

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING FOR MSMES

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Food Safety Training is designed to improve the knowledge of MSMEs in the areas of food safety, global standards, best practices in the production of fresh and processed food, and the country's Food Safety Law. This capacity-building program aims to increase the competitiveness of the local MSMEs in the food sector and to improve their access to both the local and global markets.

The training, in more specific terms, aims to deliver the following objectives (1) to equip MSMEs with a clear understanding of the step-by-step procedures for getting FDA-issued Licenses to Operate (LTOs); (2) to prepare MSMEs for the implementation of the Food Safety Law to be carried out by concerned government agencies (e.g., DA and FDA) and the local government units (LGUs); and (3) to significantly increase the food sector's awareness of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Food Safety Law.

The training puts together lectures and discussions led by resource speakers who will use Powerpoint presentations, videos and handouts to efficiently cover their assigned topics. Interactive sessions will be held to encourage open, fruitful, and insightful exchanges among the resource speakers and the participants. Groupworks also may be done to encourage the participants to further learn from each other and to bring up specific individual cases to be presented as useful examples and case studies.

TOPICS

This two-day training will tackle the following topics:

- Overview of the Global Value Chain Framework
- Introduction to Traceability
- The Food Safety Act of 2013
- The Food Safety Act Implementing Rules and Regulations
- FDA Food Licensing Procedures
- Processes for License to Operate (LTO) Applications
- Food Safety Best Practices for MSMEs, including Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)
- Barcoding
- Rules and Procedures for Registration of Aquaculture Farms (optional for selected regions)
- Rules and Procedures for Producers of Meat and Meat Products (optional for selected regions)

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

MSMEs in the food sector; producers of fresh and processed food.