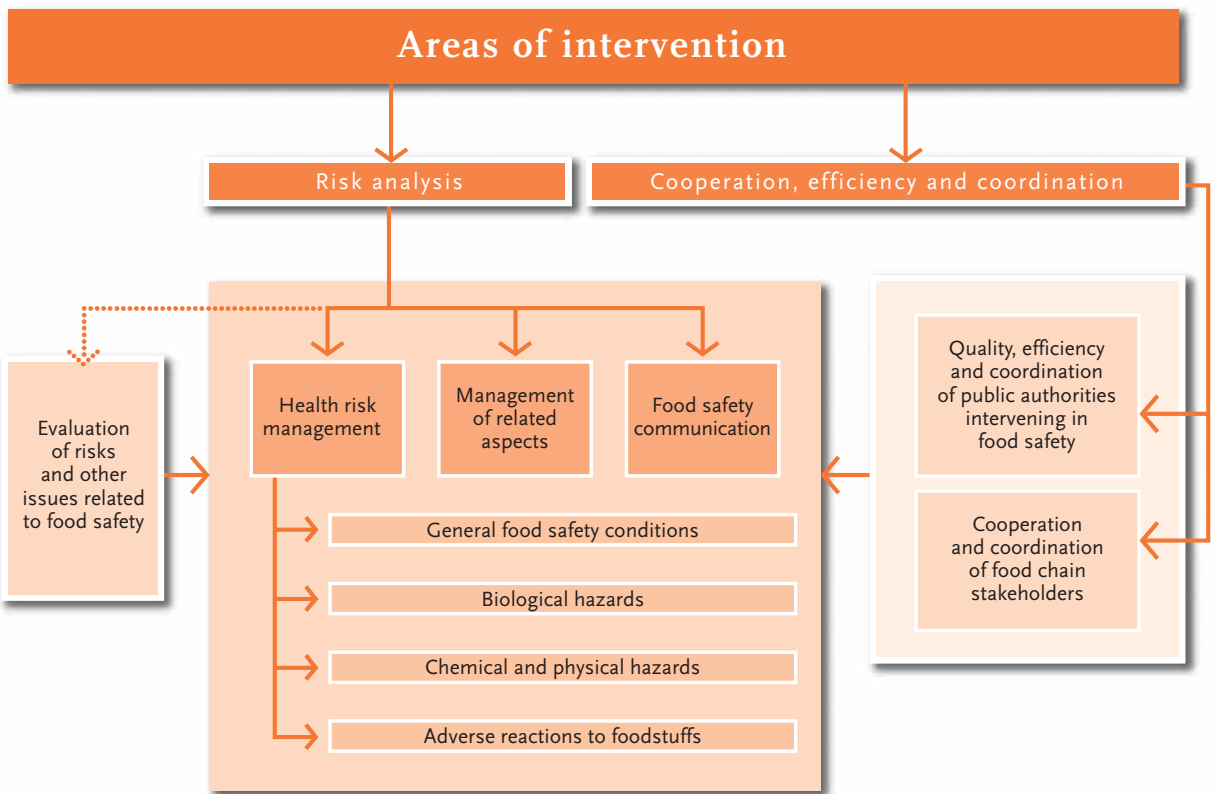
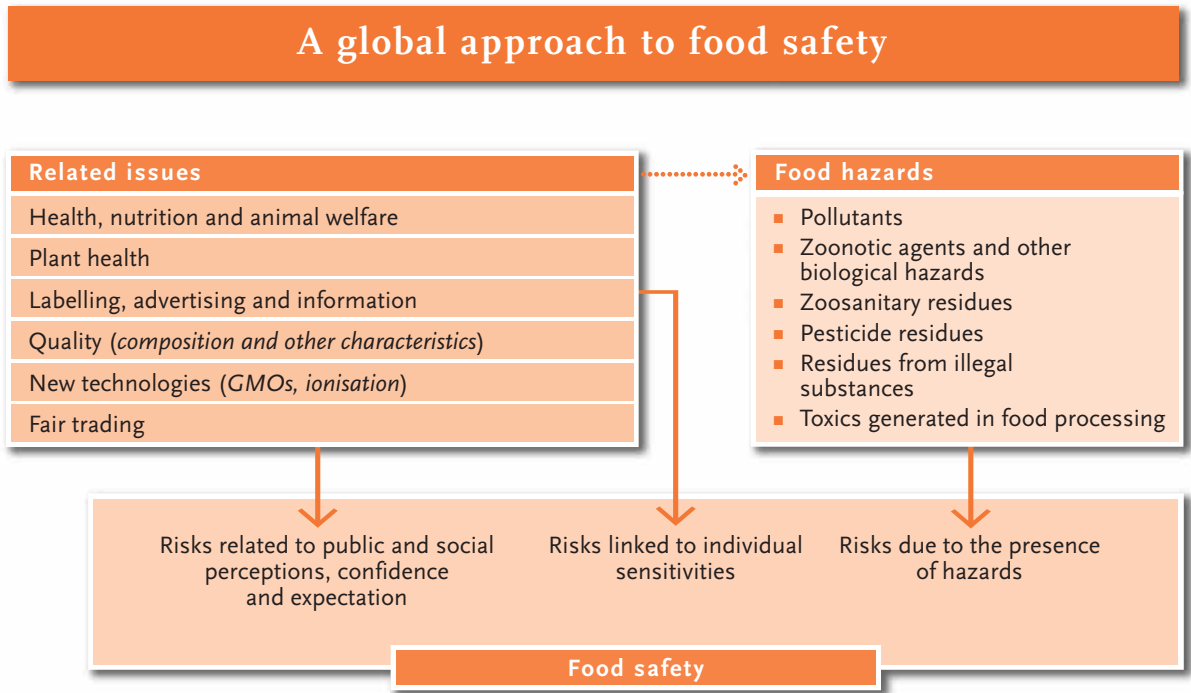


Food Safety Plan of Catalonia 2007-2010



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Strategic guidelines

- Identify existing problems and needs
- Provide responses to problems relating to:
 - Foodborne diseases
 - Levels of public exposure to food hazards
 - Issues related to food safety
 - Public perception and confidence
- Implement transversal action throughout the food chain and risk assessment processes
- Make an explicit commitment to joint action, aimed at achieving specific, shared objectives, by the competent authorities for food safety
- Promote provision of a well-organised, consistent set of activities and services
- Guarantee the quality and efficiency of food safety services provided by the competent public authorities in the field of food safety
- Promote cooperation and collaboration amongst all stakeholders in the food chain
- Evaluate results to ensure constant improvement based on established indicators

Objectives

- To identify the hazards associated to each different stage in the food chain, the causal factors behind them and the management options available
- To ensure that activities in the food chain are carried out in suitable conditions to prevent, control, eradicate and/or reduce hazards to acceptable levels
- To minimise the presence of biological, chemical and physical hazards at all stages in the food chain
- To minimise the incidence of diseases caused by foodborne hazards
- To help minimise exposure of sensitive people to food components that may cause adverse reactions of any kind, enabling them to make choices suited to their needs
- To maintain high standards in safeguarding the interests of consumers and society in all issues concerning food safety
- To ensure high levels of knowledge in public perceptions of danger
- To guarantee high standards in the quality and efficiency of food safety services provided by the competent authorities
- To ensure a high level of cooperation amongst all stakeholders in the food chain, including consumers

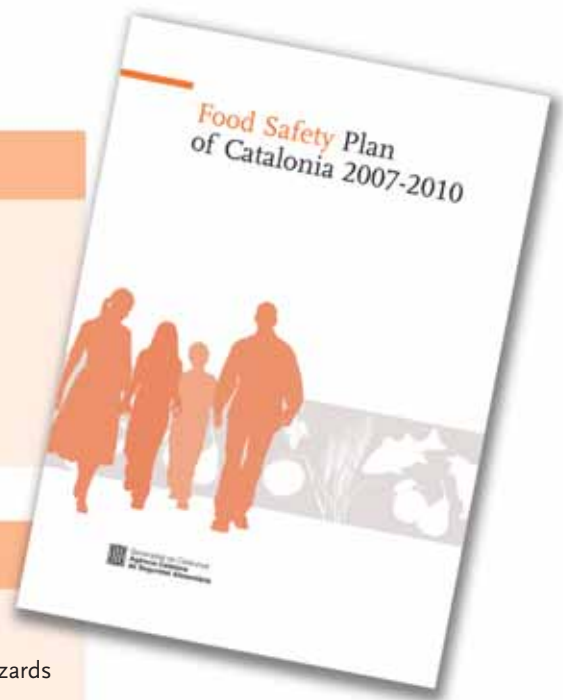


What is it?

- A reference framework for public action concerning food safety in Catalonia.
- An explicit commitment to society by the public authorities.
- A well-organised, consistent body of activities and services affecting the entire food chain.
- A planning, coordination and cooperation tool for all stakeholders.

What are its aims?

- To prevent foodborne diseases.
- To minimise the presence of biological, chemical and physical hazards in food.
- To protect the interests of consumers and to increase their confidence.
- To ensure fair trading principles are upheld throughout the food chain.



Public bodies working as a team:

Environment and Housing Department
Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
Health Department
Catalan Consumer Affairs Agency
Local authorities