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GFSF releases May Newsletter

In a run-up to the annual Food Safety Summit, June 14-15, Beijing, host GFSF released its latest Newsletter. The May issue, “New Food Safety Picture” spotlights CFDA and break-through tracing technologies. Excerpts from selected articles below

– ***Sophie Li, The Bureaucratic Architecture of China’s Food Safety Regulatory System***

“The question remains whether the change is meaningful or more a bureaucratic re-shuffling.”
“What may be more meaningful than the formal architecture of the CFDA led reform is the departure from the top down approach where food safety regulation and enforcement come from Beijing. Instead, there is some indication that further food safety reforms will percolate up from the provincial level.”

– ***Eric Wu, Applying Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) in Food Safety***

“If this pilot (WGS—*whole genome sequencing*) project works, the CDC says it sets the stage to eventually overhaul how public health laboratories around the country keep watch on food safety, and to use the technology more routinely against other outbreaks.”

– ***Jiyang Kim, High Tech Food Tracing Technology in South Korea***

“South Korea’s Ministry of Food and Drug Safety has built a tracking system (TFood System) for health functional food products and infant products, which will be compulsory, effective December 2014. When TFood System becomes mandatory, the government can access reports online by recording and managing food records in each phase from food manufacturing and processing to distribution and sales.”

– ***Richard Tracy, Cold Chain Technologies and Food Safety in China***

“The foremost demand we are seeing is for accessibility to all components involved in traceability in both a real-time and historical fashion. Stakeholders in the cold chain want to see not only where their goods are but exactly what those goods are in real time.”

– ***Carlos R. N. de Aquino Co-Authors: Eduardo Platon, and Luiz Eduardo R. de Carvalho Food Safety in Brazil***

“The emphasis on food safety on the supply side of the agricultural value chain and on the demand side reflects a generally accepted recognition of the importance of agriculture to Brazil’s economy and future economic growth”