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***Food Safety Measures in South Asia: Status, Drivers and
Impact at Farm Level***

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ABSTRACT

Due to globalization, rising incomes and other changes such as urbanization, interest in food safety and quality has intensified in recent years. Several public and private standards have been developed in agri-food chains. Compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary measures is one among many factors influencing incomes, employment opportunities, and welfare of poor in developing countries. One way to ensure food safety is by enhancing compliance at the farm level. This study investigates the status, estimates the cost, identifies the determinants, and assesses the impact of compliance with food safety measures (FSM) at farm level in selected South Asian countries. The study is based on primary data collected from different countries that captures the geographical and institutional diversity of production practices. Results show that the status of farm level compliance with FSM is not very encouraging. Also, the intensity of adoption of FSM exhibits significant inter- and intra-regional variations. It varies positively with scale of production but the additional cost of compliance with FSM varies negatively with the size. Among other determinants, access to information, and incidence of inspection for conformity with safety and quality standards are also associated with higher adoption of FSM. Finally, we also estimate the impact of FSM on farm-gate prices and farmers' profits. The positive relationship between adoption intensity of food safety measures and farmers' realization of prices and profits would influence farmers for greater adoption of these measures.