

## TRAINING AND CONSULTATION

### ▶▶▶ Training and Information Unit



- Provides technical information to food establishments, pest control operators and the general public via lectures, booklets, handouts, ect. with regard to proper pest management and food storage techniques.
- Conducts and coordinates training programmes in integrated pest management and food storage.
- Provides consultation to food storage, processing and retailing establishments in order for them to attain the required operating standards.
- Audits pest control records of food establishments.
- Facilitates the disposal of unwanted and outdated pesticides.



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# Roles and Functions of the FSPID



*The Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Division (FSPID) is a division of the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce of Jamaica which operates under the Food Storage and Prevention of Infestation Act (1958) and Regulations (1973). It has specific responsibility for ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of all food and feed entering commerce. This is achieved through:*

1. Inspection and Disinfestation Services;
2. Analyses Conducted by FSPID Laboratories;
3. Training and Consultation.

## INSPECTION AND DISINFESTATION



Food and feed are inspected and sampled at ports of entry, storehouses and retail stores. If infested, goods and/or structures are treated with pesticides approved by the Chief Food Storage Officer of FSPID. The FSPID's Inspectorate and Disinfestation Unit conducts these activities.

## LABORATORY ANALYSES

### ▶▶▶ Entomology Unit



- Conducts qualitative and quantitative analyses of insects, insect fragments and extraneous matter in food and feed.
- Provides grading services for grains and legumes.
- Conducts moisture content analyses.

### ▶▶▶ Microbiology Unit



- Conducts qualitative and quantitative tests and analyses for microbial contaminants such as fungi and bacteria.
- Provides certificates to importers and exporters.

### ▶▶▶ Pesticide Residue / Mycotoxin Unit



- Conducts analyses on foods, including fruits and vegetables, and feeds for chemical and biochemical residues and mycotoxins.

### ▶▶▶ Postharvest Technology Unit



- Provides solutions to exporters, retailers and farmers experiencing postharvest problems with fruits, vegetables, root crops and ornamentals.
- Conducts adaptive research in order to keep farmers, retailers and exporters up to date with technology.

### ▶▶▶ Rodent Biology and Control Unit



- Conducts and provides consultation re rodent control programmes.
- Conducts bioassays of rodenticides.
- Assists manufacturers of rodenticides in determining the efficacy of their products.