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### About Selvarani

Selvarani has over 25 years' experience in the analysis of food and agriculture samples working across a variety of policy areas, nationally and internationally, to improve standards in measurement science.

Selvarani is the Chair of the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Authenticity Methods Working Group and also serves on Defra's Authenticity Steering Group. She is part of the UK delegation for the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, is the UK Co-Chair of the Codex electronic working group on food fraud and is also part of the UK delegation that serves on the CEN committee for standardisation of methods for food authenticity.

Selvarani is the Executive Director of the Food Authenticity Network ([www.foodauthenticity.global](http://www.foodauthenticity.global)), led by LGC, which is an open access website that gathers information on food authenticity testing, food fraud mitigation and food supply chain integrity, helping to build more resilient food supply chains. It now has over 3,465 members (as of 28/11/22) from 95 countries and in 2021, over 34,000 unique users accessed the website.

Selvarani serves on the Governance Board of the Safe to Trade® Scheme (STTS), which is an initiative to improve food safety for consumers by being the first voluntary third-party assurance scheme designed specifically for the hospitality industry.

Selvarani is a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Institute of Food Science and Technology. In October 2020, Selvarani was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020 for services to food measurement services. In 2022, she was part of three-person review team that conducted a Review of the National Food Crime Unit.

### Recent publications

1. National Food Crime Unit External Review 2022: National Food Crime Unit External Review 2022 | Food Standards Agency
2. Podcast: The Food Authenticity Network Executive Team (Selvarani Elahi and Mark Woolfe) and the Chair of our Advisory Board, Sterling Crew were interviewed for an episode of Bruker's Food Authenticity Podcast series.
3. Has COVID-19 caused a significant increase in observed food fraud incidents? Massimo Frera, Selvarani Elahi, Mark Woolfe, Sterling Crew and John Spink. Published December 2020.
4. POST Note on Food Fraud: <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/POST-PN-0624/POST-PN-0624.pdf>  
<https://post.parliament.uk/research-briefings/post-pn-0624/>
5. Food Safety Tech - Food Fraud Quick Bites, Food Fraud Information Sharing, March 28, 2020, Karen Everstine and Selvarani Elahi: <https://foodsafetytech.com/column/food-fraud-information-sharing/>
6. Selvarani Elahi, Stephen Ellison and Mark Woolfe, The Food Authenticity Network: Applications in Food Fraud, Eds. by Malcolm Burns, Lucy Foster, Michael Walker, Royal Society of Chemistry, London 2019, ISBN 978-1-78801-178-5, pp 311 – 317.

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