

*Celebrating ten years*

*An excellent opportunity  
for food business operators  
and enforcement officers to  
get a real understanding of  
contaminants in food and to  
meet and share their insights  
with others.*

# Seminar on Contaminants in Food

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A wide range of chemical substances, or contaminants, may accidentally be present in food including persistent organic pollutants, e.g. dioxins, furans and PCBs, metals, (including lead, cadmium and mercury), agricultural contaminants such as mycotoxins and industrial contaminants (PAHs etc).

The presence of such substances in food must be kept to a minimum because of their potential adverse effects on human health, and a comprehensive legislative framework has been put in place at European Community level in recent years, and implemented in national legislation to ensure this.

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) has produced a guidance document giving information to Industry and enforcement officers on legislation on contaminants in food in Ireland. The document will be launched at a half day seminar hosted by the FSAI at which speakers will also address the role of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in European risk assessment of contaminants, the impact of mycotoxins on agriculture in Ireland, laboratory analysis of contaminants, and work undertaken by the FSAI on contaminants in food, including work on assessing consumer exposure to these substances. This seminar is aimed at food business operators and enforcement officers.

### AGENDA

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**08:45 Registration and Refreshments**

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**09:30 Opening Address**

Dr Rhodri Evans, Food Safety Authority of Ireland

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**09:45 Legislation on Contaminants in Food  
- FSAI's guidance document and fact sheets**

Dr Iona Pratt, Food Safety Authority of Ireland

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**10:15 The Work of EFSA's Contaminants Panel**

Dr Claudia Heppner,  
European Food Safety Authority

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**10:45 Contaminants in the Irish Context**

Christina Tlustos, Food Safety Authority of Ireland

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**11:15 Analysis of Contaminants in Food**

Dr Michael O'Keefe,  
Food Safety Authority of Ireland  
Scientific Committee

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**11:45 Mycotoxins in Food**

Dr Simon Edwards, Harper Adams University, UK

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**12:15 Review of the 2008 Irish Dioxin Incident**

Dr Rhodri Evans, Food Safety Authority of Ireland

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**12:45 Q&A**

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**13:15 Lunch**

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### REGISTRATION FORM

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*Please register by Monday,  
November 9th, 2009.*

*Please note that as places are  
limited, early registration is advised.*

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