

Biography: Hesrie van Heerden

Hesrie has a degree in Food Science from the University of Stellenbosch and is part of the FACTS (Food and Allergy Consulting and Testing Services) team where she currently heads up the Food Fraud division. Her work at FACTS has allowed her to gain an in-depth understanding of analytical techniques, supply chain management, regulatory compliance, and food safety management requirements. It has also provided her with the opportunity to work and build partnerships with multiple industry-leading international companies. Her industry experience, combined with her extensive knowledge and insight into laboratory testing, has positioned her to support clients with an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to address vulnerability assessments and prevention strategies. Hesrie's involvement in the food fraud field has fuelled her passion for food safety and security; she welcomes any opportunity to equip clients with her technical knowledge and practical expertise to effectively manage and prevent food fraud.