



Matis Ltd. is a dynamic R&D company active in food safety, food processing and product development, biotechnology and novel products. Matis is located in 10 cities or towns around Iceland and has approximately 110 employees; about 29 have a Ph.D. degree. Matis has strong connections to the universities in Iceland and about 8 PhD students and many M.Sc students are doing their research at Matis in cooperation with the industry in Iceland and abroad. The company is government-owned and was established January 1, 2007 following the merger of three former public food research institutes.

Matis has been a member of the SAFE consortium since 2008.

The primary aim of Matis is to increase the value of food processing and food production, through research, development, dissemination of knowledge and consultancy, as well as to ensure the safety and quality of food and feed products.

Matis works closely with stakeholders throughout the entire value chain, covering all aspects of the food processing and biotechnology industry and has strong relations with both academia and industry. Matis has a reputation for combining applied, near-market research with state-of-the-art, cutting-edge fundamental science to underpin the applied work. In the area of food safety, Matis is responsible for identifying the food pathogens and contaminants that are likely to occur in Iceland as well as giving advice on sampling methods and analysis of food samples. It also follows closely all developments concerning food safety on an international

level, which includes following the occurrence of various food safety hazards, development of analytical methods, evaluating emerging risks and the likelihood of them spreading to Iceland. Finally, Matis provides the Icelandic authorities with information and consultation on necessary actions to tackle food safety hazards.

Matis is comprised of five divisions: Analysis & Consulting; Biotechnology & Biomolecules; Food Safety, Environment & Genetics; Innovation & Consumers; Value Chain, Processing & Aquaculture. These five divisions cover all major areas relating to food, environment and biotech activities.

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Areas of Research: Food safety, food processing and technology, food quality, genetics, biotechnology, value chain, aquaculture, innovation and sustainability of food production.