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Food Safety Standards Webinar

Date: 29 January 2025, 10 AM – 1 PM Barbados time

Location: Zoom – Link to register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/7c51KmPTQjOM7VFEsIBYzA#/registration>

Background

Concerns on the safety of food are constantly being brought to the attention of governments, retailers, manufacturers and consumers based on the ongoing exposure of reports, alerts and incidents of food borne disease.

BSI supported the Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards (SLBS) in adopting two national standards PRPs (prerequisite programmes) and HACCP (hazard analysis critical control point) with a special “step-by-step” approach that could support local MSMEs with the implementation of food safety standards, while still meeting an acceptable international level for the management of food safety.

During the first phase of the UK-funded Standards Partnership programme, BSI delivered a first presentation of these two food safety standards to CROSQ members, aimed not only to improve food safety, but also supporting the standardization of food safety activities within the region.

As a planned activity of the second phase of the programme, BSI, SLBS and CROSQ will conduct another webinar on these two food safety standards to address in more details the potential of these documents and the possible harmonisation of food safety standards in the region.

Webinar Focus

This session will delve into:

- **Overview of the two SLBS Food Safety standards.**
- **Alignment with Global Standards:** How these standards compare to international frameworks such as Codex and ISO 22000.
- **Regional Needs Assessment:** Exploring the specific food safety standardization needs of the region.
- **Impact Analysis:** Evaluating the potential benefits of regional standardization on food safety practices.
- **Implementation Support:** Identifying the assistance required for members and stakeholders to adopt and implement these standards effectively.
- **Path Forward:** Discussing next steps to assess whether the SLBS standards should be advanced as regional standards.

Target Audience

This webinar is intended for:

- CROSQ Members
- National food safety regulators and stakeholders (National Codex Committees/National Food Safety Technical Committee members, consumer associations and manufacturers/exporters associations) in CARICOM Member States

