

IFAC Overview

The International Food Additives Council (IFAC) is a global association representing manufacturers and end-users of food ingredients. IFAC's mission is to be the recognized global leader for food ingredient information, education, and science. IFAC achieves its mission by promoting the benefits of food ingredients, advocating for science-based regulations and policies worldwide, and uniting industry stakeholders and cultivating a professional, responsible, and sustainable global food environment.

IFAC serves as a resource on national and international regulatory issues for its member companies, regulatory agencies, standard setting bodies, and allied organizations.

- In the U.S., IFAC regularly engages with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on regulatory issues including implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act, Good Manufacturing Practices for food ingredients, the Redbook, and the food additive petition and Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) processes.
- IFAC also works closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), particularly the Agricultural Marketing Service and Foreign Agricultural Service, to promote the use of member products and address potential barriers of trade.
- Outside the U.S., IFAC holds Non-Governmental Organization observer status before the Codex Alimentarius Food Standards Programme and plays an active role at the Codex Committee on Food Additives and other Committees of interest.
- IFAC actively participates in the USDA Emerging Markets Program (EMP), which helps educate emerging markets on food ingredient/additive regulatory and safety information. IFAC has participated and led EMP sessions in India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Colombia, El Salvador, Dubai, China, and Thailand.
- IFAC continues to bolster its presence, capabilities, and capacity in Europe and Asia through relationships, agreements, and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU). IFAC has MOUs in place with the China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment, the European Food and Feed Cultures Association, the International Dairy Federation, the Phosphoric Acid & Phosphates Producers Association, and the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei.
- IFAC China, with an office in Beijing, works directly with IFAC member company representatives in the region to monitor and respond to key regulatory proposals and engage Chinese regulators on issues of interest.

In recent years, IFAC has increased activities to focus on the many important roles ingredients play in ensuring a safe and sustainable food supply. IFAC's website, foodingredientfacts.org, engages consumers and other key audiences to provide factual, transparent information on the sources, functions, and benefits of food ingredients. IFAC has also broadened its impact by expanding membership to include end-users of food ingredients.

IFAC members are located on four continents and membership is open to any organization producing or using food additives or ingredients. For more information, visit foodingredientfacts.org.