

Biography of Dr. Yukiko Yamada

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Dr. Yukiko Yamada is Advisor to Vice-Minister (full-time) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF) since July 2017.



Dr. Yamada received a Ph.D. degree from Kyoto University on biochemistry. She has long experiences in the food and feed safety risk management and dietary exposure assessment of chemicals at national and international levels.

She taught in a university as assistant professor, after which she became a member of the Codex Secretariat in 1993 responsible for many Codex committees dealing with chemical food safety including the Codex Committees on Contaminants in Foods, on Pesticide Residues, on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, and on Methods of Analysis and Sampling.

After joining the MAFF in October 2000, she has led the Japanese delegation to many Codex and other international meetings related to chemical food safety.

After the BSE crisis in 2001 in Japan, she served as the driving force in the implementation of food safety risk analysis in the Government of Japan and implemented risk management in the MAFF. She initiated and organized nation-wide surveillance and monitoring for chemical and microbiological hazards in foods and feeds leading to preparation of codes of practice for prevention and reduction of contamination, submission of data to Codex/JECFA, and publication of scientific papers.

She retired from MAFF as the Director-General for Technological Affairs/Chief Scientific Officer at the end of March 2013. Since then, she was working as Advisor to Vice-Minister of MAFF (part-time) on an irregular basis, and international food safety consultant (self-employed) until July 2017.