



The SPS system in the EFTA States and the relationship to the EU; Requirements for market access in EFTA

Part 1



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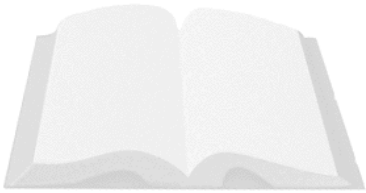
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The Food Safety Legislation





The structure of SPS measures

	Risk assessment	Risk management measures
Global	Joint WHO/FAO Consultations JMPR, JECFA, JEMRA	Codex Alimentarius OIE (World Animal Health Org) IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention)
Regional	Regional Risk Assessment bodies: EFSA (European Food Safety Authority)	Europe, Mercosur, ASEAN,
National	National Risk Assessment bodies	Legislation made by National Competent Authorities



Where to find the SPS provisions for EFTA-countries?

- In the national legislation of each EFTA country
- In the harmonised European legislation (The European Union legislation)



How/where to find info:

- **For food business operators:**
 - The info websites of The European Commission
 - Competent Authority in VN
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The EU's bilateral trade and investment agreements – where are we?

Over the next years, 90% of world demand will be generated outside the EU. That is why it is a key priority for the EU to open up more market opportunities for European business by negotiating new Free Trade Agreements with key countries. If we were to complete all our current free trade talks tomorrow, we would add 2.2% to the EU's GDP or €275 billion. This is equivalent of adding a country as big as Austria or Denmark to the EU economy. In terms of employment, these agreements could generate 2.2 million new jobs or additional 1% of the EU total workforce. Below is an overview of the most important on-going and forthcoming free trade negotiations.

On-going negotiations

United States of America – The first round of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) talks took place in Washington, D.C. between 8 and 12 July 2013. Negotiating groups have set out respective approaches and ambitions in twenty various areas that the TTIP is set to cover, including those related to custom duties and technical standards for goods produced on both sides of Atlantic. The talks have been based on a thorough review of the stakeholders views expressed to date and have followed the



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Sanitary and phytosanitary requirements

Goods imported into the EU must meet the EU sanitary and phytosanitary requirements to protect human and animal health. *Check the requirements applying to your product at [My Export](#)*

The main requirements can be classified in the sectors: [Food and feed safety](#), [Animal health](#), [Plant health](#) and [Public health](#) described below.

See also: Summaries of the main requirements for [Coffee](#), [Cotton t-shirts](#), [Rum](#), [Fruit juice](#) and [Shrimps](#)

Official controls

The EU rules on official controls are divided in two Regulations intended to be implemented by competent authorities, one that sets out the official control principles and obligations and the other one on how official controls are to be organised by the competent authorities, as follows:

- [Official controls](#) performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules
- [specific rules](#) for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption

See also:

- [Import requirements and the new rules on food hygiene and official food controls](#) (guide)
 - [Regulation on the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin](#)

Food and feed safety

EU rules on food safety are designed to protect human life and health while the rules on animal feed aim at protecting human and animal life and health.

Imports of foodstuffs must comply with general conditions, which include:

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Food Safety in Europe



Welcome to the food safety site, which is part of the overall DG Health and Consumer Protection site.

The central goal of the European Commission's food safety policy is to ensure a high level of protection of human health and consumers' interests in relation to food, taking into account diversity, including traditional products, whilst ensuring the effective functioning of the internal market.

The Commission's guiding principle, primarily set out in its [White Paper on Food Safety](#), is to apply an integrated approach from farm to table covering all sectors of the food chain, including feed production, primary production, food processing, storage, transport and retail sale.

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Biological Safety of Food - Introduction

Biological hazards may include bacteria, viruses, parasites and prions. Their exposure through food should be prevented. Some of these hazards may pose serious risks to public health, such as [Salmonella](#) in poultry, *Listeria monocytogenes* in dairy and meat and fishery products, biotoxins in live molluscs, [Trichinella](#) in pigs and [BSE](#) from cattle. Following the food crises of the 1990s, new measures were taken by the Commission to increase the level of food safety and restore consumer confidence. These measures, based on sound scientific opinions include:

- A co-ordinated and holistic approach towards food hygiene, covering all levels of the food chain and applying a transparent [hygiene](#) policy to all food and feed operators;
- Increasing knowledge of sources and trends of pathogens by monitoring zoonotic agents throughout the food and animal feed chain. Establishing control programmes for *Salmonella* and other food-borne zoonotic diseases to reduce the public health risk and to provide the basis for adopting measures to manage these risks;
- An assessment of the safety and quality of all types of foodstuffs by setting out [microbiological criteria](#), applicable at the site of food production as well as products on the market;
- Effective control of [Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies](#) (BSE, Scrapie, etc). Development of measures to avoid contagion of other animals or exposure of the consumers. Harmonisation of TSE measures in Member States and the TSE import rules applicable to third countries;

Imported food needs to comply with the same standards.

Measures on the biological safety of food are complementary to other rules such as those on:

- [Animal By Product](#) not intended for human consumption
- [Animal health and animal welfare](#)

Menu

- Meat inspection
- Food Hygiene
- BSE/Scrapie
- Animal By-Products
- Salmonella/Food-borne Diseases
- Trichinella
- Microbiological Criteria
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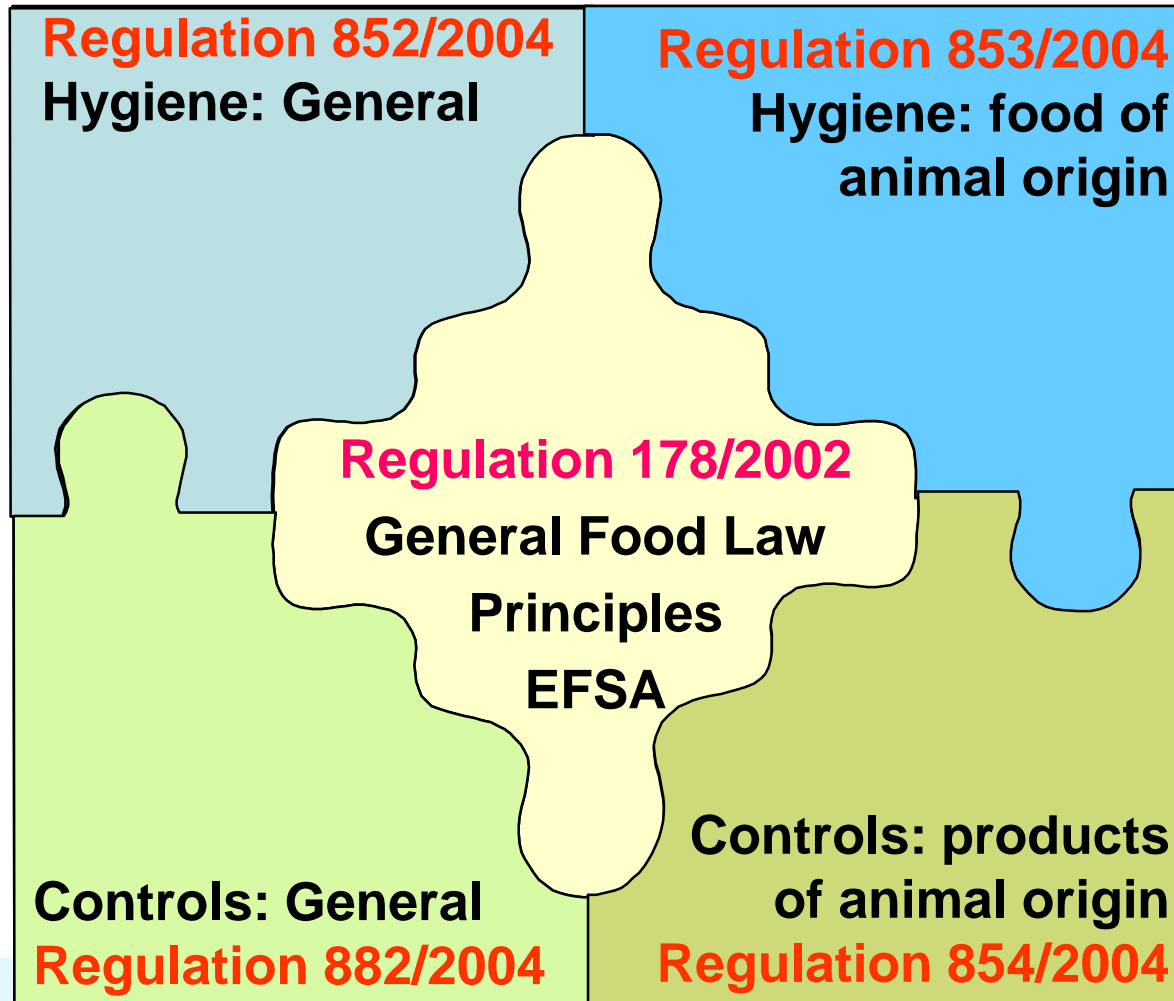


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The European regulatory framework for food safety





Regulation (EC) No 178/2002
Food law

Competent authorities

Food business operators

Regulation (EC)
No 882/2004
General rules
for official controls

Regulation (EC)
No 854/2004
Specific rules for official controls
on products of animal origin

Regulation (EC)
No 852/2004
General rules
on hygiene

Regulation (EC)
No 853/2004
Specific hygiene rules
for products of animal origin

Regulation (EC)
No 2075/2005
Trichinella

Regulation (EC)
No 2074/2005
Other implementing rules

Regulation (EC)
No 2073/2005
Microbiological criteria



The key obligations of food and feed business operators (1)

- **Safety**
 - Operators shall not place on the market unsafe food or feed
- **Responsibility**
 - Operators are responsible for the safety of the food and feed which they produce, transport, store or sell
- **Traceability**
 - Operators shall be able to rapidly identify any supplier or consignee
- **Transparency**
 - Operators shall immediately inform the competent authorities if they have a reason to believe that their food or feed is not safe



The key obligations of food and feed business operators (2)

- **Emergency**
 - Operators shall immediately withdraw food or feed from the market if they have a reason to believe that it is not safe
- **Prevention**
 - Operators shall identify and regularly review the critical points in their processes and ensure that controls are applied at these points
- **Co-operation**
 - Operators shall co-operate with the competent authorities in actions taken to reduce risks



If I loose control, is it likely that a health hazard will occur?



Figure 4.1 'If I lose control, is it likely that a health hazard will occur?'



Food business operators / The competent authorities

- The primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with food and feed rests with the food business operators.
- To complement and support this principle, there must be adequate and effective controls organized by the competent authorities.



The Hygiene package:

- Was adopted in 2004 and applicable since 1 January 2006
- Introduced a shift in approach to food hygiene policy.
- The objectives in 2004 were:
 - Simplification of the existing legal framework on food hygiene,
 - Separating the different disciplines (public health, animal health and official controls)
 - Concentrate on objectives to be reached by FBO rather than maintaining very detailed requirements:
Prerequisite requirements + HACCP based systems



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Food Hygiene - Guidance Documents

In order to assist Member States and food business operators to better understand the new food hygiene rules, the following guidance documents were prepared:

- [Guidelines](#)  for the development of EU Guides to Good Practice have been prepared together with Member States.
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- [Guidance document](#) - Key questions related to import requirements and the new rules on food hygiene and official food controls. 
- EU guide to good hygiene practices specific to the wholesale market management in the EU
 - Original guide: [en](#) 
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