

INTERNATIONAL FOOD LAWS AND REGULATIONS

***Food Course 528 (3)
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Objectives:

The objective of this course is to provide students with an overview of the regulatory systems in different jurisdictions such as the US, Canada, and European Union. The course enables students to study similarities and differences between regulatory jurisdictions. Students will also understand how to find relevant information and documentation using Internet and other governmental resources. The focus of this course is also to teach students how to interpret the content of regulations and use them to support the professional needs in the food industry.

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Find relevant regulatory information using various resources
- Know how to interpret food regulations
- Know how to use knowledge of regulation while developing new food products or seeking the approval of new food products
- Understand the process of making law and regulations in various jurisdictions
- Learn about specific laws and understand differences between law, regulations and guidelines
- Learn about current changes in the international regulations as well as new regulations such as Bioterrorism Act, novel foods and natural health products
- Understand the impact of regulations on the safety of food supply

Course Design:

The course will be taught in the four major sections. Each section will focus on the US law and regulations, Canadian regulations, European Union regulations, and Codex Alimentarius. Students will be involved in problem solving and will be expected to prepare a submission to regulatory authorities. There will be assignments during the course. Students will be participating in groups to prepare and present them in the class.

Evaluation:

Assignments	25%
Term Paper	30%
Final Exam	45%

Reference:

Internet, Web Sites:

USA

www.fda.gov
www.usda.gov
www.epa.gov
www.ftc.gov
www.archives.gov/federal-register/the-federal-register/indexes.htmlwww.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html

www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/

www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/search
www.osec.doc.gov
www.fda.gov/opacom/laws/fdcact/fdcact1.htm (*FDCA definitions*)

Canada

www.hc-sc.gc.ca
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/branch-dirigen/hpfb-dgpsa/index_e.html - HC Branches
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/branch-dirigen/hpfb-dgpsa/fd-da/index_e.html
HC Food Directorate
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/branch-dirigen/hpfb-dgpsa/nhpd-dpsn/index_e.html NHPD
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/nutrition/reference/table/index_e.html
Nutrition Reference Guide
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca>
CFIA
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaffr/recarapp/recaltoce.shtml>
List of recalls and allergies alerts
<http://www.agr.gc.ca/> - AAFC
<http://canadagazette.gc.ca> - (Canada Gazette Part II Vol. 137, No. 1 — January 1, 2003
SOR/DORS/2003-11)

<http://www.canlii.org/ca/sta/f-27/>
Food and Drug Act – Federation of Law Society of Canada
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/F-27/>
Food and Drug Act – Department of Justice Canada

EU

www.food.gov.uk
www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/regulation/europeleg
www.ec.europa.eu/food/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biotechnology/novelfood/index_en.htm
Novel foods
www.eurunion.org
www.efsa.eu.int
www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/intl/gov_eu.html

www.historiasiglo20.org/europe/traroma.htm

Codex Alimentarius

www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_en.jsp

www.codexalimentarius.net/web/standard_list.do?lang=en

Suggested Books:

Vetter, J.L. 1996. "Food Laws and Regulations" American Institute of Baking, Manhattan, Kansas.

Vetter, J.L. 1993. "Food Labeling – Requirements for FDA Regulated Products" American Institute of Baking, Manhattan, Kansas.

Graham, J., Babinski, M., Collard, C., Loh, A., Patry, M., Prince, V. and Wise, J. 2007. "Canadian Food and Drug Legislation and Commentary" Lexis Nexis Canada (available in September 2007)

Goodburn, K (Ed.) 2005. "EU Food Law: A Practical Guide" CRC Press. Boca Raton, Boston, New York, Washington D.C., Woodhead Publishing Limited, Cambridge, England
"Understanding the Codex Alimentarius" www.codexalimentarius.net