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**NSAI/TC 13 FOOD INDUSTRY  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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## 1 Chair's Statement

I took over the role of chair in 2023 and worked closely with the NSAI secretary to continue the work of the committee in engaging directly on specific standardisation issues and also in providing oversight and direction to the other food committees. As a new NSAI Committee Chair, I attended the Committee Chair Event on 4th July, which I found very helpful and worthwhile.

The committee provided input into the development of an ISO 8700 standard for plant-based foods during the year. This standard is at committee draft stage and is being developed by ISO/TC 34. Other developments included the establishment of a national committee for microbiology NSAI/TC 13/SC 9 which commenced work during the latter half of the year.

The revision of the national standards I.S. 340 Hygiene in the catering sector and I.S. 341 Hygiene in food retailing and wholesaling were approved by the committee during the year and subsequently were approved by NSAI Management and Board. The work on revision of these standards has now commenced by two working groups formed for this purpose.

NSAI/TC 13/SC 5 Dairy products held a number of meetings and members have provided input into the development of international standards for this sector.

Other work noted at international level included the development of standards for food loss and waste, whole grain food definitions and technical criteria, and data-driven agrifood systems.

The members of the committee attending meetings actively participated and provided valuable input and direction to the work of the committee. It is planned to continue in 2024 to monitor ongoing standards related work in the food sector and to keep informed about new initiatives and standard development opportunities at international level to ensure that Ireland's voice is represented.

**Michael Hickey, Chair NSAI/TC 13**

## 2 Introduction

This report details the scope of the committee and the activities conducted by the committee during 2023 and relevant interactions with international standards development.

## 3 Scope of TC

NSAI TC 13 is parent committee for four SCs (see 4.1) and is responsible for the creation of Working Groups when national projects are approved by NSAI. The members of the committee come from a range of interests including regulatory, industry representative bodies, food processors, food retailers.

There are also experts that monitor /participate in CEN and ISO committees via TC 13, for example:

ISO/TC 34/SC 17 Management systems standards

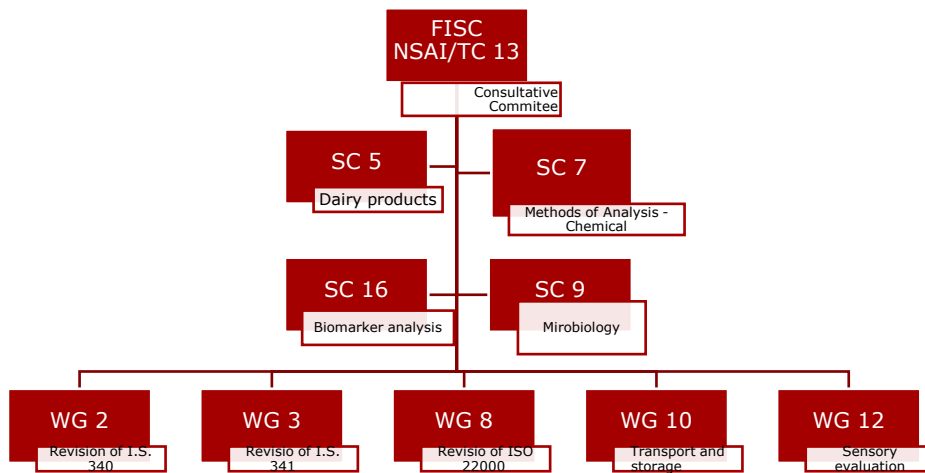
The committee had 18 members in 2023. The associated sub-committees mirror the following international committees:

Committee Name	Committee Title
<b>ISO/TC 34/SC 17</b>	Management systems for food safety
<b>ISO/TC 34/SC 17/AG1</b>	Expert Panel on management systems for food safety
<b>CEN/TC 302</b>	Milk and milk products – methods of sampling and analysis
<b>ISO/TC 34/WG 14</b>	Vitamins, carotenoids and other nutrients
<b>ISO/TC 34/SC 5</b>	Milk and milk products
<b>CEN/TC 307</b>	Oilseeds, vegetable and animal fats and oils and their by-products – Methods of sampling and analysis
<b>CEN/TC 327</b>	Animal feedings stuffs – methods of sampling and analyses
<b>ISO/TC 34/SC 10</b>	Animal feeding stuffs
<b>ISO/TC 34/SC 11</b>	Animal and vegetable fats and oils
<b>CEN/TC 275/WG 11</b>	Genetically modified foodstuffs
<b>CEN/TC 411</b>	Bio-based products
<b>ISO/TC 34/SC 16</b>	Horizontal methods for molecular biomarker analysis
<b>CEN/TC 463</b>	Microbiology of the food chain
<b>ISO/TC 34/SC 9</b>	Microbiology

## 4 Structure and Membership

### 4.1 Structure

The figure below illustrates the structure of the Committee:



## 4.2 Members

The following is the membership list for 2023:

Organisation	Role
Consultant	Chair
NSAI	Secretary
NSAI	Member
Restaurant Association of Ireland	Member
Consultant	Member
Consultant	Member
Consultant	Member
EcoOnline	Member
Marine Institute	Member
Musgraves	Member
Health Service Executive	Member
Health Service Executive	Member
Bord Bia	Member
Anglo Beef Processors	Member
IBEC	Member
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FSAI	Member
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Teagasc	Member

## 5 Summary of 2023 Activities

### 5.1 National

#### 5.1.1 Meetings

Committee members participated in the following national meetings:

Meeting No.	Date
1	28/02/2023
2	15/05/2023
3	12/09/2023
4	28/11/2023

## 5.1.2 National Work

The main focus of national work was the revisions of I.S. 340 and I.S. 341 which were approved for commencement during the year.

## 5.2 International/Regional

### 5.2.1 Meetings

Committee members attended international meetings as follows:

Committee Name	Location	Date	No. of Attendees
CEN/TC 411 Bio-based products	Virtual	5 October 2023	1
ISO/TC 34/SC 4 Cereals and pulses	Virtual	7, 8, 11 November 2023	1
CEN/ TC 338 Cereals and cereal products	Virtual	19 December 2023	1

### 5.2.2 International/Regional Work

National committees mapped to CEN and ISO committees monitored ballots on standards in various stages of development and provided input to ballots when required.

NSAI/TC 13 was actively involved in provided comments to ISO/TC 34 Food regarding the development of the standard for plant-based foods.

### 5.2.3 International/Regional Voting Results

The committee is not directly mapped to any committee for ballots but did provide input into ballots taken by ISO/TC 34 for the development of the standard for plant-based foods.

Sub-committees are directly mapped a number of regional and international committees and members of these committees were active in voting on draft standards, standard review and new work items.

## 5.3 Regulatory Development/Update

Irish standards I.S. 340, I.S. 341, I.S. 342 and I.S. 432 are hygiene standards in the food and water sectors and they support users of the standards in achieving compliance with legislation.

I.S. 340, I.S. 341 and I.S. 342 are included on the European Commission's National Guides to Good Hygiene Practice for Food and Feed.

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna2/hygienelegislation/>

## 6 Irish Publications/Reviews

### 6.1 Publications

There were no publications in 2023.

## 7 Work programme for 2024 onwards

1. Revision of:
  - I.S. 340 Hygiene in the catering sector
  - I.S. 341 Hygiene in food retailing and wholesaling
2. Monitor involvement in international standards development and provide input where necessary.
3. Monitor involvement with international standards development to see if there are gaps or areas where involvement can be scaled back.