RULES, REGULATIONS, FOOD SAFETY STANDARD AND EXPERIENCE IN CODEX ACTIVITIES

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The ministry of health and sports takes the role of focal ministry for food safety in Myanmar.

The Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority (MFDBA), chaired by minister for health, is the highest authority for food safety.
INTRODUCTION

- FDA has been recently upgraded to a directorate level department, directly under the Ministry of Health and Sports (Aug, 2013)
Organizational Structure of FDA

- Administration
- Planning
- Food Control
- Drug Control
- Cosmetics/Medical Device Control
- Laboratory
Law and Regulations

- The National Food Law was enacted in 1997
- Amendment of the National Food Law in 2013
The National Food Law needs to be reviewed and revised to make more comprehensive and in line with current changing scenario.

The new Food Law is now drafting, expecting to be enacted during 2017.
Modernizing the food law
Food Standard

- In terms of food standards, the Department of Food and Drug Administration refers Codex standards.
The National Standard Committee has been found under Ministry of Education, under which Food Standards Technical Committee has been found and working to develop Myanmar Food Standard.

Myanmar Standards for palm olein, peanut oil and sunflower oil are now developing.
Laboratory – ISO 17025

- Upgrade the laboratory to be accredited ISO 17025.
- Food Microbiology Laboratory (Yangon/Naypyitaw) with the support of UNIDO
- Food Chemical Laboratory – with the support of GIZ
National Codex Committee

- Myanmar has not been substantially formed the National Codex Committee yet, though having a considerably long history of correspondence with CAC.

- Director (Food Safety) is now taking the role of National Codex Contact Point for Myanmar
National Codex Committee

- Food Division of Myanmar FDA doing the office-work of the Codex matters.

- Proposed members of the NCC are delegates from:
  - Ministry of Health and Sports (FDA)
  - Department of Agriculture
  - Department of Livestock
  - Department of Fisheries
  - Department of Research and Innovation
  - Department of Trade
Conclusion and Recommendation

- Food safety control system is now moving to risk-based approach.
- Laboratories are trying to get ISO 17025 Accreditation
- Need to establish a central technical body for cooperation and coordination on food safety standard – National Codex Committee
- To be in line with regional/international agreements
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