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Introducing CAHFSA: Safeguarding Caribbean Agriculture and Food Safety

The Caribbean region's vibrant agriculture and food sectors are vital to its economies, health, and culture. But challenges like pests, diseases, and food safety risks threaten this lifeline. To address these challenges with a united voice and regional strength, in 2010, the **Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency, known as CAHFSA, was created.**

CAHFSA, a specialized intergovernmental agency, is working to establish an effective and efficient regime of **Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)** measures to support agricultural health and food safety across its Member States in the Caribbean. It serves as a regional body coordinating efforts to strengthen national systems for preventing the introduction and spread of pests and diseases, promoting safe food practices, and supporting compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary requirements for agricultural products.

With a focus on science-based standards, regulatory collaboration, and capacity-building, CAHFSA plays a critical role in supporting farmers, food producers, governments, and consumers alike. Its work helps protect public health by supporting efforts to reduce foodborne risks, enhances trade opportunities by strengthening compliance with international sanitary and phytosanitary requirements, and strengthens the overall resilience of the region's agriculture.

As a regional partner supporting national agricultural health and food control systems, CAHFSA's work benefits everyone **from the individual consumers seeking safe food to exporters aiming to meet international standards. Its efforts contribute to food security, economic growth, and sustainable development throughout the Caribbean.**

As the Caribbean faces new environmental and economic challenges, CAHFSA's role becomes even more essential in securing safe and sustainable food systems. ***In the next article,*** we will explore CAHFSA's core objectives, the foundation guiding its important work across the Caribbean.

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