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ABSTRACT

In an era of ever-increasing food labelling, food safety is still an implied term in the food purchase contract. Consumers need to rely on the good name of the manufacturer, retailer or food service establishment, for food safety. Because of 'due diligence' food legislation around the world, Hazard Analysis (HACCP) and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) are now essential components of a safe food chain.

Food safety responsibility lies with the food producer, seller or server, and whilst retail is increasingly concentrated, and there are several large global multinational food manufacturers, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) still play a major role in the food chain. The UK Food Standards Agency estimates that 60% of food poisoning outbreaks are due to SMEs. Consumers are increasingly interested in organic and fair-trade foods; for these in particular, traceability back to specific sources of supply, even individual animals or fields is required to give the control over food safety we have come to expect