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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 Crime Prevention – Risks, Trends and Resources**
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: Cesare Varallo, Food Lawyer and founder of Food Law Latest and Food-Orbit

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**
Speakers: Zoe Jordan, CEO
Rebecca Kaya, Senior Regulatory Advisor (UK)

11:55-12:20 **The changes to EU legislation on Listeria**
Speaker: Karin 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	Contamination Detection – Metal Detection, X-ray or Both <small>Speaker: Adam Green, Market Manager</small>	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 <small>Speaker: Bertrand Emond, Professional Development & Culture Excellence Lead</small>	Campden BRI food and drink innovation
15:00-15:45	PANEL: Compliance with Culture <small>Host: Kimberly Coffin, Global Technical Director Speakers: Dr Derek Watson, Associate Professor Bertrand Emond, Professional Development & Culture Excellence Lead</small>	LRQA Your Risk Management Advantage
15:45-16:20	Networking break and exhibition	University of Sunderland
16:20-16:30	Consumer Products Standard revision: Why public consultation matters <small>Speaker: Gwenda Jarrett, Non-Food Programme Manager</small>	Campden BRI food and drink innovation
16:30-16:55	Consideration in food and consumer product, product development for recyclability of packaging <small>Speaker: Tom Giddings, Executive Director</small>	BRCGS
16:55-17:25	Practical AI for Quality and Food Safety Managers <small>Speaker: Amanda Lara, Consultant - BRCGS Commercial Representative Australia and New Zealand</small>	alupro
17:25-17:35	Close of day 1 <small>Speaker: Gillian Kelleher, BRCGS International Advisory Board Chair</small>	BRCGS
18:15-20:30	Networking Drinks - BrewDog Waterloo, Unit G, Waterloo Station, SE1 7BH	ROCOL



Masterclass Agenda

Friday 13 February 2026

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: Siska Lannoo, founder of backbone



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**

