

Monthly FAEA Report (11/26/2020)

Highlights

BFSA: Bangladesh Food Safety Authority is planning to train newly recruited officers on Food safety and leadership capacity development.

BSTI: Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) has spelled-out mandatory 43 new products.

DLS: Department of Livestock Services (DLS) has made notification for organizing training programs on One Health Approach on Outbreak Investigation and sample collection & management.

Monthly Developments

Food Safety

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA):

The draft Food Safety regulation on Product Recall and Restaurant hygiene regulations were forwarded to the Ministry of Food for organizing an inter-ministerial meeting.

BFSA has taken an initiative to draft a regulation to set national regulatory standard for trans-fat content in food and food ingredients. Once it is finalized, BSTI and other regulators will adopt and update their respective standards. The standard will be also applicable for FAEA's listed products.

BFSA is planning to organize a training program for the newly recruited officers that includes food safety WTO requirements, SPS, TBT and leadership capacity development.

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI):

BSTI has published the details of 43 new mandatory food product standards including for the following products:

- A blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in powdered form (BDS CAC 251:2018)
- Corn flakes (BDS 1957:2018)
- Ultra-high temperature milk and ultra-high temperature homogenized milk (BDS 1805:2008)
- Potato chips (BDS 1927:2017)
- Flavoured milk (BDS 1471:2012)
- Artificial flavoured drinks (BDS 1877:2014)
- Ice lolly (BDS 1847:2011)
- Oats (BDS 1960:2019)
- Low fat milk (BDS 1866:2013)
- Synthetic vinegar (BDS 1896:2015)

Some of the standards are for various milk and milk products e.g.: BDS CAC 251:2018, BDS 1805:2008, BDS 1471:2012, BDS 1866:2013 that may be of interest to FAEA's US Dairy Export Council.

Animal Health and Production

Department of Livestock Services:

The Department of Livestock Services (DLS) has finalized the list of participants for a training program on Dairy and Livestock Sample Collection. A total of 30 participants will attend the course. DLS is also organizing a training program on the One Health Approach to Outbreak Investigations and five participants will attend. Both training programs are scheduled to take place 06 to 10 December, 2020.

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE):

No significance changes to report on DAE or PQW (Plant Quarantine Wing) regulations or policies.

Codex:

There were no significant activities to report related to Codex during the month of November. However, while finalizing and publishing the proposed new BDS standards, the respective Codex standards will be respected.

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