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ROLE of the CITY HEALTH DIRECTORATE IN FOOD SAFETY

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CONTENT

- Legislative mandate
- City's role in food control
- Role and function of the Environmental Health Practitioners
- Certificates of acceptability
- Procurement advise



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MANDATE

- **Overall in the constitution**
- **3 Levels of government**
 - **National -- determine standards and policies**
 - **Provincial**
 - **Local government – mandated to apply & enforce legislation**
Most EHP'S are located at local government.



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HEALTH ACT

Specific regulations governing:

- **milk sheds and parlours**
- **structural and hygiene standards**
- **Certificates of acceptability – COA**
- **issued to person in charge of the premises**
- **endorsed or restricted**

Allow for the detaining of suspect foodstuffs and condemnation thereof.



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FOODSTUFFS ACT

Regulations setting the microbiological standards for various foodstuffs including a specific regulation for milk and milk products

**ONLY PASTEURIZED MILK ALLOWED
IN THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN**



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WATER

- **Monitor drinking water standards and sampling (SABS Code 241)**



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ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

- **Comply with structural and hygiene standards prescribed in regulations. Plans scrutinized for food premises**
- **Certificate of Acceptability (COA) can be endorsed or restricted**
- **Samples of foodstuffs taken for microbiological analysis and chemical analysis**
- **City has its own food and milk laboratory**
- **COA's – Issued to person in charge**
- **Best available method – Discretion**
- **Detain suspect foodstuffs**
- **Condemnation of foodstuffs**
- **Inspection reports**
- **Health education**



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EXTENSIVE SAMPLING PROGRAMME

- **Sample all types of foodstuffs**
- **Milk and milk products**
Period January to September 3720 samples of milk and milk products sampled and analysed for compliance with microbiological standards
- **Actions taken**
 - **Education**
 - **Warning letters**
 - **Institute legal action**



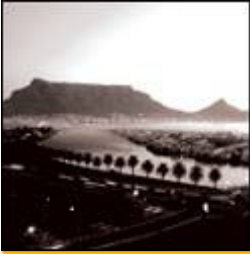
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CHALLENGES

- Ensure that the suppliers are compliant and have COA's -- reputable source
- Suppliers without COA should not even be considered in the procurement process.
- Preferably UHT otherwise ensure cold chain is maintained.
- Schools are able to keep the product under the correct storage conditions – temperature, no X-contamination.
- Type of container -- are able to clean and sanitize
- Milk from outside the city should also be compliant with the regulations through the application of the legislation at source.
- The source and/or supplier to be made known to the City Health Directorate.



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CONCLUSION

- Food safety is a key issue
- Many stakeholders
- Intersectoral collaboration in a programme of this nature is therefore of paramount importance.



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