

Special Issue

Insights on Quality, Safety and Sustainability in Ready-to-Eat Foods Processing

Message from the Guest Editors

Contemporary lifestyles influence food consumption patterns, and a major trend is the growing preference for convenience foods, particularly ready-to-eat foods (RTE). Consumers require safe, nutritious, healthy, environment-friendly, and socially fair foods. Food companies were compelled to combine classic and novel food processing technologies, while extending food shelf-life to reach national and international markets. Still, sustainability issues arise from the global food market and a “think global, act local” approach is needed focusing on sustainable technologies in the food supply chain. This Special Issue aims to provide an up-to-date assessment of RTE processing technologies, bringing together quality, safety, and sustainability concepts. Potential topics include: RTE safety, labeling, traceability, transparency, and sensory analysis; traditional and novel RTE processing and packaging technologies; perspectives on the sustainability of RTE production, distribution, and consumption (national and international supply chains); consumers’ role in shaping current and future food safety systems.

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