

Call for Experts in Food Freezing

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European food freezing industry launches a collaborative action to shape the future of the sector

Dear Sirs,

Please be aware that the **European Hygienic Engineering and Design Group (EHEDG)** are reactivating their **Subgroup of Food Refrigeration Equipment**, whose mission is currently focussing on (but not limited to) the following objectives:

- Producing of an EHEDG guideline entitled '*Hygienic Design of Quick Freezing Equipment*', which will build on a draft version of 2005 and 2011. The aim is to cover all categories of food freezing systems with industrial significance (e.g. multiplate contact freezers, air blast freezers, fluidised-bed freezers, impingement freezers, cryogenic flash freezers, etc.)
- Publication of further EHEDG guidance documents which will address the whole food cold chain for refrigerated processing, warehousing (cold storage), distribution and retail of chilled and frozen food commodities. A publication named '*Emerging food refrigeration technologies and their implications for hygienic design*' could be released as well.

The scope will cover equipment design, challenge and commissioning testing, fulfillment of microbial standards, operational issues including cleaning systems, maintenance, regulatory and legislative matters. The Subgroup will liaise with the international organizations involved with food refrigeration (such as IIR, IAR, ECSLA, Global Cold Chain Alliance – IARW/WFLO, etc.) in order to harmonize state-of-the-art hygienic design solutions with modern technologies of food refrigeration.

The Kick-off Meeting of the Subgroup, bringing together top experts on food freezing equipment, will take place on 6 December 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. in the Regus Skyport Meeting Centre at the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, the Netherlands, where such professionals are kindly invited to attend.

Whether you are representing a large multinational company, a dynamic SME (producing or operating industrial food freezing systems) or a famous academic and research centre, do not miss the unique chance to join the meeting and to become part of this exciting international initiative going to shape the future food refrigeration businesses on a European and worldwide scale. EHEDG members and non-members are all welcome at this stage.

To preregister for the meeting and/or to express your interest in joining the *EHEDG Subgroup on Food Refrigeration Equipment*, **please e-mail to Ms. Susanne Flenner, EHEDG Secretariat [secretariat(at)ehedg.org], with a copy to the Subgroup Chairman Prof. Kostadin Fikiin [agf(at)tu-sofia.bg], before 10 November 2013.**

For more details about the EHEDG and the venue of the forthcoming event, please visit our website **www.ehedg.org** and see the attachments.

We look forward to receiving your prompt and hopefully favourable feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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