

Reflections on Food Safety

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Inherent properties
of the category of
food

Condition
of the food at issue



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What makes a food unsafe / unacceptable?

- Its properties
 - Toxicity
 - Allergenicity
- Its condition
 - Decay
 - Contamination
 - Pathogenic organisms
 - Unwholesome substances
 - Radiation
 - Objects
- Its status?
 - Organic
 - Halal
 - Animal friendly



What can regulators do about it?

- Ban
- Require prior authorisation
 - Additives
 - GMOs
 - Novel foods
- Set limits
 - Contaminants
 - Organisms
- Require procedures
 - Hygiene
 - HACCP



Kiwi
Previously know as
Chinese Gooseberries



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Goji berry

Authorised as Novel food



Thank you for
your kind
attention

Q&A

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