RISK ASSESSMENT CENTER ON FOOD CHAIN

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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Risk Assessment Center

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Why?

- More independent, organizationally and financially;
- More transparent approach in its activities and management;
- Even more trustful and impartial;
- Now covering additional areas of food chain.

The Changes...

Part now of the structures under the Ministry, successor of the Risk Assessment Center within the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency, created in 2011;

Created by the Law on the Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain (published in State Gazette, 44/ 10.06.2016);

➢ Its functions and activities laid down in its Code of Organization (SG, 71/13.09.2016, in force as of 1.10.2016);

Brand new organization structure as of 01 October 2016, new additional activities and responsibilities (assessment of Plant Protection Products, trainings).

The Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain...

>... carries out scientific assessment of risk in the food chain by independent, transparent and impartial analysis of scientific information on issues that directly or indirectly affect the health of animals and plants, plant and animal products, plant and animal reproductive material and safety of food and feed;

➤ Carries out activities for approval, renewal and review of approval of active substances, safeners and synergists with the terms and conditions of Regulation (EC) № 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market;

The Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain...

Participates in projects of European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and in projects of other international organizations;

> Makes proposals and recommendations concerning trainings of employees from administrations and authorities that conduct the state policy in the area of food chain;

➤ The Bulgarian focal point of EFSA is located within the RACFCH and acts as an interface between EFSA and national food safety authorities, research institutes and other stakeholders.

Activities

From 2012 until 2016 incl., RACFCH has produced 127 scientific opinions and risk assessments broken down by years: 2012-11, 2013-24, 2014-29, 2015-31, 2016-32, more important of them covering;

- Lumpy skin disease;
- Blue tongue;
- Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI);
- African swine fever;
- Salmonella;
- Zika virus infection;
- Noroviruses;
- Echinococcosis.

Activities (2)

Registration of vaccine against Blue tongue;

Results of testing of official samples of raw cow's milk from milk production holdings with or over 50 dairy cows;

Types of chemical compounds that can be used for disinfection of vegetables;

> Monthly analysis of data obtained by the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) for 2016;

Risk assessment of pesticides, neonicotinoids, bisphenol A, acrylamide, glyphosate, cultivation of GMO maize MON 810.

Management...

- Leaded by a Director, assisted by;
- Deputy Director;
- Chief Secretary;

Management Board consisted of 5 members – the Director of RACFCH, and by two Deputy Ministers respectively from the MAF and Ministry of Health, defined by the Ministers of MAF and Ministry of Health.

... and Structure

General Administration – 'Financial, administrative and legal affairs and human resources' Directorate;

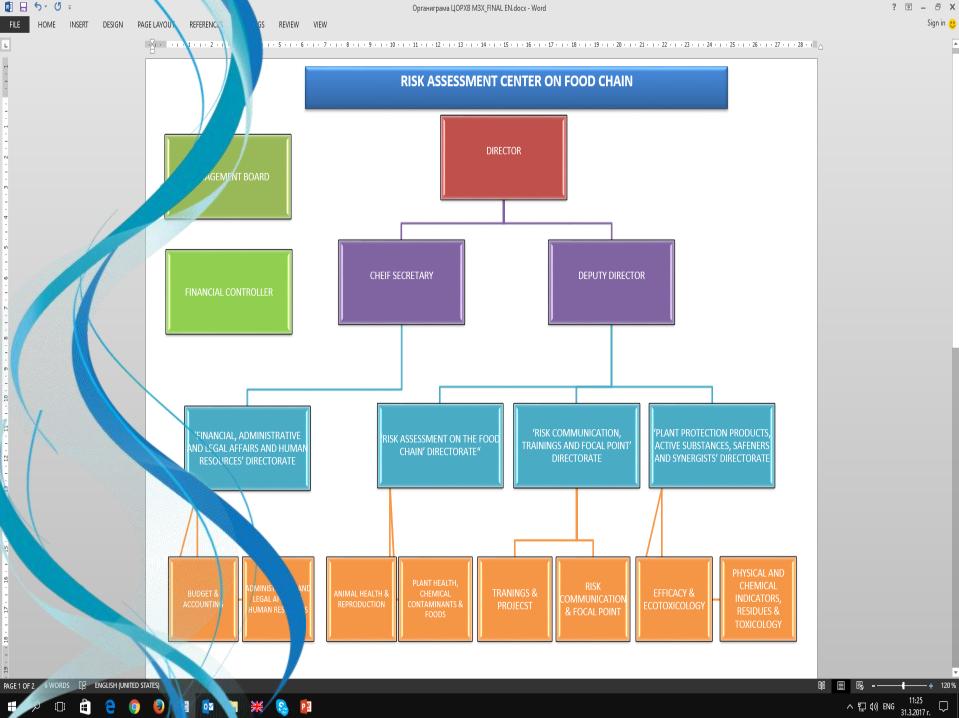
Specialized administration –

> 'Risk assessment on the food chain' Directorate,

'Risk communication, trainings and focal point' Directorate,

Plant protection products, active substances, safeners and synergists' Directorate.

Currently, 50 employees in total, including veterinary and medical doctors, biologists, chemists, agronomists, lawyers, financials, cartographers, IT specialists, etc.



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BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS

PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS & THEIR RESIDUES IN FOODS

PLANT HEALTH

GMO

CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS

FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS, ENZYMES & FLAVOURINGS

FOOD ADDITIVES IN FOODS AND FEEDS & FOOD INGREDIENTS

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Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain and EFSA

- RACFCH part of EFSA's Article 36 list, currently in a process of update due to its new statute;
- National representative at EFSA Advisory forum (RACFCH);
- National EFSA focal point (RACFCH);
- National representative at the EFSA Communication Expert Network (MAF);
- National representatives of EFSA Scientific networks (mainly form RACFCH);
- Providing data chemical contaminants, pesticides, zoonoses;
- Distribution of EFSA scientific information;
- Contribution to EFSA scientific outputs FMD, LSD, Anthrax.

List of BG RACFCH representatives at EFSA Scientific networks

1. Prof. Georgi Georgiev, member, Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare

2. Prof. Boyko Likov, alternate, Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Animal Health and Welfare; member, Scientific Network on Emerging Risk Exchange (EREN)

3. Ms Irena Bogoeva, member, Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Plant Health

4. Mr Nikolai Spasov, alternate, Scientific Network for Risk Assessment in Plant Health

5. Dr Dora Petlova, alternate, Scientific Network for Microbiological Risk Assessment

(MRA)

6. Dr Silvia Peeva, alternate, Scientific Network on BSE/TSE;

7. Assoc. prof. Yanko Ivanov, member, Scientific Network on Zoonoses Data Collection; member, Scientific Network on Veterinary Medicinal Products Residues Data Collection (RVMP)

8. Dr. Svetoslav Stoev, alternate, Scientific Network on Zoonoses Data Collection

9. Mr Emil Simeonov, member, Scientific Network on Chemical Occurrence Data

10. Ms Snezhana Todorova, alternate, Scientific Network on Chemical Occurrence Data; member, Scientific Network on Food Ingredients and Packaging

 Dr Aksinia Antonova, alternate, Scientific Network on Food Consumption Data; alternate, Scientific Network on Risk Assessment of Nanotechnologies in Food Feed (NANO)
Dr Svetlana Tcherkezova, alternate, Scientific Network on Food Ingredients and Packaging

13. Ms Antoniya Dimitrova, alternate, Scientific Network for Risk Assessment of GMOs (Environmental Risk Assessment); alternate, Scientific Network for Risk Assessment of GMOs (Food and Feed)

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