



Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China 中华人民共和国食品安全法

The Standing Committee of the
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Chapter 1: General Principles

Article 1 This Law is formulated to assure food safety and safeguard people's health and life.

Article 2 The following business activities carried out within the territory of the People's Republic of China shall abide by this law:

- 1) Food production and processing (hereinafter referred to as "food production"); food distribution and catering service (hereinafter referred to as "trading");
- 2) Production and trading of food additives;
- 3) Production and trading of packing materials, containers, detergents/disinfectants for foods, as well as tools and equipment used in food production and trading (hereafter referred to as "food-related products");
- 4) Food additives and food-related products used by food producers and traders;
- 5) Food storage, transportation, loading and unloading;
- 6) Safety management of food, food additives and food-related products.

The quality and safety management of primary agricultural products for consumption (hereinafter referred to as "edible agricultural products") shall abide by the Law of the People's Republic of China on Quality and Safety of Agricultural Products. However, marketing and selling of edible agricultural products, developing relevant quality safety standards, publishing relevant safety information, and any stipulations on agricultural inputs shall be abide by this Law.

Article 3 Food safety work shall follow the principles of "putting prevention first, risk management, whole-process control, and making efforts by the whole society", aiming to establish the science based and strict oversight system.

Article 4 Food producers and traders shall take responsibilities for food produced and traded.

Food producers and traders shall follow laws, regulations and food safety standards in their operation. They are required to ensure the food safety, be honest and self-disciplined, be responsible for the society and the public, accept oversight be the public, and bear the social responsibilities.

Article 5 The State Council establishes the Food Safety Committee, and assigns responsibilities to the Committee.

The China food and safety regulatory department under the State Council (State Administration for Market Regulation, SAMR), in accordance with this Law and the responsibilities identified by the State Council, is responsible for oversight food production and trading activities.

The State Council health administrative department (the National Health Commission, NHC), in accordance with this Law and the responsibilities identified by the State Council, conducts food safety risk surveillance,



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