

# Technical sessions of IISS-2014

Every time, technical sessions are held along the sidelines of the India International Seafood Show. The main focus of technical sessions during the 19<sup>th</sup> edition was the regulatory requirements in various markets. Four technical sessions were held, two each on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

The first session on 10/1/2014 was chaired by Dr. S K Saxena, Director, Export Inspection Council of India, New Delhi. The first presentation of this session was on the regulatory requirements of seafood imports to USA presented by Mr. Mark E Farrell, Assistant Director (Foods), Office of International Programs, USFDA, New Delhi. The presentation covered globalization, imports into US, Acts related to imported food, the public health security & bioterrorism preparedness & response Act 2002, Seafood HACCP(21 CFR 123) & FSMA.

The second was on the regulatory requirements for seafood imports to Australia, which had two presentations. First one covered Australia's biosecurity system and presented by Ms. Ayswarya Radhakrishnan, Senior Research Officer, Department of Agriculture, Australian High Commission, New Delhi, and covered topics like Australia's biosecurity system, Quarantine Act & Imported food control Act, import risk analysis, risk management & Import conditions database (ICON). The second

presentation was on Australian sustainable fisheries management presented by Mr. Michael Carter, Australian Trade Commission, Chennai covering Australian sustainable fisheries management & Policy, Research, Equipment, Technology, Services, Skills for sustainable fisheries management.

The second technical session of the day was chaired by Mr. Elias Sait, Secretary General, SEAI. This session had a presentation by Mr. Raghavan Ramabhadran of Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys on Service tax applicability to marine products sector.

Dr. B Madhusoodana Kurup, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kerala, chaired both the sessions in the forenoon and afternoon of 11-01-2014. The first session of the day had two presentations. The first one was on regulatory requirements for seafood imports to EU by Jacky Le Goslès, advisor, DG SANCO, Directorate, European Commission. This presentation covered topics like import requirements for fishery products into EU, EU food safety legislations, hazards, general food law (178/2002/EC), legislations for FBO – 852/2004 & 853/2004, EU border inspections, FVO mission inspection/ audit methods, veterinary medicinal products, residue control plans and 96/23/EC for food of animal origin.

The second presentation was on regulatory requirements for seafood imports to India by Dr. D K Samantray, CEO, Food Safety Standards Authority of India, New Delhi covering various aspects of regulatory requirements under Food Safety and Standards Act.

The second session started with a presentation on regulatory requirements for seafood imports to Japan with special reference to shrimp and Surimi by Prof. Hajime Toyofuku, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University, Japan covering imported food inspection system for imported food, positive list system for agricultural chemical residues, overview of the food items exported from India, food safety issues, overview of current food safety issues & overview of current food safety criteria.

The last presentation of the session was by Mr. Alois Van Dyck, Managing Director, Vendis Consulting, Belgium, EU on financial documentation and labelling requirements which covered international trade, importance of documents like packing list & labels, international payment techniques, letter of credit & case studies.

All the presentations gave insights into the regulatory requirements for export to the respective markets. Similarly the presentation regarding the service tax and another on regulatory requirements for import of seafood gave detailed information on these aspects.