



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION NO. **01**
SERIES OF 2022

**ADOPTION, ISSUANCE, AND PROMULGATION OF THE
CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR
PROFESSIONAL FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11052, also known as the "Philippine Food Technology Act," was signed into law on June 29, 2018;

WHEREAS, Section 6(j) of R.A. No. 11052 mandates the Professional Regulatory Board of Food Technology (Board) to prescribe and adopt a Code of Ethics and a Code of Technical Standards for the practice of food technology;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it proper to codify and integrate the Code of Ethics and the Code of Technical Standards into a single document to be referred to as the Code of Professional Conduct which will embody the set of principles that will govern the decisions and behavior of a Professional Food Technologist;

WHEREFORE, after consultation with the stakeholders, the Board **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt, issue, and promulgate the Code of Professional Conduct for Professional Food Technologists which shall define and prescribe the rules of professional conduct for the proper observance by all Professional Food Technologists in the Philippines.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Section 1. As citizens of the Philippines, Food Technologists shall faithfully observe all the laws, policies, rules, and legal orders issued by duly constituted authorities of the Philippines.

Section 2. They shall endeavor to contribute to national development through the practice of their profession.

Section 3. As professionals, they shall place as priority their responsibility to the community as a whole and safeguard public interest and welfare.

Section 4. They shall aspire to live up to the highest standards of ethical conduct in their personal and professional relationships.

Section 5. They shall endeavor to report to competent authorities any illegal or unscrupulous activity or transaction that they may have personal knowledge of, as part of their social commitment and responsibility.

SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES

Article I. Responsibility as Professional Food Technologists

Section 1. All Professional Food Technologists shall work to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the public and of the environment. As such, they shall:

- a. Employ the science of food for the benefit of society;
- b. Ensure the safety of food and encourage its consumption as part of a healthy diet;
- c. Consider the consequences of their actions to the environment and to make efficient use of resources in food systems;
- d. Endeavor to understand critical perspectives about the food systems;
- e. Respect the letter and spirit of applicable food laws and regulations;
- f. Be aware of the social consequences of the practice of Food Science and Technology; and
- g. Respect the specific needs and requirements of various cultures and traditions of the Philippine community.

Section 2. All Professional Food Technologists shall work to uphold professional ethics by doing the following:

- a. Undertake only such activities that are within the scope of their professional competence or proficiency;
- b. Support ethical activities of professional colleagues;
- c. Consider the effect of actions on the public's confidence to the profession;
- d. Contribute to a working climate that encourages science-based judgments;
- e. Represent professional qualifications honestly;
- f. Treat with respect co-workers and colleagues as individuals as well as their expertise; and
- g. Give due credit to the work of others.

Article II. Responsibility as Trusted and Competent Representatives of Customers and Employers

Section 1. All Professional Food Technologists shall:

- a. Assume responsibility for those who rely on them for scientific and technical advice;
- b. Perform contractual obligations and commitments with zeal;
- c. Respect confidential information;
- d. Disclose all existing and potential conflicts of interest in the course of one's professional practice;

- e. Avoid or manage conflict of interest situations in the practice of Food Technology; and
- f. Ensure that those concerned understand the likely consequences of not taking professional advice.

Article III. Responsibility as Members of the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of the profession

Section 1. All Professional Food Technologists shall:

- a. Abide by the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the AIPO;
- b. Be committed to ensuring the accuracy of information and advancements of knowledge in Food Science and Technology that contribute to furthering the Vision/Mission of the AIPO;
- c. Swear under oath to support the AIPO financially and morally, and shall actively participate in the programs and activities for the benefit and welfare of the general membership;
- d. Cooperate in extending the efficiency of the Food Technology profession and endeavor to be updated on the latest developments of the profession, laws, and rules by attending Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses, sharing or exchanging information and experience with other professionals and participating in the AIPO's activities;
- e. Contribute to the positive reputation and image of the profession;
- f. Participate in the AIPO elections with a sense of commitment, responsibility, and integrity by not allowing oneself to be motivated by ill interests, undue force, or influence;
- g. Support the advancement of knowledge in science and technology of food;
- h. Refrain from misrepresenting AIPO policies and procedures and making statements or other representations on behalf of the AIPO without proper authority;
- i. Support the CPD Program of the Food Technology profession;
- j. Avoid taking advantage or exploiting one's professional status to promote premature, misleading, exaggerated, or poorly supported scientific opinions to the public; and
- k. Support students and junior professionals in the field.

Article IV. Responsibility as Members of the Scientific Community

Section 1. All Professional Food Technologists shall:

- a. Be knowledgeable about the scientific basis of the benefits claimed or possible harms of Food Science and Technology information;
- b. Seek to ensure that information to consumers is properly communicated, not false, nor misleading; but is true and accurate concerning both explicit and implicit claims;
- c. Maintain the highest degree of integrity in all research efforts;

- d. Report research results accurately and objectively and confine conclusions to what is supported by research performed;
- e. Cite and give credit to the research and writing of others, including their own, as appropriate;
- f. Strive to maintain objectivity and employ only impersonal criteria in reviewing the work of others; and
- g. Value collective skepticism to avoid premature conclusions and try to avoid sources of bias among scientists.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Unless the contrary is provided, this Code of Professional Conduct shall not affect the application of other local statutory and regulatory rules and regulations governing the practice of Food Technology, such as those issued by the Food and Drug Administration, which all Professional Food Technologists must abide by. Nothing further shall prevent the Board from adopting other international ethical and professional standards as it may deem suitable and necessary for the practice.

Violations of any of the provisions of this Code of Professional Conduct shall constitute unethical or unprofessional conduct and shall, therefore, be considered as a sufficient cause for the revocation of the Certificate of Registration or suspension from the practice of the profession in accordance with Section 21 of R.A. No. 11052.

This Code of Professional Conduct shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Let copies hereof be distributed to the U.P. Law Center, the AIPO for Food Technologists and all other relevant offices, agencies, or associations, and stakeholders for information.

Done this **18th** day of **March, 2022** in the City of Manila.


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