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Dear National RCA Representatives,

In accordance with the plan of activities of the RCA Programme in 2013, I am inviting your Government to submit nominations for the above-mentioned event, details of which and requirements for participation are given in the attached Information Sheet.

Please inform us **not later than 20 August 2013** of suitable candidates for this event with the duly completed and endorsed nomination form. Kindly note that the holding of the above Workshop will be subject to the official confirmation of the Government of Malaysia.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

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## IAEA/RCA Executive Management Meeting on Best Practices for Sanitary Applications of Irradiation as a Sanitary Treatment

### INFORMATION SHEET

- Project Number and Title:** RAS/5/057 – Implementing Best Practices of Food Irradiation for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Purposes
- Place:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Dates:** 28 – 31 October 2013
- Deadline for Nominations:** **20 August 2013** (Please note that it will not be possible to consider the applications received after the deadline due to administrative reasons.)
- Language:** English
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in cooperation with the Government of Malaysia
- Host Country Organizer:** Ms Zainon Othman  
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- Purpose:** The purpose of the meeting is to create awareness and exchange of information on the best practices for sanitary and food quality applications of irradiation treatments.
- Expected Outputs:** Increased awareness among the food control authorities, and forge links between policy/food control authorities and those involved with developing the use of irradiation technology to improve food safety and security. It will also facilitate and enhance trade in irradiated food the meeting will produce a succinct overview of recent national and regional developments in food irradiation for sanitary and food quality applications. The meeting report will also include conclusions and recommendations in relation to this area of work.

## **Scope and Nature**

The scope of this Executive Management Meeting concerns food irradiation and its use to ensure food safety and quality. The meeting aims to promote awareness of irradiated food and associated technologies amongst food control authorities and those responsible for regulatory policy in this area. It will do this through information exchange and fostering collaborations in order to further and enhance trade in irradiated food.

Senior policy/regulatory officials responsible for food safety and security together with the National Project Coordinators of this project (or a member of the project team if the NPC is unable to attend) are expected to share information on the application of technologies related irradiated food including;

- policy and regulatory developments and technical aspects
- current status, research initiatives and applications
- technology transfer and commercialization;
- development and expansion of gamma ray, electron beam or X-ray technology, with a view to encouraging greater intra-regional trade;
- development of irradiated food products, and other irradiation applications for critical food items;
- out-reach activities to encourage awareness of food irradiation technologies;

## **Background Information:**

Irradiation is a safe and effective method for preserving food; it reduces spoilage, ensures food hygiene, and extends shelf life. The process of irradiating food for sanitary reasons and to maintain product quality is relatively well. Not only can irradiation destroy pathogenic food-borne organisms but it can also be used to help reduce post-harvest food losses due to damage by insects, bacteria and moulds, or from premature sprouting or over-ripening (estimated losses range between 25 to 40 % of foods produced in many countries). The technique is also an effective phytosanitary treatment and its use as a quarantine treatment is becoming more and more favourable as it can be used against a broad range of different pests and avoids the need to use chemicals. Although the commercial uptake has been successful in some RCA member states (MSs), but trade in irradiated food, the commercialization as well as growth in the use of the technology has been relatively slow for other MSs.

This meeting is taking place under IAEA/RCA project RAS/5/057 and follows on from earlier technical meetings that developed a best practice manual for food irradiation. In addition a previous project developed “Guidelines for the Audit and Accreditation of Irradiation

Facilities used for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Treatments of Food and Agricultural Products” a document that outlines the conditions that should be met when irradiating food. It is envisaged that those who attend this meeting will have the opportunity to network with experts in this area and share an up-to-date understanding of food irradiation, its status in the Asia Pacific Region and the potential for ensuring food safety, quality and enhancing trade.

**Participation:** A maximum of two participants per country: one senior food control authority and one irradiation specialist/National Project Coordinator (NPC).

**Participants’ Qualifications:** One participant should currently be concerned with policy or regulatory development issues related to food and the second participant should be the NPC (or a senior staff of their team if the NPC is unable to attend).

**Nomination Procedure:** Nominations (**including those of local participants**) should be submitted on the standard IAEA Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop and National Consultant (available on the IAEA web-site: <http://www.iaea.org/>). Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and returned to the Agency through official channels, i.e. the office of the National RCA Representative.

The applications should contain sufficient information to establish the nominees have the required qualifications. The nominated candidate may not be selected if sufficient information is not provided.

Applications must be received by the International Atomic Energy Agency, P. O. Box 100, A-1400 Vienna Austria, not later than **20 August 2013** Nominations received after this date or which have not been routed through established official channels, cannot be considered.

Advanced nominations through facsimile (+43-1-2600-7), or e-mail (Official@iaea.org) are welcomed. The facsimile / e-mail should contain the following basic information about the candidate: name, date of birth, academic qualifications, and current position including the exact nature of the duties carried out, proficiency in English and full contact address including telephone/email/facsimile numbers.

**Security in the Field:** It is recommended that the meeting participants complete the courses *Basic Security in the Field: Safety, Health and Welfare (BSITF)* and *Advanced Security in the Field (ASITF)*, prior to traveling to locations where UN security phases are in effect. The aim of these courses is to educate participants on how best to avoid or minimize potential

dangers and threats, and to show what individuals can do if they find themselves in insecure situations.

The courses are available on the following UN websites that can be accessed using Microsoft Internet Explorer:

- BSITF: <http://dss.un.org/BSITF/>
- ASITF: <http://dss.un.org/ASITF/>

If you have difficulty using the websites, a CD-ROM can be obtained from your IAEA National Liaison Officer or from IAEA.

Once the candidate has completed the courses and passed the accompanying exams, certificates will be generated automatically and must be printed for submission to the IAEA (either as an e-mail attachment or by fax). Copies of the certificate should be kept by the candidate for his / her records, as they are valid for a period of three years.

### **Administrative and Financial Arrangements:**

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will, at that time, be given full details on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to the venue and a stipend sufficient to cover the cost of their accommodation, food, and minor incidentals. Shipment of accumulated meeting materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the meeting do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.



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The Agency organizes meetings and workshops under its Technical Cooperation programme, and also arranges for missions of individuals from recipient Member States (national consultants) to Agency headquarters or other locations.

The purpose of meetings/workshops typically is to work out a set of recommendations and advice on or analyses of particular aspects of individual projects or of specific programmatic areas. The purpose of a national consultant assignment typically is to gain familiarity with Agency practices and procedures or to hold consultations on one (or more) specific project(s).

Participation in meetings/workshops and in national consultant assignments is upon invitation only.



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<b>NOMINATION FOR MEETING/WORKSHOP and NATIONAL CONSULTANT</b>	
Note: This form is only to be used for Technical Cooperation Meetings/Workshops and National Consultant missions.	
The Government (nominating authority) of _____ (country) nominates the person indicated below for the following event (please specify title, place, dates, project number):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Date of birth: _____
Family name (as in passport): _____	Place of birth: _____
First name: _____	Nationality: _____
<b>Complete mailing address (office):</b>	Passport No.: _____
Inst. Name: _____	Date of issue: _____
Street: _____	Place of issue: _____
P.O. Box: _____ Post Code: _____	Valid until: _____
Town/City: _____	Telephone (office): _____
Region/District: _____	Telephone (home): _____
Country: _____	Fax: _____
<b>Airport/town nearest to residence:</b>	e-mail: _____
	WEB page: _____
	Emergency Phone: _____
<b>Main academic/technical qualification:</b>	
<b>Language Ability</b>	
The nominating authority confirms that the nominee is proficient in the language in which the event is held. <input type="checkbox"/> yes	
<b>Current employment</b>	
Name and place of employer/organization: _____	
Title of position: _____	Type of work: _____
<b>Description of work</b> (Past work done by the nominee which is relevant to the Meeting/Workshop/National Consultancy)	
<b>Health (mandatory for health insurance purposes)</b> Is the nominee in general good health: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
The nominee is only covered under the health insurance policy if he/she does not have a medical condition which excludes him/her from travelling and performing this assignment:	
A medical certificate is required for any nominee over 60 years of age, stating that he/she is in good health and able to undertake the mission	
Is the nominee covered under a radiation surveillance programme? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
<b>Involvement in IAEA-supported activities</b> (Please mark any previous activities)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Expert Mission <input type="checkbox"/> Training Course <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop/Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship/Scientific Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Research Contract	
<b>STATEMENT</b>	
The nominating authority gives the following assurances:	
a) All information supplied in this form is complete and correct;	
b) It is noted that the sponsoring organization(s), host country(ies) and host institution(s) do not accept liability for the payment of any costs or compensation arising from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of the nominee while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the Meeting/Workshop/National Consultancy and it, the nominating authority, undertakes the responsibility for such coverage;	
c) The position of the nominee will be retained for him/her and he/she will continue to receive during the Meeting/Workshop/National Consultancy a salary and related emoluments to enable him/her to meet his/her financial commitments in his/her home country;	
d) The selected nominee will conduct himself/herself in a manner compatible with his/her status as a participant in an IAEA event and will refrain from engaging in any political and commercial activities;	
e) No facts are known to the nominating authority regarding the reliability and character of the nominee which would obstruct giving him/her access to nuclear installations or institutions where ionizing radiation is used;	
Date _____	Name and title (printed) and signature of nominating authority official _____

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