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Job Description

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Legal Specialist (Food standards and Regulatory tools)

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Organizational Unit: FASRL - FAO Representation in Sri Lanka

Job Type Non-staff opportunities

Type of Requisition: PSA (Personal Services Agreement)

Grade Level: N/A

Primary Location Home-Based

Duration: 60 days over a period of 7 months

Post Number: N/A

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Organizational Setting

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations leading international efforts to defeat hunger. FAO's goal is to achieve food and security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough safe and high-quality food and lead active, healthy lives. Through the implementation of the food safety component of this project (Smart and Sustainable Aquaculture through Effective Biosecurity and Digital Technology – GCP/GLO/086/ROK), we will strengthen the food safety capacity for the shrimp sector and work towards the upgrade of the food control system for the sector.

Reporting Lines

The incumbent will work under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative for Sri Lanka and Maldives, the technical supervision of the Development Law Service, the direct supervision of the Assistant FAO Representative (Programme), and the technical supervision of the Fishery Officer (Food Safety and Quality – Aquatic Products).

Technical Focus

The purpose of the assignment is to implement the food safety component of the project GCP/GLO/086/ROK - Smart and Sustainable Aquaculture through Effective Biosecurity and Digital Technology, to further strengthen the food safety capacity for the shrimp sector and work towards upgrading the food control system.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Revise the existing food safety standards and regulatory requirements applicable to aquatic products.
- Compare those standards and requirements with those set by Codex or WOH. A.
- Develop a plan for setting missing standards.
- Develop missing requirements as well as align those with international standards when possible.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- A university degree in Law, Food Science, Public Health or any other related field.
- A minimum of 9 years of work experience in Food Safety Law working for government agencies, private law firms, or food companies.
- National of Sri Lanka or must hold a regular work permit.
- Working knowledge of English and/or Sinhala/Tamil.

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Selection Criteria

- An advanced university degree in Law, Food Science, Public Health or any other related field is desirable.
- In-depth knowledge of food safety regulations, standards, and practices. This includes familiarity with international standards like those set by the Codex Alimentarius.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help or have queries, please contact: Careers@fao.org
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>
- Appointment will be subject to certification that the candidate is medically fit for appointment, accreditation, any residency or visa requirements, and security clearances.

HOW TO APPLY

- To apply, visit the recruitment website at [Jobs at FAO](#) and complete your online profile. We strongly recommend that your profile is accurate, complete and includes your employment records, academic qualifications, and language skills
- Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile
- Once your profile is completed, please apply, and submit your application
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments and authorization to conduct verification checks of past and present work, character, education, military and police records to ascertain any and all information which may be pertinent to the employment qualifications
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- Only applications received through the FAO recruitment portal will be considered
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your online profile
- We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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