

Livestock Division, BARC implemented a project Qualitative and Quantitative Study of Hazardous Chemicals in Broiler from January to June 2022 financed by the Ministry of Agriculture. Ten antibiotics and 3 heavy metals were tested from broiler meat, bones, and composite samples (liver, kidney, and gizzard) by ISO-certified and accredited laboratories, i.e., SGS Laboratory, Chennai, India, and Quality Control Laboratory, DLS, Dhaka. To annunciate the results of the project, a press briefing was organized by the Press Information Department (PID) of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Bangladesh Secretariat on 12 January 2023. Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP, Ministry of Agriculture delivered his speech on the safety of broiler meat. On that occasion, Mr. S. M. Rezaul Karim, MP, Minister, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Wahida Akter, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Nahid Rashid, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Dr. S M Bokhtiar, EC, BARC were present. Approximately one hundred journalists from print and electronic media were present at the press briefing. In the press briefing, Agriculture Minister assured a based on the results of this project that broiler meat is safe for human consumption.