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'The way forward for EFSA' CIAA Contribution

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EFSA : Industry expectations

- ***The point of scientific excellence***
- ***The scientific authority with undisputed reputation***
- ***The most authoritative source of knowledge***
- ***International leadership***



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EFSA : Industry expectations

- EFSA to establish the scientific basis of EU legislation (to ensure EU legislation is based on an objective risk assessment rather than on risk perception)
- EFSA to establish networks with national & international public authorities
- EFSA to establish links with industry as one of the sources of scientific expertise
- EFSA to help stimulating innovation through swift assessments



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EFSA : Industry expectations

- CIAA is not seeking any privileged access to information, advice or opinion BUT
- a professional, functional, mutually understood and appreciated relationship reflecting each organisation's role, responsibilities and objectives



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What can EFSA do for the food & drink industry? [1]

- Provide a rational, evidence-based approach to food safety issues and the scientific basis for EU legislation
- Help to identify risk management options to improve the risk management process
- Communicate in a timely, coherent and consistent manner on food safety issues
- Interact with operators about new/emerging risks



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What can EFSA do for the food & drink industry? [2]

- Involve industry in incident management (assessment, management and communication)
- Involve industry experts in scientific panels' work
- Collate food consumption data at EU level



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What can the food & drink industry do for EFSA?

- Provide expertise (on processes, on data collection, on analytical methodology...)
- Share data from industrial processes and about food products



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EFSA relationships with stakeholders

- Key stakeholders' involvement in incident management
- Learn from experience
- Understanding the context of data requests
- General liaison via stakeholder forum



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How does CIAA see the future?

- Building mutual trust
- Improving liaison and dialogue
- EFSA, EU Commission and Member States to better interact in serving the interests of stakeholders and the public