



CAMBODIA ACTIVITY REPORT

Name/Title: Kent D. Sisson, Executive Director
Activity: Cambodia Food Safety Study Tour
Destination: Washington, DC
Budget: \$50,000 (Cambodia)

Activity: Cambodia 2023/UES
Begin date: December 8, 2023
End date: December 17, 2023

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF ACTIVITY:

The two main purposes of the activity were to:

- Share information about the U.S. food and feed safety regulatory system with Cambodia's government officials responsible for implementing the country's laws, regulations and rules on food and feed safety; and
- Discuss and make initial plans for conducting a Food and Agriculture Export Alliance (FAEA) sponsored Food and Feed Safety Strategic Planning Workshop in Phnom Penh in early 2024.

The key objectives of the activity were:

1. To meet with U.S. Government representatives responsible for implementing and enforcing U.S. food and feed safety laws, regulations, and rules.
2. To meet with U.S. private sector companies and members of associations from the beef, pork, poultry, dairy, animal feed, and veterinary pharmaceutical industries that are regulated under the U.S. food and feed safety system; and
3. To develop and agree on a plan, approximate date, and the next steps for conducting the follow-up FAEA sponsored Workshop in Phnom Penh.

OBSERVATIONS:

All three of the objectives were met. The team met with and received presentations from:

1. U.S. Government officials or former officials from:
 - a. USDA
 - i. FAS, FSIS, APHIS, U.S. Codex Office
 - b. USTR
 - c. FDA
 - d. EPA
2. Private sector companies and associations:
 - a. Perdue Farms (feed and soy crushing facilities and poultry processing field visit)
 - b. U.S. Cold Storage
 - c. American Feed Industry Association
 - d. U.S. Grains Council
 - e. U.S. Meat Export Federation
 - f. World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (representing the soybean industry)
 - g. National Pork Producers Council
 - h. Elanco

- i. Merck Animal Health
3. Mr. Kent Sisson and Dr. Janie Dubois
 - a. On the first and last day of the visit we spent several hours discussing the need for the follow-up Workshop activity in early 2024. We discussed the timeline, planning and organization process/responsibilities, Workshop participants, general agenda for the Workshop, and next steps.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Conclusion:** Based on the oral feedback on the last day and the written evaluations, the nine Cambodian officials and FAS representative from the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh all agreed on the value of the study tour in helping them understand the U.S. food and feed safety system. They also feel that it gives them an excellent context and background for assisting them in developing a plan for implementing Cambodia's recently promulgated food safety and other relevant laws.

Following is a summary overview of the Activity Evaluation (Appendix 2) forms that each of the Government officials and the FAS representative completed:

1. **Instruction Delivery and Relevance of Topics:** Numerical scores for the five categories (Overall quality; Relevance of topics to the activity objective; Technical knowledge and expertise of speakers; Coordination, planning, logistics, and accommodations; and Workshop length) were all 4 (Excellent) or 5 (Exceptional) except for one person gave a score of 3 (Satisfactory) for technical knowledge.
2. **Instructional Effectiveness:** Numerical scores for the three categories (Speakers were prepared; Speakers presented at a reasonable pace; and Speakers answered questions) were all 4 or 5 except for two scores by one person were a 3 for speaker preparation and pace of presentation.
3. **Learning Effectiveness:** Numerical scores for the three categories (Ability to apply the knowledge; Workshop presentations and materials were useful; and gained new knowledge valuable to the activity objectives) were all 4 or 5.
4. **Activity Summary and Recommendations:**
 - o Comments on the **most valuable part of activity** included:
 - Bringing the representatives from all food safety regulatory agencies together for meaningful discussions and collaboration
 - Meetings and presentations from USDA and other officials on Day 1 and 2
 - Law and regulation enforcement
 - Government agency coordination with the private sector
 - Sharing best practices and the field day visits
 - Regulatory agency presentations on roles and responsibilities, how they are organized, and how they coordinate with the private sector.
 - FSIS presentation on their intricate measures for ensuring food safety throughout the supply chain.

- Private sector experiences in complying with the U.S. food safety system.
- USDA's key role in coordinating between the line regulatory agencies and the private sector
- Food safety management, in particular the collaboration and cooperation between federal gov't, state gov't, and private sector
- Comments on **how to improve the activity** included:
 - Provide presentation slides in advance for review before presentations.
 - Round table discussions to share experiences.
 - Conduct an on-line briefing for participants before the trip begins.
 - More interactive discussions with relevant public and private sector stakeholders
 - Provide more learning materials, more opportunities for direct discussion and engagement with experts, stakeholders, and practitioners.
 - Invite more participants from Cambodia who are responsible for administering SPS activities.
 - Product management based on the law, regulations, and rules.
- Suggestions for **other areas of information and training** for future activities included:
 - Explaining how to increase youth and consumer awareness of food safety, food control systems, and food safety laws and regulations.
 - Explaining how to draft food safety guidelines and regulations to implement the new law(s)
 - Providing more details on challenges faced in setting up a food safety system.
 - Setting up discussions on food hygiene and lab sampling/testing for import control
 - Explaining the role and responsibility of Customs officials in inspecting imported food at the entry points.
 - Explaining how to establish risk criteria for conducting inspections of imported food at the points of entry.
 - Discussing best practices in preparing and enforcing food safety regulations
 - Conducting capacity building training in addressing on all aspects of SPS issues, especially for veterinary officials and staff
 - Explaining how food poison traceability, investigation, and responses are conducted.
 - Explaining how to conduct school feeding programs at schools.
 - Explaining the inspection control systems
- **Additional comments and recommendations** included:
 - How to assist Cambodia in establishing a food safety "Think Tank" to work on policy, strategy, and raising food safety awareness for all

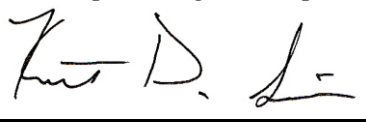
stakeholders including public policy makers, consumers, and private sector companies

- Technical assistance in drafting regulations and SOP's for implementing the law.
- Provide case studies from countries or regions with similar socio-economic conditions and challenges as Cambodia. These comparative analyses can provide insights into effective solutions that are applicable to the Cambodia situation.
- Future team participants from Cambodia should include both technical and policy level officials and staff.
- Gratitude and appreciation to FAEA for the activity and a request to continue providing assistance to Cambodia, including future trips for others including private sector representatives.

Recommendation: *Based on the excellent feedback on the last day of the program, FAEA should carefully review the comments from the summary above and the evaluation forms and where possible, incorporate the suggestions into future FAEA activities in Cambodia and other target markets. In particular, assistance in drafting regulations; coordination, collaboration, and communication with private sector; communications with consumers; providing presentations in advance; including more opportunities for roundtable discussions with the participants and experts; case studies; and possibly information sharing of experiences with representatives from countries that are at the same socio-economic level as Cambodia.*

2. **Conclusion:** The team is very supportive and “on-board” to conduct the Food and Feed Safety Strategic Planning workshop in Phnom Penh in March 2024.

Recommendation: *FAEA should move forward with conducting the Workshop following the process that was discussed on the last day of the workshop. Per the discussion, Dr. Dubois prepared a draft concept paper. The paper will be shared with the team for them to review and finalize and then share with their respective Ministry leaders for approval. The next steps will be to proceed with planning and implementing the Workshop.*

Signature: 

Kent D. Sisson
FAEA Executive Director

Date: January 10, 2024

Signature: 

H.E. Sok Silo
Secretary General
Council for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD)

Date: January 15, 2024

DAILY ACTIVITY

I arrived in Washington on December 8 to meet the team at the airport the next morning on December 9. The team members and FAS representative departed Phnom Penh on Friday, December 9 and 10, respectively, and all arrived in Washington, DC by December 10. We conducted the meetings on schedule and in accordance with the agenda (Appendix 1). Most team members departed Washington, DC on December 16. Others left on different days, some of them extending their stay in the U.S. at their own expense.

Mr. Kent Sisson, FAEA Executive Director and Ms. Rosida Nababan, FAEA Program Coordinator (arrived December 10) managed and participated in all the meetings. Special thanks to Ms. Sokkea Hoy, FAS Phnom Penh who helped organize the team and coordinated the planning process with the participants in Cambodia prior to the trip. Mr. Sam Clemence, USGC was extremely helpful during the planning process and arranging for FAEA and the team to use the USGC conference room for two days of meetings. He also provided food and beverages for those meetings. Lastly, Mr. Lee Gross served as our point of contact with FAS and did an outstanding job in coordinating meetings with USDA and other U.S. Government officials as well as arranging meeting rooms for the first two days of the activity.

Saturday, December 9

Cambodia government officials all departed Phnom Penh (PP) on the same flight and arrived in Washington, DC Dulles airport the same day.

Sunday, December 10

Ms. Sokkea Hoy, FAS Cambodia departed Phnom Penh, arriving in Washington, DC the same day.

1:30 pm Kent Sisson briefed team on the activity agenda. The team spent the rest of the day resting and site-seeing.

Monday, December 11

9:00 am Meeting with FAS officials

Lee Gross	Senior Advisor to the Director, Trade and Regulatory Capacity Building Division (TRCBD)
Nigel Hunter	Foreign Service Officer
Gene Kim	Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs

Lee gave an overview of USDA and the role and responsibilities of FAS, in general and TRCBD, in particular. FAS has 100 overseas offices covering 180 countries. TRCBC conducts capacity building activities in target markets. Activities include study tours to the US, US-based training courses, in-country trainings, and technical exchanges. They collaborate and coordinate their activities with other federal government agencies, Universities, and the private sector.

Nigel gave the team an overview of WTO, SPS and TBT responsibilities and obligations, explaining how FAS coordinates and participates in those areas. In particular, he explained obligations for notifying regulations and draft regulations, and the importance of notification and transparency. He also discussed how FAS and others communicate via the WTO “[e-Ping](#)” on-line system. The platform facilitates tracking sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) and technical barriers to trade (TBT) measures for all WTO members. Through this platform, users can:

- Browse [notifications](#) on new and updated product regulations;
- Find information on **trade concerns** discussed in the WTO SPS and TBT committees.
- Sign up to receive **email alerts** and to follow notifications on products and/or markets of interest.
- Locate information on [enquiry points and notification authorities](#);
- **Reach out** to national and international counterparts.

Gene explained how FAS focuses its work with other countries regarding the three key international regulatory bodies, that is, the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and Codex Alimentarius. He gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of APHIS, FSIS, FDA, and EPA regarding their regulatory functions domestically and internationally.

11:00 am Meeting with U.S. Codex Office
Ms. Heather Selig International Issues Analyst

Heather discussed Codex in general and why it is important to the United States. She explained the history of U.S. involvement in Codex as a founding member in 1963 and the establishment of the U.S. Codex Office in 1995. It has nine full-time staff members. Although it is housed in USDA, it coordinates with all relevant U.S. government agencies in developing the U.S. positions on all relevant codex issues. It is the Codex enquiry point for the U.S. The U.S. hosts four committees: CCFH, CCRVDF, CCPFV and CCCPL.

With respect to Cambodia, she noted that the new laws recently promulgated in Cambodia that are being implemented, that is, the Plant Protection Law and the Law on Food Safety.

1:00 pm Discussion of Proposed Food and Feed Safety Strategic Planning Workshop

After lunch, Kent gave the team an overview of FAEA’s interest in following up this activity with an FAEA sponsored Food and Feed Safety Strategic Planning Workshop for three days in Phnom Penh in early 2024. He explained that we planned to model it after a similar workshop held in Nigeria in December 2022. He told the team that we would spend the last day of our program on Friday, discussing the details of the Workshop and that Dr. Janie Dubois would facilitate that discussion. The team was asked to keep this in mind and be prepared to give their opinions and ideas for the Workshop, including the best date to have it, the Workshop topic, participants, and next steps.

3:00 pm Team Departed USDA for the Hotel

Tuesday, December 12

This day was devoted to presentations given by officials or experts from USTR, and the U.S. agencies involved in food safety regulation, namely, APHIS, FSIS, FDA, and EPA.

9:00 am Meeting with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

Mr. David Jankowski

Dr. Rob Ahern, Ph.D.

Mr. Colby Branch

Dr. Ahern explained that USTR is the point of contact for the international regulatory bodies of WOH, IPPC, Codex. He gave an overview of USTR's roles and responsibilities in negotiating and enforcing trade agreements and its coordinating role for all Executive Branch technical agencies. He also gave an overview of the SPS agreement explaining how it is a rules-based, transparent system for developing rules and regulations that are science and risk-based. He noted that there will be a sixth review of the SPS in WTO coming up. He indicated that risk communication is a challenge and is something that no one does very well and thus, will be a major focus of the review, especially regarding *miscommunication*.

David Jankowski gave a history of the WTO and the reason it was created, touching on the SPS agreement, the TBT agreement, and technical regulations and standards.

During the Q&A, questions were asked about notification of Cambodia's Food Safety Law to the WTO. They were advised that there is no need to notify the law at this point but that the implementing regulations should be notified as they are drafted. Ms. Hoy noted that in Cambodia, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) is responsible for notifying the WTO of SPS issues and the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) is responsible for notifying TBT issues.

10:45 am Meeting with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Mr. George Fox Foreign Service Officer

George gave an overview of the USDA organizations chart showing where APHIS fits in. He then explained the role and responsibilities of APHIS in food and feed safety regulation. In response to questions about exporting to the United States, he noted that the process for getting approval to export can sometimes take three years or more.

11:30 am Meeting with Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

Ms. Christina Der

Christina gave an overview of FSIS and its role in food safety regulation for meat, poultry, and some egg products. She provided information on inspection staff numbers and data on the number of inspections they conduct. She noted that they follow a modern approach to food

safety and follow/inspect HACCP processes in the facilities that they inspect. Their overall goal is to protect the U.S. public health and eliminate food borne illness from both domestic and imported products. She provided information on how they collect and analyze samples. She shared the following information:

- Office of Public Health Science conducts 190,000 analyses each year
- Office of Field Operations has 8,000 inspectors in 6,800 facilities in the US.
- They serve 10 districts covering all 50 States.
- They have an Office of Investigation, Enforcement and Audit; an Office of International Coordination; offices in Beijing and Mexico; and a Public Education and Outreach Office

In response to a question on the inspection of imported meat products, she explained that before products are released for sale in the U.S., they must go from the port to a warehouse where they are inspected. Only the documents are reviewed at the port.

1:15 pm Meeting with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Expert
Dr. Janie Dubois Former FDA Official

Janie gave a thorough presentation of the role of FDA in food safety. She provided a history of the Agency and its authorities under the law and explained that FDA is responsible for regulating food safety for all food and feed that is not covered by USDA. As an organization, FDA has:

- Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
- Center for Veterinary Medicine
- Office of Regulatory Affairs

2:00 pm Meeting with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ms. Zoe Emdur Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Ms. Emdur gave an overview of the EPA and its mission, “To protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment – air, water and land – upon which life depends.” EPA has 15,000 employees with 10 offices and several laboratories in the U.S. It accomplishes its mission by:

- Implementing environmental laws
- Developing and enforcing regulations
- Conducting environmental research
- Facilitating partnerships between private and public sectors
- Providing information to the public
- Providing funding to states and local governments.

Regarding food and feed safety, EPA focuses primarily on pesticides in its Office of Pesticide Programs. This office is responsible for pesticide registration, application, establishing tolerance standards (Maximum Residue Levels or MRL’s), and international coordination. Pesticide residue MRL’s are enforced by FDA for most foods and by USDA/FSIS for meat, poultry, and some egg products.

3:30 pm Team Departed USDA for the Hotel

Wednesday, December 13

On Wednesday we focused on sharing information with the team from the private sector. FAEA members representing the feed/grains, soy, beef, pork, and veterinary pharmaceutical industries, introduced themselves and gave brief overviews of their organizations, their interests in food and feed safety in the U.S. and internationally, and also their interests and activities in Cambodia.

9:00 am Presentation by American Feed Industry Association (AFIA)

Ms. Leah Wilkinson VP of Public Policy and Education

Ms. Gina Tumbarello Sr. Director of Global Strategies, Policy & Trade

Staff from AFIA will take over management of FAEA starting January 1, 2024. Gina will be the Executive Director and Ms. Mallory Gaines will be the Codex Coordinator. Ms. Rosida Nababan will continue as FAEA’s Program Coordinator.

Leah gave a presentation of AFIA, their private sector role in the regulation of animal feed, and the activities they conduct on behalf of their U.S. animal feed industry members, and who they work closely with in the U.S. government and private sector. AFIA has:

- 110+ yrs representing the business, legislative & regulatory interests of U.S. animal food industry & its suppliers
- 650+ domestic & international members representing the total feed industry, that is, 75% of all feed + 70% of all non-whole-grain ingredients in the U.S.
- Advocates for legislation to benefit the feed industry.
- Supports science-based regulations.
- Provides news & information to members.
- Offers educational programs & networking events.
- Offers a Safe Feed/Safe Food certification program to promote safe manufacturing standards globally - over 875 facilities are currently certified in 1 of 4 programs.

Representatives from other FAEA members that were present and gave overviews for their organizations and industries included:

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| • Ashley Johnson, DVM | National Pork Producers Council |
| • Amelia Breinig | Merck Animal Health |
| • Sam Clemence | U.S. Grains Council |
| • Courtney Heller and Jim Remcheck | U.S. Meat Export Federation |
| • Jesse Sevcik | Elanco |
| • Virginia Huston | American Soybean Association/World Initiative on Soy in Human Health (WISHH) |

Virginia also gave a presentation on the WISHH aquaculture project they are implementing in Cambodia.

3:00 pm Team Departed for the Hotel

Thursday, December 14

We traveled two and a half hours to Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland for a full day of field visits and meetings to see agriculture production areas for corn, soybeans, and poultry. We also met with representatives of U.S. Cold Storage and toured their cold storage facility.

Purdue Farms hosted the team at their feed milling and soy crushing facility near the city of Salisbury, Maryland. They gave us a tour of the facility and then gave presentations about the company as a fully integrated poultry producer, processor, and exporter and a feed producer and processor.

We then traveled to Milton, Delaware where Purdue arranged a full tour of its modern chicken slaughtering and processing facility. They showed the team the entire process from where the live chickens enter the plant and are slaughtered, processed, inspected, packed into retail packages for distribution to retailers in the U.S.

After the Purdue tour, we traveled a short distance to the U.S. Cold Storage facility. We met with their management team who gave us a short tour of their modern cold storage facility. They are a third-party logistics (3PL) provider that stores food products - including chicken from Purdue - and other companies in the area. They do not take ownership of the products. Their revenue comes from the storage and handling of the products they store for their customers.

We had dinner on Kent Island and then traveled back to Washington, DC arriving at 7:30 pm.

Friday, December 15

9:00 am Wrap-up Discussions, Evaluation and Workshop Planning

This was the last day of the study tour. We devoted the entire morning and early afternoon discussing what was learned from the visit and planning for the next steps for FAEA assistance to Cambodia in implementing its Law on Food Safety. Each team member spoke about what they learned from the study tour and identified some of the most important things that will benefit them in implementing the law and carrying out their duties. They also completed their written evaluation forms. The feedback from these discussions and the evaluation forms is summarized in the “*Conclusions and Recommendations*” portion of this report. Ms. Hoy and Ms. Nababan also provided insightful comments, observations, and recommendations.

We spent the last part of the session discussing the next steps, in particular, ideas and recommendations for conducting the Food and Feed Safety Strategic Planning Workshop in Phnom Penh in early 2024. Dr. Janie Dubois led and facilitated this discussion. A summary of the key points from this session are as follows:

1. To give us all better context for designing an effective and useful workshop, Janie asked what the main drivers were for drafting and passing the Food Safety Law. The team responded:
 - a. Food poisoning due to lack of good food handling practices

- b. Regulations not being followed by those involved in the food business and by some consumers.
 - c. Food borne diseases.
 - d. Need to review the recommendations documented in FAO's Food System Control study completed in 2022.
2. Planning for the Workshop planning was discussed next. Some questions were answered but others will need further consideration after the team returns to Cambodia and discusses the plan with their leadership. Questions and topics included:
- a. When should the workshop be held?
 - i. It was agreed that March would be the best month.
 - b. Who should participate in the workshop?
 - i. Gov't, Industry, and Academia
 - ii. Members of this study tour team
 - c. Planning:
 - i. We need at least two months to plan the workshop.
 - d. Objectives:
 - i. Key high-level Ministers should provide opening remarks during the Workshop to show that the Workshop and the implementation of the Law is supported at the highest levels in the Cambodian Government
 - ii. Who should invite the participants?
 1. Invitations of the top Ministry-level people will depend on the objectives that need to be clearly spelled out in a concise concept note that will be used to brief the Ministers.
 - iii. Next Steps:
 1. Develop a concept note explaining the purpose, content, and objectives of the workshop to share with Ministry leadership.
 - a. Janie will prepare the first draft of the concept note in early January.
 - b. FAEA will send the draft note to Sok Silo to share with the team for review and revision.
 2. Conduct a virtual meeting between FAEA, relevant study team members, and FAS to start the planning, management, and coordination of the workshop in mid-January

1:30 pm Lunch Together at Restaurant.

Saturday, December 16

Six team members departed Washington, DC from Dulles Airport to Cambodia. Mr. Sisson accompanied the group to the airport and returned home. Ms. Nababan returned home later in the day. The other members and Ms. Hoy extended their stays in the U.S. at their own expense and eventually returned safely to Cambodia.

Attachments

- Appendix 1: Meeting Agenda and Contact Information

- Appendix 2: Activity Evaluation Form
- Appendix 3: Business Cards



Appendix 1: Meeting Agenda and Contact Information

**Cambodia Food and Feed Safety Team
Study Tour in Washington, DC
December 9-17, 2023**

Delegation from the Government of Cambodia (GOC)

#	NAME	Title	Organization	Email
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I. December 9 (Saturday)

Team departs Phnom Penh

12:20 am Team Members Depart Phnom Penh (Delta 7880)

II. December 9 (Saturday)

Team arrives in Washington, DC

9:50 AM Team Arrives Dulles Airport/Terminal 1/Flight DL7857 from Seoul

Kent Sisson, FAEA Executive Director will meet with the transportation contractor at the airport and go with the team to:

Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill

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Washington, DC 20001
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III. December 10, 2023 (Sunday)

1:30 pm Orientation briefing by FAEA Executive Director Sisson at Hotel



IV. December 11, 2023 (Monday)

Meetings with FAS at USDA Whitten Bldg, 14th & Independence Ave, SW

- 8:00 am **Depart Hotel (Bus – bring passports)**
8:30 am Arrive at USDA Whitten Building, Room 107A Press Room
- 9:00 – 9:30 am **Welcome Remarks by FAS Administrator**
Mr. Daniel Whitley
Administrator
Foreign Agricultural Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
- POC's:
Mr. Lee Gross, Senior Advisor
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- 9:30 – 10:45 am **Trade and Regulatory Capacity Building Division**
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- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm **U.S. Codex Office**
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International Issues Analyst
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- 12:00 pm *Lunch at USDA Cafeteria*
- 1:15 pm Discussion of proposed Food and Feed Safety Strategic Planning Workshop to be in Phnom Penh in early 2024
- 2:30 pm Depart from USDA
3:00 pm Arrive at Hotel



V. December 12, 2023 (Tuesday)

Meetings with USTR and food/feed regulatory agencies at USDA South Building, 14th and Independence Ave, SW

U.S. FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Overview of U.S. food safety rulemaking process, including interagency collaboration and public consultation to facilitate transparent development of science-based policies, laws and regulations that enhance food safety and facilitate trade.

- 8:00 am **Depart Hotel (Bus)**
8:30 am **Arrive at USDA Building**
 South Building, Floor 06, Room 6610
- 9:00 – 9:10 AM **Introductions led by Kent Sisson, FAEA Executive Director**
- 9:10 – 10:30 AM **Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)**
Mr. David Jankowski
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202-395-6129 (Office)
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TBT and SPS Committees, respectively, and the importance of notifying/transparency
- 10:30 – 10:45 am *Break*
- Food Safety Regulatory Agencies: Competencies and Roles in Interagency Coordination***
- 10:45 – 11:30 am **USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)**
Mr. George Fox, Foreign Service Officer
Mangoes may be of interest to Cambodians for export to the U.S.
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- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm **USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)**
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- 12:15 – 1:15 pm *Lunch at USDA Cafeteria*



- 1:15 – 2:00 pm **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Expert**
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- 2:00 – 2:45 pm **Environmental Protection Agency**
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- 2:45 – 3:30 pm **Discussion and Questions**
- 3:30 pm Depart for Hotel
4:00 pm Arrive Hotel



VI. December 13, 2023 (Wednesday)

Meeting with the FAEA Members at U.S. Grains Council Office, 20 F St. NW, Suite 900

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE EXPORT ALLIANCE MEMBER MEETING

- 8:30 am** Depart hotel walking to USGC office
POC : Mr. Sam Clemence, Office: (202) 909-2711
- 9:00 – 9:10 am **Introductions led by Kent Sisson, FAEA Executive Director**
- 9:10 - 10:30 am **American Feed Industry Association (AFIA)**
Ms. Leah Wilkinson, VP of Public Policy and Education
Ms. Gina Tumbarello, Sr Dir of Global Strategies, Policy & Trade
- 10:30 - 10:45 am Coffee Break
- 10:45 am - 12:30 pm **FAEA Members: Representing U.S. Poultry, Beef, Pork, Dairy, Animal Feed, and Veterinary Pharmaceuticals**
1. *U.S. Meat and Export Federation (USMEF)*
Ms. Courtney Heller - Director Export Services
Mr. Jim Remcheck
 2. *National Pork Producers Council (NPPC)*
Dr. Ashley Johnson - Director of Food Safety
 3. *Elanco Animal Health*
Mr. Jesse J. Sevcik - Executive Advisor, Corporate Affairs
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 4. *U.S. Grains Council (USGC)*
Mr. Sam Clemence – Global Strategies Program Coordinator
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 5. *U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC)*
 6. *U.S.A. Poultry and Egg Export Council (USAPEEC)*
 7. *U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC)*
 8. *North American Renderers Association (NARA)*
 9. *Merck Animal Health*
- 12:30 – 1:15 pm **Lunch**
- 1:15 – 1:45 pm *World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH)*
Ms. Virginia Houston - Director of Government Affairs
- 1:45 - 3:00 pm **Q&A and Discussion**
3:00 pm Return to Hotel



VII. December 14, 2023 (Thursday)

Field trip to Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland to see corn, soybeans, poultry, and cold storage

5:45 am Continental Breakfast in hotel lobby
6:00 am Depart Hotel



**Tour Delaware Department of AG &
Food & Agricultural Export Alliance
Thursday, December 14, 2023**

- 8:30 am Arrive at Perdue AgriBusiness Facility
North Gate
6906 Zion Church Road
Salisbury, Md 21804
- 8:45 am Tour the Perdue AgriBusiness Facility (bus tour with Wayne Hudson, SVP-PAB Operations)
- 9:15 am Introductions of Guests and Perdue Associates (Cassidy Conference Room)
 - Presentation of Perdue AgriBusiness international Business
Kishan Shenoy, VP-International Merchandising
 - Presentation of Perdue Foods International Business
Jay Simpson, Sr. Director Global Sales & Supply Chain Logistics
 - Open Discussion
- 10:15am Leave for lunch at Applebee's in Milford, De
698 B North Dupont Blvd
Milford, De 19963
- 11:15 Arrive Applebee's for lunch.
- 1:00 pm Arrive at Milford Plant
251 South Rehoboth Blvd
Milford, DE 19963
- 2:30pm Leave for tour of Milford Cold Storage
- 3:15pm Arrive at Milford Cold Storage

Dress Code – Close toed shoes, jeans, and a collared shirt.

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- 3:15 pm Tour of [Milford Cold Storage Facility](#) 419 Milford-Harrington Hwy
Route 14, Milford, DE 19963
- 4:15 pm Depart for dinner at [Harris Crab House](#) on Kent Island
433 Kent Narrow Way N.,
Grasonville, MD 21638
- 5:15 pm Arrive Harris Crab House
- 6:15 pm Depart Crab House for Hotel
- 7:15 pm Arrive Hotel



VIII. December 15, 2023 (Friday)

Wrap-up discussion of what was learned, conclusions of team members, next steps, and follow-up activities. This may also include representatives from FAS and others at USGC Office, 20 F St. NW, Suite 900

- 8:30 am Depart hotel walking to USGC office:
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Wrap up Meeting focusing on results of mission and next steps including a workshop in Phnom Penh and Complete Evaluations** (Team participants, Dr. Janie Dubois, Sokkea Hoy, Kent Sisson, and Rosida Nababan)
- 12:30 pm Depart for Asian/Cambodian Restaurant
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Lunch (TBD)**
- 3:30 pm Team arrives hotel and end of program

IX. December 16, 2023 (Saturday)

Team departs U.S.

- 03:00 am Depart Hyatt Regency (six team members and Kent Sisson by Bus)
- 06:00 am Flight Departs Dulles International Airport, DL 2242

X. December 17, 2023 (Sunday)

Team Members Arrive in Phnom Penh

Appendix 2: Activity Evaluation Form

Location: Washington, DC
Date: December 11-15, 2023

Cambodia Food and Feed Safety Study Tour in Washington, DC

ACTIVITY EVALUATION

NAME: _____

Please address the following questions in each of the sections listed below. Your answers will provide valuable insight into how this workshop was delivered and what measures are needed to improve future events.

Please use the following rating scale for sections one and two (section three has a separate key, indicated in the column heading):

1 = Unsatisfactory, 2 = Needs improvement, 3 = Satisfactory, 4 = Excellent, 5 = Exceptional.

Evaluation							
Section One	Instructional Delivery and Relevance of Topics						
	1. Overall quality of activity.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Relevance of the topics to the objective of the activity.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Technical knowledge and expertise of speakers.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Coordination, planning, logistics and accommodations.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Workshop length.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments or suggestions regarding speaker delivery:							
Section Two	Instructional Effectiveness						
	6. Speakers were prepared to present at this workshop.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	7. Speakers presented materials at a reasonable pace.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	8. Speakers answered questions after presentations.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments or suggestions regarding the instructional effectiveness:							
Section Three	Learning Effectiveness						
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
	9. I will be able to apply the knowledge and skills learned in this workshop.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	10. Workshop presentations and materials will be useful to me.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
11. I gained new knowledge valuable to the activity objectives.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments or suggestions regarding learning effectiveness:							
Section Four	Activity Summary and Recommendations						
	12. What was the most valuable part of the activity?						
	13. Overall, how could this activity be improved?						
	14. What other areas of information and training would you like in the future?						
	15. Please provide any additional comments and/or recommendations.						



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Appendix 3: Business Cards



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