A New Method of Applying HACCP Principles for the Catering &Food Service Industry

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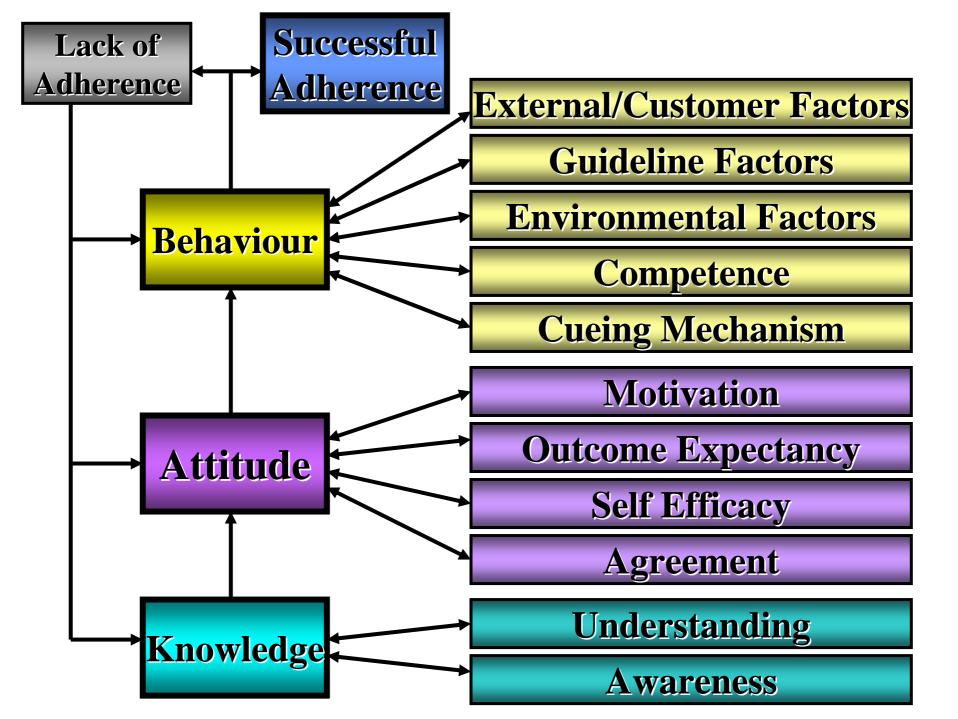
- Key objectives
 - To improve public health through introduction of HACCP into catering:
 - Restaurants, street vendors, hospitals, schools etc
 - Assist businesses to comply with legal requirements
 - EU Regulation Jan 2006
 - Problem for small businesses (4%)

HACCP & small businesses

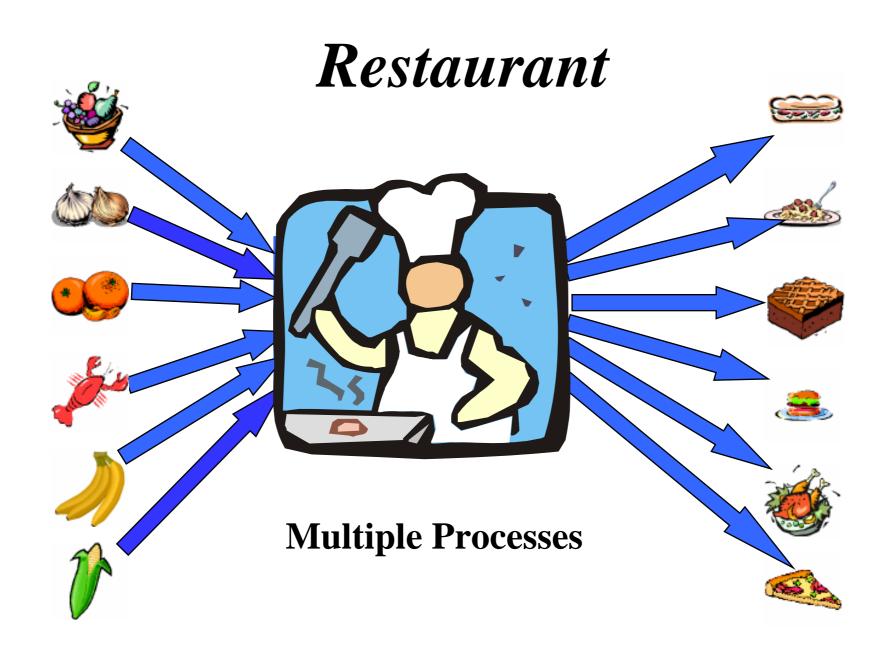
- Little evidence of success of HACCP in small business
 - 97% of all businesses are small
 - 60% of these are catering
 - MAFF study in 1999 demonstrated feasibility in all sectors except catering

Starting point....

- Attempts to implement 'classical HACCP' in UK catering fail
- No evidence anywhere in world of systematic introduction of 'classical HACCP' into catering
- Something innovative was needed
 - Risks needed to be taken
- Must overcome identified barriers



 Initiative must be led by people who understand the catering environment



Complex Inputs

Complex Outputs

The new system should be:

- bottom up approach
- an integrated system
- underpinned by the 7 HACCP principles
- user friendly
- expert knowledge built-in
- useful documentation and record keeping
- focus on microbiological risks
- focus on the business not the employees

How did it happen?

- Building Blocks
 - Multi-disciplinary team
 - Remove HACCP jargon
 - Industry involvement
 - Integrate with current food hygiene campaign
 - Cooking, Chilling, Cleaning, Cross contamination

The FSA solution: SFBB



Safer Food Better Business

Components:

Documented Safe Working Methods Record Keeping Diary

Part 1: Documentation - Safe Methods

- ➤ Includes *safety* aspects of all practice, how the manager ensures *control* of these, and plans for if things go *wrong*.
- Specific to and owned by individual business.
- > Fully detailed.
- Internal and external utility.
- Presented through videos & photographs

Part 2: Record Keeping – Diary

- Page a day 'food diary' where daily responsibility is signed for.
- Opening and closing checks Daily section for recording any problems or changes and the action that was taken.
- Reminders for regular management checks and reviews.

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Development of safe methods

Practices identified, extensively reviewed and validated by FSA.

Safe Method: Whole Birds

Thorough cooking kills harmful bacteria

Menu items:



Simple messages

Focus on safety

Explains reasons

Filled in by business

Safety Point	Why?	How do you do this?		
Pre-heat oven.	To allow more accurate timing.	Temperature:		
Do not pack the birds too tightly.	This is to allow hot air to circulate for more even cooking.	Space between birds:		
Turn the birds during cooking.	This will allow the meat to be cooked more evenly.	Turnedtimes		
Cook the birds for long enough.	It is essential to cook the meat for long enough to kill all harmful bacteria.	Bird Weight Temp Time		

Check it	Why?	How to do this	If not, what do you do?
After the bird has been cooked as above, check to make sure it has been cooked through (i.e. at the leg). If it has not, cook for longer until it has. See 'what to do when things go wrong' section.	Normally the leg is the last part to finish cooking so this is the best place to test if a bird is cooked all the way through	Pierce the bird in its thickest part (between drumstick and thigh) with a sharp item (knife/metal skewer) until the juices run out (picture 1). These juices must be free from pink/red colouring (picture 2), all blood/residue must have changed to brown and be otherwise clear (picture 3).	

Practical advice

HACCP principles built in

Jargon free







Photographs to aid understanding

Realistic advice if things go wrong

Tuesday 14	– Page a day	
The 4 Cs were effectively followed: Any Problems or Changes?	Opening Check Closing check What did you do?	Opening & closing checks
Notes		Exception reporting
		Extra space
NameSignature		Signature of responsibility

Application of Codex Methodology

Apply pre-requisite programmes



Apply preliminary procedures



Apply HACCP principles 1-7

Pre-requisite programmes

- Historical separation of general and specific hazards
- Confusing
- GHP not controlled systematically in most catering outlets
- SFBB integrates both
- Facilitates control of 'critical' generic hazards
- Advantage over classical HACCP

Example: cleaning



LOW RISK

HIGH RISK



Preliminary procedures

- Assemble team
- Describe product
- Identify intended use
- Construct flow diagram
- Confirm flow diagram

Simple Modular Structure













Apply HACCP Principles

- 1. Hazard Analysis
 - Identify significant hazards
 - Establish control measures
- 2. Identify CCPs

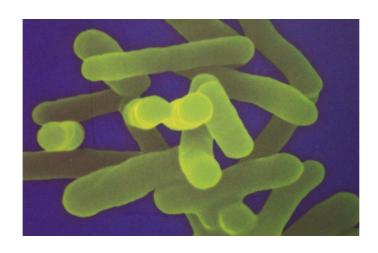
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Technical
decision
making

Pre-determined

Explicit in SFBB
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Science translated into simple messages

Cooking kills harmful bacteria



- 3. Determine critical limits
- 4. Monitoring procedures

practical, real-time, every time



5. Corrective action

- -pre-determined practical options
- -triggers appropriate record keeping

6. Verification

- Compliance
 - Diary builds in requirement for regular review
- Validation
 - Methods validated by FSA
 - Exception requires internal validation



7. Documentation & record keeping

- safe methods
- diary

Validity of the methodology underlying SFBB?

Developed to overcome identified barriers

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- Developed to overcome identified barriers
- Rigorous evaluation.
 - 3 yr study
 - 50 businesses
 - 20-50 research hrs in each business

Preliminary Results

- Evidence of behavioural change
- Microbiological improvement
- Businesses understand and use it with minimal support
- And they like it!

Current roll-out

- Version 4: Safer Food Better Business– developed for very small businesses currently being implemented across 600 LA's.
- 3 year programme 400,000 premises