



Conference Agenda

Thursday 12 February 2026

08:00-08:45 **Coffee & Registration**

08:45-08:55 **Welcome Address**

Chair: Gillian Kelleher, BRCGS International Advisory Board Chair

08:55-09:20 **Exploring Key Indicators of Food Safety Risk**

Speakers: Alec Kyriakides, Independent Food Safety Consultant
Sara Mortimore, former Vice President of Global, Food Safety compliance at Walmart

09:20-09:45 **Food Fraud Prevention**

Speaker: Ben Pye, Senior Prevention & Relationship Management Officer

09:45-10:10 **21st century challenges: The Role and Risk of Technology in the Modern Age**



Speaker: Patrick McNamara, Global Innovations and Quality Manager, Food Services

10:10-10:35 **Horizon Scanning - Emerging risks**

Speaker: Prof Chris Elliott, President



10:35-10:40 **Video Thought Leader Session:**



10:40-11:25 **Networking break and exhibition**



11:25-11:35 **BRCGS Awards ceremony - Part 1**



11:35-11:55 **Mapping a Pathway to Compliance: How do Food Information Regulations dictate global exports**

Speaker: TBC

11:55-12:20 **The changes to EU legislation on Listeria**

Speaker: Kaarin Goodburn, Director General



12:20-12:45 **Microbiological issues – particularly in fresh produce**

Speaker: Kelly Shields, Technical Director





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12:45-13:05	Thought Leader Session: Speaker: Adam Green, Market Manager	METTLER TOLEDO
13:05-13:10	VIDEO Thought Leader	
13:10-14:25	Networking lunch and exhibition	
14:25-14:35	BRCGS Awards ceremony - Part 2	BRCGS
14:35-15:00	How to Fight Corporate Amnesia: Cultivating a Learning Culture at Work Speaker: Bertrand Emond, Professional Development & Culture Excellence Lead	Campden BRI food and drink innovation
15:00-15:45	PANEL: Compliance with Culture Speakers: Dr Derek Watson, Associate Professor Bertrand Emond, Professional Development & Culture Excellence Lead	University of Sunderland Campden BRI food and drink innovation
15:45-16:20	Networking break and exhibition	
16:20-16:30	Consumer Products Standard revision: Why public consultation matters Speaker: Gwenda Jarrett, Non-Food Programme Manager	BRCGS
16:30-16:55	Consideration in food and consumer product, product development for recyclability of packaging Speaker: Tom Giddings, Executive Director	alupro
16:55-17:25	Practical AI for Quality and Food Safety Managers Speaker: Amanda Lara, Consultant - BRCGS Commercial Representative Australia and New Zealand	BRCGS
17:25-17:35	Close of day 1 Speaker: Gillian Kelleher, BRCGS International Advisory Board Chair	
18:00-20:30	Networking Drinks - Location TBC	



Masterclass Agenda

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08:00-08:30	Arrival Coffee
08:30-10:00	OPTION 1 Exploring key indicators of food safety risk and their role in food safety management Hosts: Alec Kyriakides, Independent Food Safety Consultant Sara Mortimore, Former Vice President of Global Food Safety compliance at Walmart
08:30-10:00	OPTION 2 What AI will really break (and fix) in food compliance Host: TBC
10:00-10:30	Networking break
10:30-12:00	OPTION 1 How to leverage public information for supplier and internal compliance Host: Evan Rosen, President
10:30-12:00	OPTION 2 Transforming Internal Audits into a Strategic Business Assurance Tool Hosts: Luis Saucedo, Director Federico Sanchez, Regional Director
Midday	Event Close

