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

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1 Chair's Statement

The operation of the committee continued in 2024, building on the work of the previous year in monitoring and overseeing developments related to food standards national, regionally and internationally.

The committee continued to provide input into the development of the ISO 8700 standard for plant-based food. The draft international standard was approved in 2024 and it is now proceeding to next stage of the standard development process.

Revision of national standards, I.S. 340 Hygiene in the catering sector and I.S. 341 Hygiene in food retailing and wholesaling, commenced in 2024 with the working groups making good progress through a number of meetings that were held throughout the year. This work will continue in 2025 and both standards in draft format will proceed to public comment with a plan for publication in early 2026.

Internationally work has commenced on the revision of ISO 22000 Food safety management systems — Requirements for any organization in the food chain. This is expected to progress to committee draft standard in 2025.

A recently established committee, ISO/TC 34/SC 20 Food loss and waste, continues to work on the development of standards in this area:

- Requirements for the minimisation of food loss and waste across the food chain
- Quantification, measurement, monitoring and reporting methods for food loss and waste.
- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food loss/waste management systems

The committee had a watching brief over developments internationally including the establishment of a new committee ISO/TC 347 Data-driven agrifood systems and will continue to monitor developments emerging from this committee.

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 2025 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 2024 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

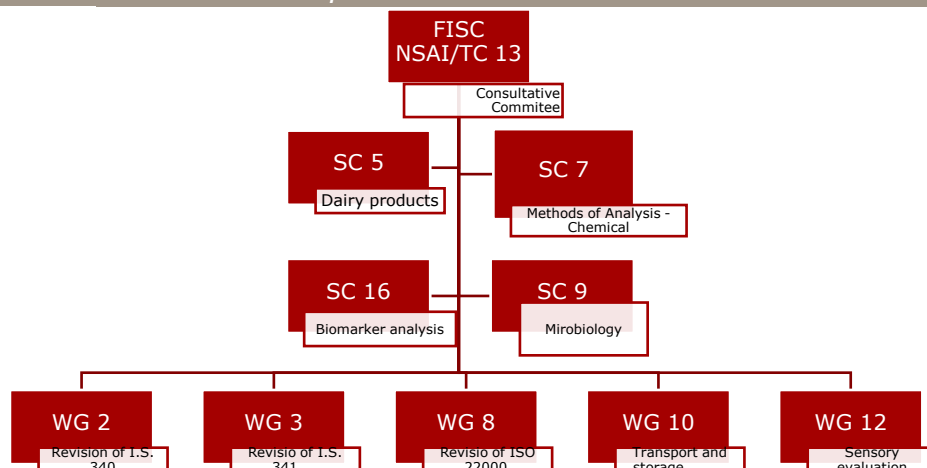
The committee had 18 members in 2023. The committee and associated sub-committees mirror the following international committees:

Committee Name	Committee Title
ISO/TC 34	Food products
ISO/TC 34/SC 5	Milk and milk products
ISO/TC 34/SC 9	Microbiology
ISO/TC 34/SC 10	Animal feeding stuffs
ISO/TC 34/SC 11	Animal and vegetable fats and oils
ISO/TC 34/WG 14	Vitamins, carotenoids and other nutrients
ISO/TC 34/SC 16	Horizontal methods for molecular biomarker analysis
ISO/TC 34/SC 17	Management systems for food safety
ISO/TC 34/SC 17/AG1	Expert Panel on management systems for food safety
ISO/TC 34/SC 20	Food loss and waste
ISO/TC 234	Fisheries and aquaculture
ISO/TC 347	Data-driven agrifood systems
CEN/TC 275/WG 11	Genetically modified foodstuffs
CEN/TC 302	Milk and milk products – methods of sampling and analysis
CEN/TC 307	Oilseeds, vegetable and animal fats and oils and their by-products – Methods of sampling and analysis
CEN/TC 327	Animal feedings stuffs – methods of sampling and analyses
CEN/TC 411	Bio-based products
CEN/TC 460	Food authenticity
CEN/TC 463	Microbiology of the food chain

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 2024:

Organisation	Role
Consultant	Chair
NSAI	Secretary
NSAI	Member
Restaurant Association of Ireland	Member
Consultant	Member
Consultant	Member
Tate and Lyle	Member
EcoOnline	Member
Marine Institute	Member
Musgraves	Member
Health Service Executive	Member
Bord Bia	Member
Anglo Beef Processors	Member
IBEC	Member
IBEC	Member
FSAI	Member
FSAI	Member
Teagasc	Member
ICMSA	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	27/02/2024
2	28/05/2024
3	10/12/2024

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

There were no international meetings attended in 2024.

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 now mapped to a number of committees for ballots and provided 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/>

Revision of I.S. 340 and 341 commenced in 2024 and will continue during 2025.

6 Irish Publications/Reviews

6.1 Publications

There were no publications in 2024.

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.