

ISDI Statement

ISDI supports World Food Safety Day and calls on all stakeholders to work together for safer food and better health

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The special dietary foods industries are proud to provide people with the essential safe and nutritious foods they need to live, grow and thrive, as well as support the Sustainable Development Goals of zero hunger, good health and wellbeing through building partnerships for food safety. The quality and safety of food products is, and remains, an absolute priority for our industry.

Foods for special dietary uses (FSDU) – from infant formula, complementary foods and foods for special medical purposes (FSMP) to dietetic nutrition, gluten-free foods and sport foods – are scientifically developed to cater for the specific nutritional requirements of people with special dietary needs. These safe and highly nutritious solutions support people throughout all stages of life, from the healthy growth and development of infants and young children to the dietary management of the elderly.

As an industry, we are committed to enforcing the strictest standards and our members take pride in producing foods based on the latest scientific information, accredited food production and manufacturing operations and other global food management systems.

Since 1973, ISDI has supported the work of Codex Alimentarius in establishing science-based food standards, guidelines and codes of practice that ensure food safety and quality. As an international organisation, we are committed to continue working with regulators, policy-makers and other stakeholders to improve the health and wellbeing of current and future generations, and enhance food security.

Our members around the world work together with national authorities to ensure safe and nutritious foods are available for people with special dietary needs, providing support in regulating food safety along the entire food chain and ensuring international standards are met or even surpassed. Our industry goes further in supporting food security by using sustainably managed and renewable resources, more efficient operations, waste management and environmentally-friendly packaging. Moreover, ISDI members form partnerships for sustainable food production and encourage their partners to adopt best practices.

We welcome the fourth World Food Safety Day as an opportunity to recognise the people who help keep our food safe and celebrate the role of safe and nutritious food in providing for the health and wellbeing of people around the world.

About ISDI:

ISDI is the leading international expert association on special dietary foods, including foods specifically designed for infants and young children. ISDI members are national and international associations that are active in this sector from more than 20 countries over 6 continents. Our members manufacture and market foods that are formulated, in accordance with applicable Codex Alimentarius standards, to meet the compositional criteria, quality requirement and nutritional needs of infants and young children.

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