



Food Safety Risk Analysis - Codex perspective

Food safety assurance programs have evolved during the last 50 years to reflect technical and scientific progress in the prevention of food contamination throughout the food chain and to take into account advances in the application of quality management programs by the food industry. Since the early 1990s, the Codex Alimentarius Commission has initiated work to introduce risk analysis principles in the development of Codex Standards. This has concerned particularly the work of those committees dealing with food safety issues such as the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (CCFAC), the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR), the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs (CCRVD), Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, etc. These Committees have developed specific guidelines for the use of risk analysis in their respective work. More recently (2003), the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the Principles for Food Safety Risk Analysis to be used in the Codex framework. This presentation will discuss about the development of guidelines on food safety risk analysis.

ABSTRACT