FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM
Legislation, Responsibilities and Challenges

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1. Law on Sanitary Surveillance – *General Sanitary Surveillance Affairs*  
   *(OG RS, No.125/2004)*

2. Law on Sanitary Surveillance of Food and Items of General Use  
   - *General Sanitary Surveillance of Food, Water, Items of gen. use, Premises*  
   *(OG RS,No.48/94 +)*

3. Law on Health Safety of Food and Items of General Use  
   – *General Raw Materials and Food Safety Conditions*  
   *(OG SFRY, No.53/91 +)*
Other MoH LEGs - In Force

- Law on drugs and medicinal products (OG RS, No. 84/04);
- Reg. on the quantities of pesticide, metals, metalloids, and other toxic substances, drugs anabolic and other substances that could be found in foodstuffs (OG SFRY, No. 5/92);
- Reg. of hygienic quality of drinking water (OG FRY, No. 42/98);
- Reg. on Microbiological Safety of Foodstuffs in Circulation (OG FRY, No. 26/93);

Other HORIZONTAL LEGs - In Force

- Law on consumer protection (OG RS No. 79/05);
- Reg. on labeling and identification of packed foodstuffs (OG S&M, No. 4/04);
Sector for Sanitary Surveillance (SSS) is the Competent Authority (CA) responsible for:

- Control of all foodstuffs of animal and plant origin, Drinking Water & Items of general use!

The control activities regarding food safety are conducted at:

- Food processing, Food Import and Food distribution (storage, wholesale, retail, catering), as well as all controls of materials in contact with food.
• Law on Veterinary Matters (OG RS No. 91/05)
  -General and specific requirements for safety of food of animal origin;

• Regulation on conditions and equipment for slaughterhouses, processing and storage of products of animal origin (OG SFRY 53/89);

• Regulations on the mode of conducting veterinary-sanitary examination and control of animals before slaughter and control of products of animal origin (OG SFRY 68/89)
•Veterinary Directorate (VD),
•Plant Health Protection Directorate (PPD),
•Sector for Inspection Supervision – Agric. Insp. (SIS),

have overall responsibility (CA) for:

*animal health and animal welfare,*

*plant health,*

*food safety – food of animal origin/composite products,*

*food quality,*

*(Food production, processing and distribution, Food Import/Export)*

*and feed safety and quality.*
In line with: Reg. (EC) 853/2004 & 852/2004:

- Regulation on veterinary sanitary conditions in establishments for production and trade of food of animal origin (OG RS, No. 11/2008)

In line with: Reg. (EC) 853/2004:

- Regulation on the shape and contents of health mark and procedure for marking of food of animal origin (OG RS, No. 44/2007)
In line with: EC/EEC REGs&DIRECTIVES:

- (NEW) Law on Animal Welfare
  - In Parliamentary procedure
  + 3 New REGULATIONS (Farms, Transport, Slaughter/Killing)
In line with: Reg. (EC) 183/2005:

- (NEW) Law on Animal Feed

In line with: Reg. (EC) 1774/2002:

- (NEW) Regulation on Animal By-Products

Under legal review
In line with: Reg. (EC) 854/2004:

- (NEW) Regulation on official control of products of animal origin

In line with: Reg. (EC) 882/2004:

- (NEW) Regulation on official control

In line with: REG (EC) 2073/2005

- (NEW) Regulation on MICROBIOLOGICAL CRITERIA FOR FOODSTUFFS

Ready for adoption
“Any legal entity or an entrepreneur performing slaughter of animals, production and circulation of food of animal origin, animal feed and collection, processing and destruction of waste of animal origin, shall be obliged to put in place a food safety system based on principals of good manufacturing and hygiene practices and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)”.

• Article 82 is in force from January 1, 2009!

(Est. Approval for Export – Based on Req-ments of Importing Country)!
• Generic Models for Prerequisite Programmes (GMP/GHP) and HACCP Plans in Food of Animal Origin
(Slaughter/Fresh Meat, Pasteurized Caned Products, Sterilized Canned Products, Fermented Sausages/Meat-"dry products", Milk/Dairy products, Feed, ...);

Expected outcomes:

➢ HACCP Generic Models – Guidelines for Implementation in Food Industry;
  ➢ Manual for HACCP Audit;
  ➢ Materials for Training Courses;

Will be available on Ministry website for all interested parties!
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In accordance with:

• Law on Standardization (OG S&M No. 44/05),
• Law on Accreditation (OG S&M No. 44/05),
• Law on Veterinary Matters (OG RS No. 91/05, article 21),

Laboratories must be Accredited by the Accreditation Board of Serbia (ATS)!

Standard: ISO 17025
COUNCIL DIRECTIVE
of 29 April 1996
on measures to monitor certain
substances & residues thereof in
live animals and animal products
96/23/EC

ANNEX I

GROUP A
SUBSTANCES HAVING
ANABOLIC EFFECT
AND UNAUTHORISED SUBSTANCES

GROUP B
VETERINARY DRUGS
AND CONTAMINANTS

EU APPROVED
✓ Bovine
✓ Ovine/Caprine
✓ Swine
✓ Equine (Live)
✓ Poultry
✓ Aquaculture
✓ Milk
✓ Eggs
✓ Rabbit
✓ Wild game
✓ Farmed game
✓ Honey
In line with: Reg. (EC) 178/2002:

- FOOD SAFETY LAW:
  - In Parliamentary procedure

Central CA - MAFWM
I. GENERAL PROVISIONS - Scope:

Article 1.

The present Law shall govern:

- conditions for production and distribution of safe food and feed,
- duties and responsibilities of food and feed business operators,
- rapid alert system,
- emergency measures and crisis management,
- food and feed hygiene and quality, and
- establishment of the Food Safety Council (RA & RC)
I. BASIC PROVISIONS - Distribution of competences:

Article 12.

1) In the primary production stage:
   (1) Food of animal origin – Veterinary Inspectorate,
   (2) Food of plant origin – Phytosanitary Inspectorate;

2) In the production, processing and wholesale stage:
   (1) Food of animal origin – Veterinary Inspectorate
   (2) Food of plant origin and non-alcoholic drinks – Agricultural Inspectorate,
   (3) Composite food – Veterinary and Agricultural Inspectorates,
   (4) Dietetic products, dietetic supplements and salts for human ingestion
       and production of additives, aromatics, enzymatic preparations of other
       than animal origin and accessories of other than animal origin, as well as
       drinking water – Sanitary Inspectorate;
Article 12.

3) In the retail stage, Sanitary Inspectorate, with the exception of the food of animal origin in the facilities approved by the Ministry for which the Veterinary Inspectorate is responsible, and wines and spirits for which the Agricultural Inspectorate is responsible;

4) In the import and transit stage:
   (1) Food of animal origin - Border Veterinary Inspectorate,
   (2) Food of plant origin – Phytosanitary Inspectorate,
   (3) Mixed food – Border Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspectorates

5) In the export stage:
   (1) Food of animal origin – Veterinary Inspectorate,
   (2) Food of plant origin – Phytosanitary Inspectorate,
   (3) Mixed food – Veterinary and Agricultural Inspectorates,
   (4) Wines and spirits – Agricultural Inspectorate;

6) New food shall be supervised in all stages of production and distribution by the Sanitary Inspectorate.
CHALLENGES:

- Further transposition of EU/International standards
- Enhancement of the capability of the VD:
  - Development and implementation of effective and decentralised administrative, managerial and organisational structures
- Strengthening of the capacity of the Vet Inspection
- Implementation of new legislation
- Categorization of ESTs
THANK YOU!