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The Dutch approach on building bridges between enforcement and compliance in food safety

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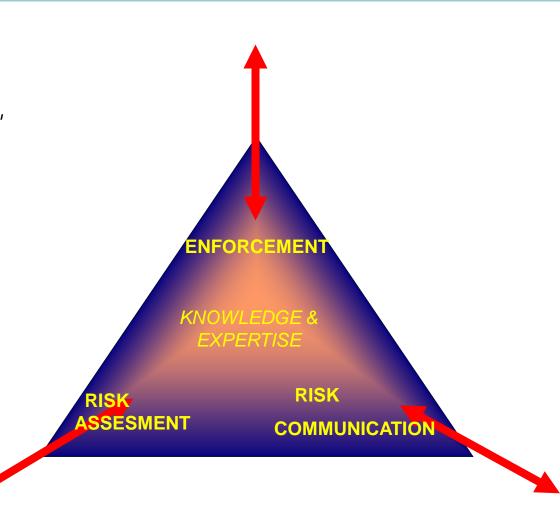- Compliance
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Mission
The NVWA safeguards
- health of animals and plants,
- animal welfare
- and the safety of food and
consumer products.

Employees: 2400
Budget: € 248 mio
(70 % governmentb)

ENFORCEMENT

KNOWLEDGE & EXPERTISE

RISK ASSESMENT

RISK COMMUNICATION

Our enforcement strategy

Departure point
1. Aimed at the private sector in the interest of consumer safety
2. Voluntarily compliance of bonafide companies
3. Private sector and consumer assume responsibility
4. Confidence, unless….
5. Soft approach where possible, tough approach when needed

The NVWA is:
- Risk oriented
- Knowledge oriented
- Cooperative
- Influential

A new approach, why?

Politics:

- Smaller public bodies
- Maintain the level of safety
- High trust versus high penalty

Private sector:

- Less inspection, maintain quality
- Deal with the bad apples in the sector

Society:

- Maintain the level of safety
- Effective modern public bodies

Chances:

- High Technology
- IT

Risk assessment

- International standards for risk analysis are used for introduction of new and emerging diseases of pests

- International limits are set by international recognised organsiations

- Risk assessment and management is not a sole governmental responsibility anymore

- The private sector has developed many certification schemes with standards for food safety and good practices

- The public demands good product management from the private sector and retail as well

International standard setting organisations

Food safety

Codex Alimentarius setting Maximum Residue Limits

International standards on food safety ISO 22000

ISO 17025 for laboratories

ISO 17020 for inspection services

Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)

Phytosanitary standards

International Plant Protection Convention

ISO 17025 for laboratories

ISO 17020 for inspection services

Veterinary standards

Organisation International Evertebrates

ISO 17025 for laboratories

ISO 17020 for inspection services

Governmental versus private sector responsibility

Private certification systems

China example on product safety

Closed supervision chain

- Equal approach of inspection
- Confidence in each other's system
- Harmonised inspection methods
- Same risk based approach
- Exchange of information at government-level
- IT-use for exchange of data
- Peer review and audit system at both sides
- Transparancy in each other's system

Compliance approach

Conditions

- Presence of a quality system in the product chain
- Risk based inspection system, country and company orientation
- Access to data of companies a solution and a problem
- Information communication on trade requirements
- Communication with sector representative organisation
- Communication with the consumer
- Consumer is also reporting to inspection service (Twitter, Facebook)

- **Action plan India-Netherlands**

UN body to tone up Indian food safety standards

Codex Alimentarius Commission, the United Nation's body on food safety, is working on harmonising Indian food safety standards with its norms in this regard and will soon come out with a strategy to achieve it.

"We are working on harmonising the Indian food safety standards with that of Codex's. This will help Indian food processing industry and other related businesses to compete on the global scale," Codex Alimentarius Commission Chairman S Dave told *PTI* on the sidelines of an event here.

"The industry should reciprocate the concerns (food safety) of the consumers with establish standards, which are globally acceptable. The Government, industry and the academia should come together to achieve this," he said.

Thank you for your attention