

## **John Howlett, BSc** **International Resource Consultant-EU**

Mr. Howlett is a consultant in the United Kingdom with more than 37 years of experience in food regulatory and scientific affairs. He is an independent international resource consultant working with Spherix Consulting to provide strategic, scientific and regulatory guidance for clients.

Mr. Howlett completed his BSc in 1970 in Molecular Biology at King's College, University of London. He served as a consultant to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) from 1982-1985, in the preparation of working papers for the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA). He provided support for the JECFA Secretariat from 2004-2005, served as a member of JECFA from 1986-1990, and participated in meetings of JECFA as WHO temporary advisor from 1991-1995. In addition, Mr. Howlett has previously served as chairman of a WHO task group in 1988, and chairman of a workshop convened in 1998 by the European Training and Assessment Foundation (ETAF). Mr. Howlett has written more than 45 peer-reviewed publications.

Prior to becoming an independent consultant, Mr. Howlett was the Director of Regulatory Affairs at Cultor Food Science Inc. where he was responsible for submissions to regulatory authorities, monitoring regulatory status, and supporting business groups on regulatory matters. At the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), Mr. Howlett served as the Food Science Group Head of Branch in the Food and Veterinary Science Division in 1996; as Food Science Group Head of Risk Assessment and Management Strategy Branch of the Food Safety Unit of Food Science Division I from 1989-1990, and as Food Science Group Head of Branch responsible for providing scientific advice to UK Government Ministers, industry, and the general public from 1975-1989.

Mr. Howlett was Principal Administrator for the European Commission's Directorate General for Industry, Foodstuffs Legislation Division from 1991-1995, responsible for the European Scientific Committee for Food and for the European Community's program for scientific co-operation on questions related to foodstuffs. He served on the scientific staff of the UK Medical Research Council Cyclotron Unit from 1971-1975; and was a research technician at Mount Vernon Hospital from 1970-1971.



### **Expertise**

*Regulatory Affairs*

*Food Science*

*Chemical Safety*

*Molecular Biology*

### **Credentials**

*BSc, King's College,  
University of London*

*Consultant to the FAO, 1982-  
1985*

*Member, JECFA, 1986-  
1990*

*WHO Temporary Adviser,  
1991-1995*