

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY  
USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT  
POLICY

Voluntary  Public

**Date:** 10/31/2014

**GAIN Report Number:**

## Peru

**Post:** Lima

### **FAS Lima and FDA Coordinate Food Additives Training for DIGESA**

**Report Categories:**

Agriculture in the Economy

Agriculture in the News

Export Accomplishments - Other

FAIRS Subject Report

Food Processing Ingredients

**Approved By:**

Casey E. Bean

**Prepared By:**

Miluska Camacho, Mariano J. Beillard, and Alvaro Loza

**Report Highlights:**

FAS Lima coordinated with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Regional Latin America Office a food additives training seminar for FDA's Peruvian counterpart DIGESA. During the seminar, attended by 115 DIGESA sanitary inspectors, participants received training on current international regulations. They also benefited learning how to seek reliable, science-based information on food additives. This activity contributed to the FAS objective of encouraging rules-based international regulatory systems that facilitate global trade.

**General Information:**

FAS Lima coordinated with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Regional Latin America Office in Santiago, Chile a food additives training seminar for FDA's Peruvian counterpart DIGESA (the national sanitary authority). The training seminar formed part of DIGESA's annual inspector workshop (October 13-17) in Lima. This workshop focuses primarily on institutional capacity building on a national level. The activity served as well as a venue for FAS and FDA to provide capacity building to Peru to improve Peruvian regulatory oversight of food safety practices in commercial food processing and preparation facilities.

The seminar was attended by 115 DIGESA sanitary inspectors from 24 key posts within Peru. These received training on the current international regulations, as well as took the opportunity to inquire where they could get additional reliable, science-based information on food additives.

DIGESA's Permitting and Additives Division, the workshop's organizer, has indicated that they will invite FAS Lima and FDA to participate again at next year's workshop. The United States is recognized by DIGESA as a trusted and invaluable source for technical information on food additives and regulatory procedures.

As a result of FAS Lima's facilitation of this event with U.S. FDA and the authorities here, the activity contributed to the FAS objective of encouraging rules-based international regulatory systems that facilitate global trade. Here in Peru, the officials' exposure to U.S. food additive regulatory practices should help to expedite product regulatory review and avert trade disruptions of U.S. consumer ready products.