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Dr. Ilmi Hewajulige serves as the Senior Deputy Director of the Food Technology Section at the Industrial Technology Institute in Sri Lanka and provides leadership for food scientists, food engineers and technologists on R&D activities. Previously, she functioned as an advisor on new food product development with better market potential, technological know-how, troubleshooting in the food industry, factory layout design and quality management related activities. She actively engages in technology development and transfer on postharvest management of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as food processing (cereal, fruit and vegetable, dairy and fish and meat products) to SMEs and other industries in the country. As a Postharvest scientist, she engaged in R&D activities on the use of food irradiation as sanitary and phytosanitary treatments.

She served as the National Project Coordinator (NPC) of 3 IAEA/TC/RAS projects related to the use of irradiation technology in food safety and quality since 2012. Currently, she is involved in a R&D activity on 'Emergency food development for calamity victims using gamma irradiation techniques'.

Dr Hewajulige also serves in many food advisory committees in Sri Lanka and works closely with the Atomic Energy Board and the Sri Lanka Gamma Centre related to Food Irradiation.