

HARMONISATION OF SERBIAN AND EU FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS

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Abstract

Serbia has adopted a number of laws and regulations dealing with food safety. Basis for the adoption of these regulations are the EU directives No. 852, 853 and 854/2004. and regulations based on them. The constant adoption of new regulations and amendments to existing ones, by tightening the prescribed measures, in order to produce safer foodstuffs demonstrates the importance of food safety.

Opening markets to the free flow of goods, hides a danger for selling of unsafe food products. All regulations are, therefore, aimed at entities that participate in production and trade of food products and increase their responsibility to protect consumers.

The authors discuss compliance of Serbian and EU food safety regulations. State regulations enacted and that should be adopted. Discusses their applicability in practice, what needs to change in practice that they would fully implement.

The conclusion is that regulations generally conform to EU requirements relating to food safety. It is very short term to adopt all regulations that are required, bearing mind desire to Serbia this year to become a candidate for EU membership. In practical application of regulations, there are difficulties as a result of certain habits and resistance in the industry, lack of understanding of obligations in the application, but also somewhat benevolent attitude of the competent authorities that they fully implement.

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