SRA Director Europe  
Location: Brussels, Brussels BE  
Job ID: R-78949

**Focus, Scope, & Impact:**

- Develop toxicological testing strategies to mitigate current risks and future headwinds that may impact our ingredients, products, and packaging.
- Build, maintain, enhance, and develop relationships/networks with external scientific experts, government agencies, NGOs and other stakeholders on issues relating to food additives, food safety and toxicology.
- Lead and engage in industry/trade associations and food standards bodies to advocate industry/company positions to protect our business and enable growth.
- Provide toxicological expertise and guidance to the system to identify solutions to regulatory issues that affect our products, packaging and ingredients.
- Establish scientific strategies to gain government approvals and international standards (e.g., Codex) for new ingredients, products, or packaging to support innovation collaborating with internal and external stakeholders such as the global SRA team, R&D, Legal, and trade associations.
- Where appropriate, represent the Company at appropriate global industry organizations and international food standards bodies (e.g., Codex) and provide leadership to external stakeholders such as global food and beverage industry groups to influence outcomes and support our regulatory strategies.
- Proactively work with PAC, Marketing, Legal and Governmental Affairs areas to enable the credibility and reputation of our brands and company.

**Ideal Candidate Profile**

- Ph.D. in Toxicology, Pharmacology, or related discipline.
- 10+ years in food industry, government, or related industry in similar roles.
- Demonstrated experience with the latest practices in risk assessment. Must have proven technical expertise.
- Advanced understanding of the nature, properties, effects, and detection of toxic substances in food, particularly chemicals of food interest such as food additives and pesticides, and how they are tested and regulated.
- Experience identifying critical studies used to support toxicity reference values (e.g., Acceptable Daily Intake or Tolerable Daily Intake); ability to identify strengths, weaknesses and any uncertainties in studies reported in the scientific literature.
- Strong understanding of GLP and OECD testing requirements.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to convey scientific subject matter in a simple manner.
- Knowledge of the regulatory and political landscape (e.g., regulations, issues) affecting food and beverages in Europe. It also includes the ability to manage complex regulatory issues affecting products, ingredients, and packaging.
- Ability to interact with government officials to represent the Company or beverage industry while explaining complex scientific data, reports, or issues. This includes the ability to anticipate issues or concerns of interest to public health officials to respond to those concerns and the ability to advocate a position in a non-adversarial manner (e.g., during dispute resolution).

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