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Dr. Christina Vlachou is the Head of the Food Safety and Control laboratory of the Joint FAO/IAEA Centre of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture in Austria since May 2022, when she joined IAEA from the General Chemical State Laboratory of Greece. Her academic background includes a Diploma and a PhD in Chemistry, Master's degrees in Quality Assurance and Toxicology, fellowships from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and from the Federation of European Toxicologists & European Societies of Toxicology (EUROTOX), as well as continuing education in chemical analysis and project management. She has extensive experience in the field of food analysis, specializing in the control of contaminants, additives, and migration from food contact materials. She has participated in the Greek regulatory food control systems for more than 10 years and she has also conceptualized and managed projects on food authenticity and fraud, as well as on food risk assessment. As a fellow of EFSA, she has worked for one year in the Risk Assessment Department of the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES). Dr. Vlachou has served as a member of several Codex Alimentarius electronic working groups, and as a tutor in training courses organized by the Greek National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government on topics of food safety and in EFSA's EU-Food Risk Assessment Induction Training, dedicated to chemical risk assessment. She has published in scientific journals on topics of chemical analysis, exposure to chemical hazards through the diet and assessment of the associated health risks.

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