JIFSAN International Food Safety Capacity Building Training Programs

Initial Experiences with Rolling Out the Produce Safety Alliance Training Internationally
The PSA Grower Training Course is the only way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in §122.22(c):

'At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.'
Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)

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46 GAP Programs in 18 Countries

PSR Training

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| 18 Costa Rica |
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International Training Program

Training Format

- Five-day in-country for specialists and other individuals with management, education, outreach responsibilities
- Teaching teams are composed of members from government, academia, and industry
- A typical program includes: Lectures, presentations, student workgroup activity, field visits, and other as appropriate
Harvesting
Receiving from Field
Drying and Pre-Cooling
Field Trip Follow-Up Activities

- Develop a food safety plan for the farm and facility
- Identify food safety strengths and weaknesses in current practices
- If the participant observes a deficiency, he/she must offer pragmatic solution(s)

- The field trip is almost always an invaluable component of the training program
Collaborative Training Initiatives (CTI)

Goal: To provide a means of sustaining in-country capacity building thereby leveraging JIFSAN and FDA training resources.

How: Obtain support through partnerships with the sponsoring country, industry and local institutions

Utilize existing resources within host country to reach all members of the applicable market sector including the competent authorities and industry

Develop a cadre of in-country trainers, thereby increasing the capacity to conduct on-going extension-like training

In order to reach these goals and maintain activity, JIFSAN and FDA will provide continuing consulting expertise, guidance and updating to trainers as needed
Collaborative Training Initiatives (CTI)

- **Collaborative Training Initiative for the Americas (CTIA)**
  
  Partner: International Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA)  
  Headquarters in San José, Costa Rica; Outreach throughout the Americas

- **Collaborative Training Initiative for Mexico (CTIM-proposed)**
  
  Partner: Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (SENASICA)
Produce International Partnership (PIP) for Education and Outreach

**PIP** is a program conceived by the Produce Safety Staff at FDA-CFSAN.

The **Partners:**

Produce Safety Alliance (**PSA**), Cornell University

Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (**JIFSAN**), University of Maryland

Guidance and oversight from **CFSAN**
Produce International Partnership (PIP) for Education and Outreach

The Purpose:

......to provide the international community with training on the Produce Safety Rule that is consistent with domestic efforts.........
Produce International Partnership (PIP) for Education and Outreach

The Charge:

...to translate the existing PSA standardized Train-the-Trainer curriculum international audiences ...

...to ensure that training is sensitive to cultural, political and technological situations...

...to build a foreign trainer network through Collaborative Training Initiatives
Produce International Partnership (PIP) for Education and Outreach

The Biggest Challenge

Establish a cadre of Lead Trainers (LT) and Trainers of Trainers (ToT) who are native Spanish speakers.

Every Train-the-Trainer program requires that 2 ToTs be present. We currently have 5.

Essential to the sustainability of food safety training programs.
PSA Lead Trainer (LT) Qualification Process

• Complete the PSA-TTT Course and complete the application to become a PSA Trainer. Get some training experience.
• Complete and submit the Lead Trainer Application in English language with the payment of a fee
• Wait for the 3 PSA reviewers to complete the review
• If you pass, you are a LT
• If you get a conditional pass, an interview of follow up writing may be required
• If you fail, get some more training experience before re-applying and paying the fee again
A LT with adequate training experience may complete and submit an application to PSA to become a ToT.

PSA reviewers determine if the applicant is qualified to be approved for a training performance review.

The ToT candidate will deliver at least 3 presentations in a regular PSA TTT course and be reviewed by two PSA ToTs.

If the candidate passes the PSA performance review and a further review by PSA, he/she is a ToT.

If the candidate does not pass, he/she should obtain more training experience and re-apply to PSA for another evaluation.
How Can We Help Participants Succeed with the LT Application Process?

• PSA already has a tutorial in PowerPoint format that is presented during each TTT program

• In international programs, it is essential that participants become familiar with the PSA process before attending the TTT

• A plan was developed with leadership from IICA and piloted in Costa Rica in September
Costa Rica Pilot of LT Advanced Tutorial

- Sixty participants from 13 countries were selected after a rigorous vetting process.
- The participants' native languages were English, Spanish, and Portuguese (Brazil); translations were in English and Spanish.
- Webinars were developed and offered in English and Spanish both prior to convening the program.
- To supplement the PSA tutorial, case studies were developed using examples of key PSR topics.
- Participants were required to begin completing the LT application, and JIFSAN instructors assisted with language barriers.
- IICA will help support the cost of translating PSA applications to English for PSA review.
Additional Reading

Produce Safety Alliance curriculum

Go to the PSA website and look for the Grower Training presentations. Alternatively, you can buy the printed manual.

The speaker notes on the Produce Safety Rule are an excellent resource.
Thanks!