CROATIA
State of play
Food safety - legislation
Establishments upgrading

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Organizational structure
MAFRD

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

VETERINARY DIRECTORATE
FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY DIRECTORATE
VETERINARY INSPECTION DIRECTORATE
Organizational structure
Veterinary Directorate, MAFRD

DIRECTOR
CVO

Department for the Central Veterinary Informatical System

Department for International Cooperation And EU Accession

ANIMAL HEALTH PROTECTION SECTOR

Epidemiology department

Veterinary service and I&R department

Animal welfare department

Animal origin foodstuff hygiene department & management of animal by-products

VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH SECTOR

Veterinary medicinal products and feedstuff department
Organizational structure
Veterinary Public Health Sector

VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH SECTOR

Animal Origin Foodstuff Hygiene & management of animal by-products Department
- Section for Animal Origin Foodstuff Hygiene
- Section for meat
- Section for milk, eggs & honey

Veterinary Medicine and Feedstuff Department
- Section for fish and bivalves
- Section for the management of animal by-products
- Section for monitoring residues
- Section for feed
- Section for veterinary medicinal products
- Section for feed
Responsibilities – Food Act

☐ Veterinary inspection
  ■ approved establishments

☐ Sanitary inspection
  ■ Food of non-animal origin
  ■ retail

☐ Approval
  ■ All new establishments – EU-compliant
CROATIA 2008 PROGRESS REPORT

Good progress can be reported with regard to the placing on the market of food and feed. Croatia carried out a first assessment of all food establishments with regard to their compliance or non-compliance with EU standards. This was a key element for the accession negotiations and will enable the setting up of a national programme for the upgrading of establishments for food of animal origin, such as slaughterhouses, meat processing plants, dairies and fish.
Legislation

Primary legislation

- Food Act - OG 46/07, 155/08 (178/2002)
- Veterinary Act - OG 41/07, 155/08

(Good progress has continued in the veterinary field based on the Veterinary Act that is already in accordance with EU requirements)

- NPPEU - 2004
  - 2008 - 69 + 1
  - 2009 - 59
Legislation – sec.

- Ordinance on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules – OG 99/07 (882/2004)
- Ordinance on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs - OG 74/08, 56/08 (2073/2005)
- Ordinance on the methods of controls for Trichinella in meat - OG 62/08 (2075/2005)
- Ordinance on implementing measures for certain products under food legislation – OG 154/08 (2074/2005)
- Ordinance on keeping the registers of registered and approved establishments and on procedures for the registration and approval of food business establishments - OG 125/08
Preparatory part
Awareness meeting on the implementation of the Food Hygiene Package in Croatia and on the upgrading of food establishments

- PHARE 2005 - 2005-0707-011001
  Capacity building of Veterinary Directorate for upgrading of establishments and enforcement of food safety standards

- The aim - to present
  EU legal framework on food safety and the strategy for upgrading to EU standards of food establishments,
  ensuring appropriate understanding by the Croatian Food Business Operators

- 170 stakeholders attended the awareness meetings
  - 4 locations
    - Zagreb, 29 May 2007
    - Osijek, 31 May 2007
    - Rijeka, 15 June 2007
    - Zadar, 20 June 2007
## General Hygiene Requirements – Regulation 852/04

### Building Interior – Infrastructure

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### Checking List

- Part A: Building Exterior
- Part B: Building Interior – Infrastructure
Preparatory part
Check list

COMPLIANCE REPORT CHECK-LIST
FINAL REMARKS – NON COMPLIANCES

☐ Name of Establishment

☐ Official Inspector/s in charge for the evaluation:

According to the assessment carried out, the establishment is classified as follows:

☐ Category 1: in compliance with EU requirements

☐ Category 2: detected non-compliances can be solved within a short period (6 months)

☐ Category 3: detected non-compliances can be solved within a longer period and the establishment shall present an upgrading plan

☐ Category 4: the establishment shall be closed because not in compliance with National legislation and unable to reach EU standards.
Preparatory part
Check list

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Company’s representative  Official’s signature

DATE ___________________
Preparatory part
Decision on assessment of establishments
Class 322-01/07-01/41, 19 June 2007

- Minister
- Assessment and categorization of all establishments dealing with food of animal origin
  - Food law and relevant EU regulations
  - Check list
- A “Special Commission” has been appointed to carry out the assessment and classification of food establishments and to follow further steps of upgrading.
- 40 veterinary inspectors (36 county +4 state)
Preparatory part
Education-training of inspectors

- PHARE 2005 - 2005-0707-011001
  Capacity building of Veterinary Directorate for upgrading of establishments and enforcement of food safety standards

- objective
  to update inspector’s knowledge concerning the new EU legal framework on food safety,
  to make the trainees familiar with inspection techniques,
  in order to improve controlling capacities and facilitate the process of food establishments upgrading in Croatia.
Preparatory part
Education-training of inspectors-cont

- training was organized in 4 parts:
  - 1st: 1 day for all participants
    - Introduction seminar on the EU Food Hygiene Package
  - 2nd: 2 days for each group (A and B)
    - Classroom exercise: use of the check list
  - 3rd: 2 days for each of 7 subgroups
    - practical sessions -demonstration of the procedure to be adopted by the inspectors for the evaluation of food establishments
  - 4th: 1 day for all participants-retraining
Assessment and categorization

- Teams of inspectors
- Announced visits
- Introduction meeting with FBO
- Check list
- Final meeting
Decision on the procedure of the upgrading of establishments after the assessment and categorization
Class 322-01/08-01/228, 7 April 2008

- Minister
- Establishments **Cat 3**
  - Upgrading process
  - Upgrading plan
  - Evaluation of the plan
  - Temporary approval – 31 Dec 2010
- Establishments **Cat 2**
  - 6 months
    - Cat 1 - approval; or
    - Cat 3 – upgrading plan
- Establishments **Cat 4**
  - Operating forbidden, Deleted from the register
  - Upgrading plan?
Decision on the procedure of the upgrading of establishments after the assessment and categorization Class 322-01/08-01/228, 7 April 2008 - cont.

- Attachments:
  - Form to apply for temporary approval
  - Upgrading plan – list of necessary documents/attachments
Education/trainings – continuous activities

- further training for official staff involved in the upgrading exercise – 2008/2009 CARDS 2004
  - Training of official staff on control activities - food safety
  - Training course on HACCP and own-check plan assessment

- Continuous education of FBOs
Results
Categorized establishments (Cat 1. – 3.)
(April 2008 – Jan 2009)
Results

Categorized establishments (Cat 1. – 3.) %
(April 2008 – Jan 2009)
Thank you for your attention

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