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- 1) Must be from a national competent authority for food safety, who has established food recall systems in the past or who has a solid experience in implementing food recalls and designing related tools such as traceability systems; and
- 2) Must be able to share documented national frameworks and processes for food recall during emergencies and share lessons learnt; or
- 3) Represents the views of the industry and trade sector with extensive experience in food safety emergency cooperation with public authorities during food safety emergencies, including recall implementation at national and international levels.

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Acronyms

FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
HACCP	Hazard analysis and critical control point
IHR	International Health Regulations
INFOSAN	International Food Safety Authorities Network
SLDB	Small and less developed businesses
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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