'farm to fork' food chain approach.



This policy is aligned with the principles set out in the wider ASEAN Food Safety Policy and the ASEAN Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems.

The principles of this policy aim to facilitate a sustainable and robust food safety regulatory framework within the government and create the safe food environment as a whole.



This ‘National Food Safety Policy ’ provides strategic direction and sets down the union government’s overall vision for the protection of consumers’ health and facilitating food trade.

Food safety is a shared responsibility and it needs joint efforts of all stakeholders; governments, food business operators, consumers, and academics across the food chain.



POLICY VISION

The vision of the National Food Safety Policy is to contribute to the protection of consumer health by ensuring that all foods produced in or imported into the country, for placing on the market, are safe for human consumption.

So this policy needs to be implemented to fulfill this vision and the implementation will be achieved through coordinated and collaborative approach between relevant government bodies.



POLICY OBJECTIVE

This policy identifies ‘**overall objective**’ as the ‘**protection of consumers’ health while facilitating trade**’.

Because of the potential of broad economic expansion, the government needs to facilitate trade while protecting the health of consumers from unsafe and unhealthy foods is also a major issue.



POLICY SUB-OBJECTIVE

'To ensure that domestically produced foods and imported foods, placed on the market, are safe for human consumption'

Domestic large scale to small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs), foods importing companies need to comply with national food safety requirements to ensure the safety of the food they place on the market.

The realization of both the sub-objective and overall objective outlined above can be achieved through policy implementation of a specific set of actions such as "seven operational goals".

The unity and harmonious framework of Authority, Business sectors and Consumers (A+B+C) are the building blocks of this National Food Safety Policy and further implementations.

Both sub-objective and overall objective can be achieved through policy implementation based on a specific set of "seven operational goals".

These seven operational goals will be elaborated by Director (Food Control Division).



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