

# Regulatory Gap Analysis: Strengthening Food Standards in Bangladesh

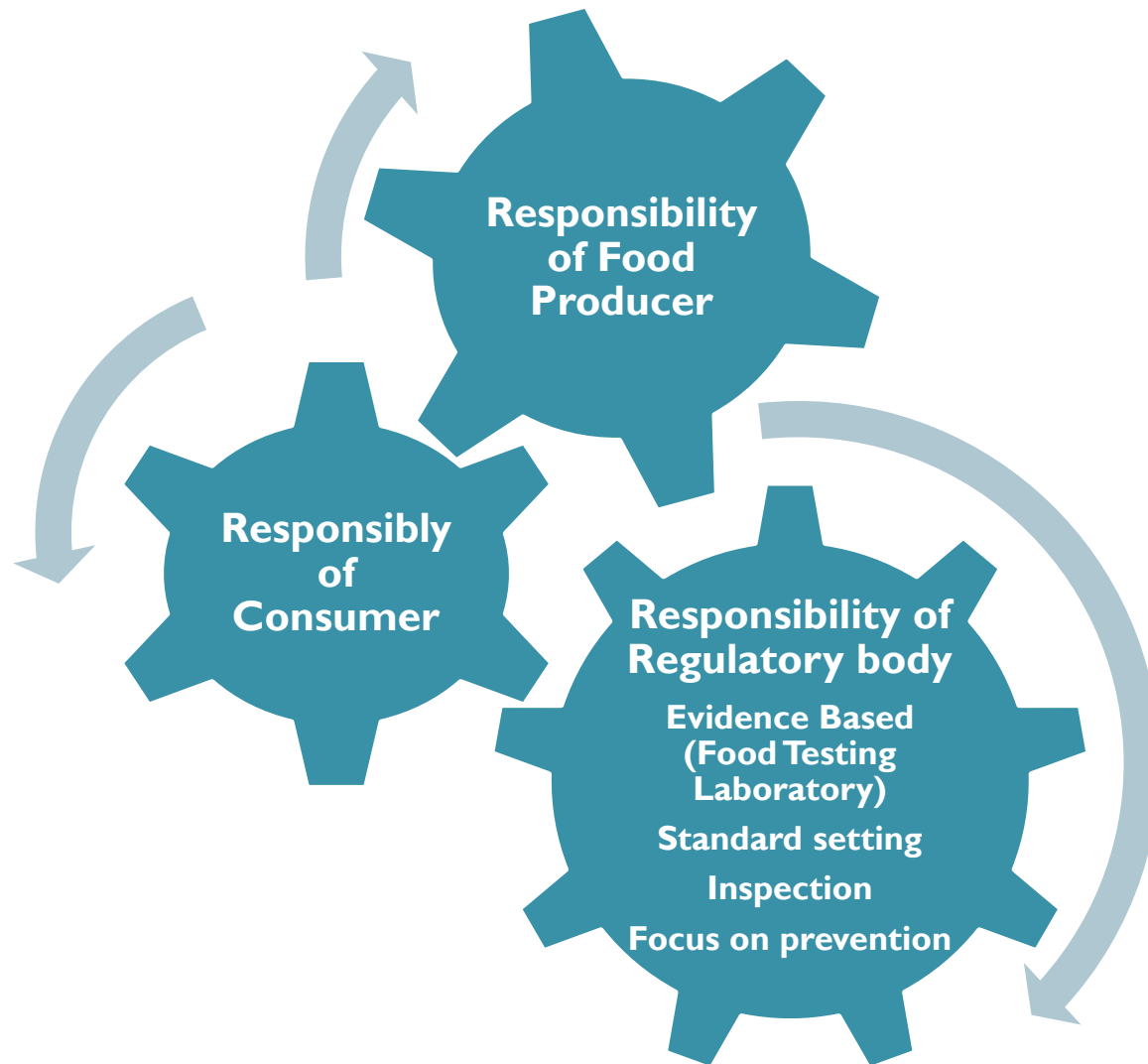
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# Food Safety: A shared responsibility

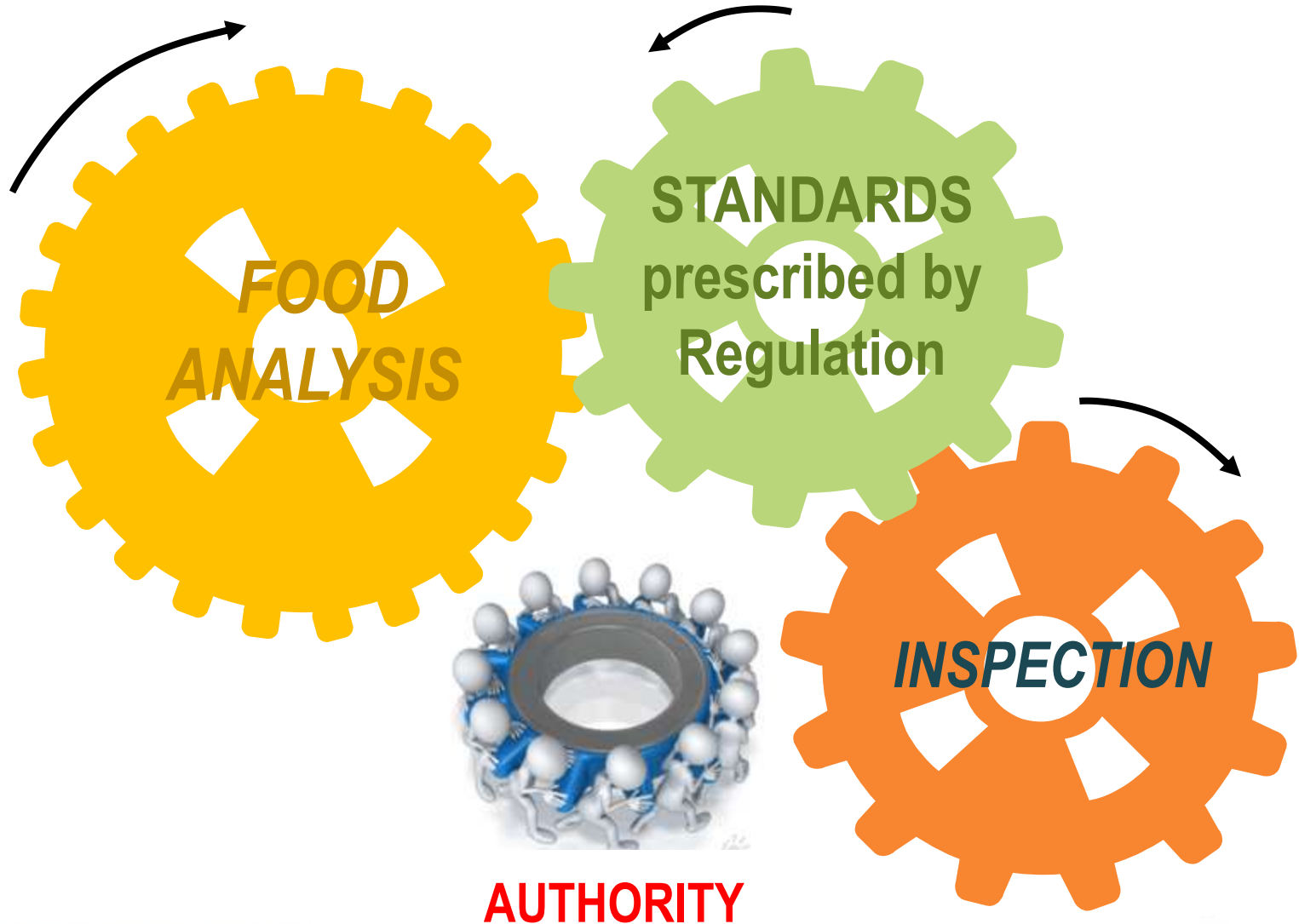


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# The risk-based approach



# Obligations by Bangladesh Constitution

- Article 15 : Fundamental responsibility of the state to secure provision of the basic necessities of life including food
- Article 18 : Raise the level of nutrition and improve public health as its primary duties

**Both the Articles imply food safety requirements for consumers through enactment of appropriate laws**



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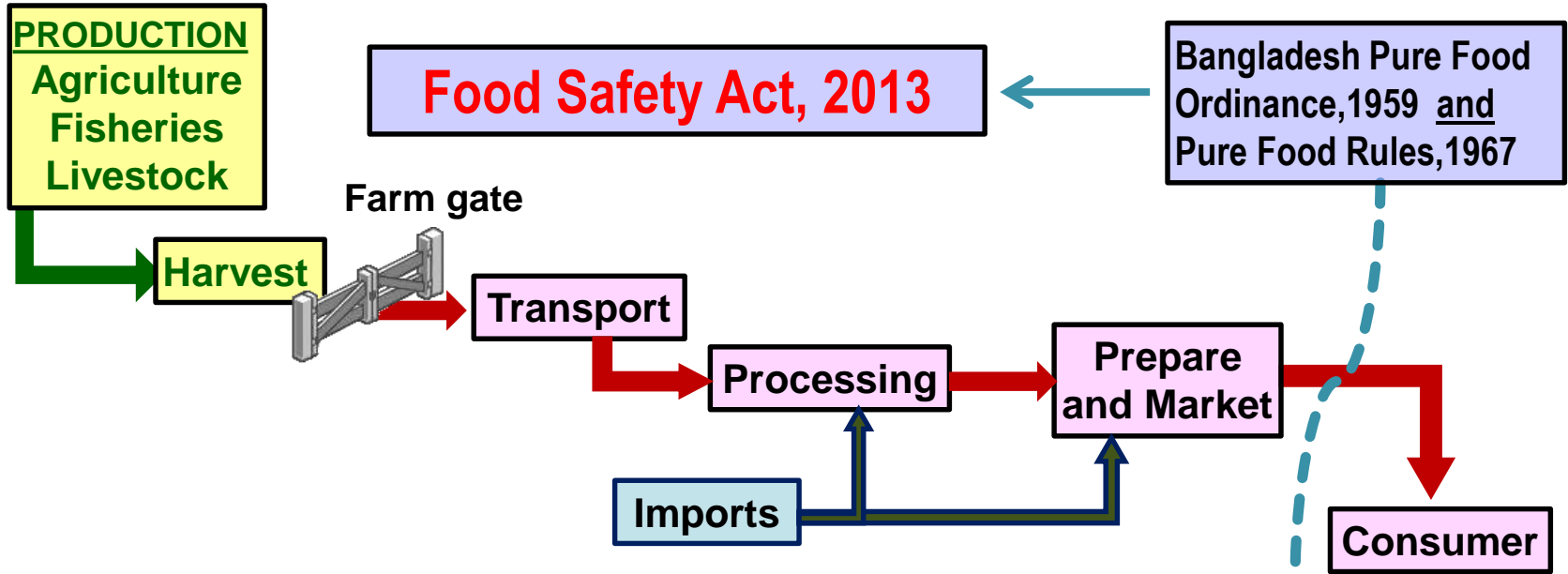
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# Laws and Regulations

- **The Food Safety Act, 2013**
- Food Safety (Contaminants, Toxins and Harmful Residues) Regulations, 2017
- Food Safety (Labeling) Regulations, 2017
- Use of Food Additives Regulations, 2017
- Food Sample collection, testing and analysis Regulations, 2017



# From farm to table



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# The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution Ordinance 1985: Amended in 2003

Within the framework of this ordinance, the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) was established for

- Standardization
- Testing
- Certification for the quality of foods for local consumption or/for export and import.

# Certification marks scheme

Considering the health and safety of the consumers a mandatory certification marks scheme developed and updated by a statutory regulatory orders (SROs) from time to time under the provisions laid down in clause 24 of the BSTI Ordinance 1985.



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# Risk based food standards development



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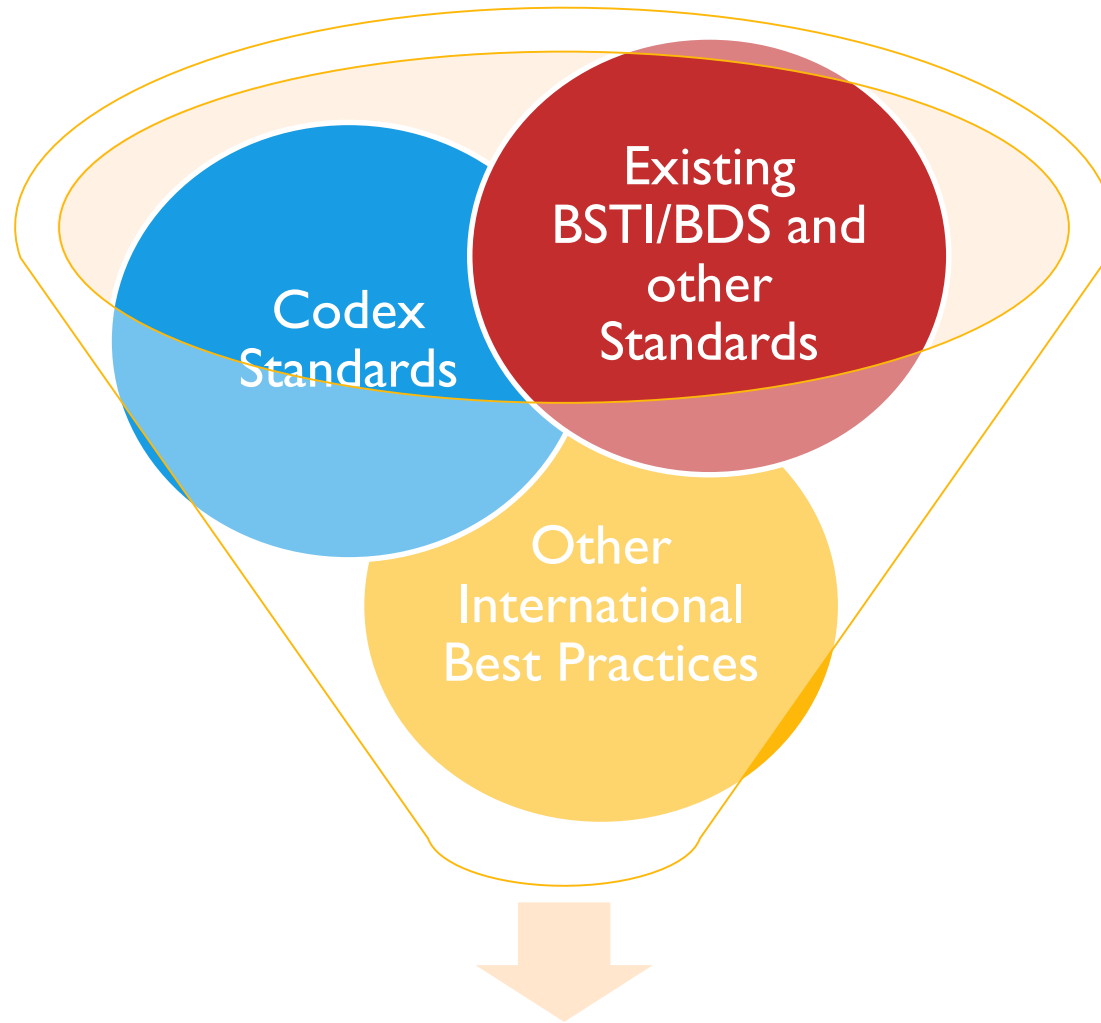
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# Responsibility of BFSA

Render necessary support to the concerned authorities or organizations in updating and upgrading the food standards or guidelines to the highest level of safety

CHAPTER II Article 13.2(B) of Food Safety Act 2013



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# Strengthening Food Standards in Bangladesh

- Baseline data gap – need to generate
- Development of SOPs at different level of risk analysis
- Capacity development at different levels for risk analysis



# Strengthening Food Standards in Bangladesh (Cont.)

- Promote compliance with the international standards, guidelines and recommendation in line with the WTO requirements.
- Support updating and unification of existing diverse institutional standards to have a single national food standards.



# Strengthening Food Standards in Bangladesh (Cont.)

- Development of regulations on the basis of food safety, standards and potential risks.
- Strengthen national capacity for revision/update and formulation of standards and legislative instruments.



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