

A COMPARISON

TURKISH AND EUROPEAN UNION REGULATORY SYSTEMS

EXPERIENCES AND ISSUES IN ESTABLISHING REGULATORY SYSTEMS FOR BIOSAFETY AND GMOs



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In the process of negotiations on Turkey's accession to the EU, regulations for the food industry are being adopted step-by-step, bringing Turkish Food Law into conformity with the EU standards but also presenting challenges for the sector also.

This workshop will mainly focus on the experiences and issues in establishing and implementing biosafety and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) regulatory systems in the food and feed industry by comparing EU and Turkish regulations. Turkey's obligations relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures and compliance with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules restricting the importation of GMOs will also be addressed in the workshop.

	14 January 2013
09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:30	OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION
10:15	<p>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION Implications and consequences of the Turkish legislation on GMOs and traceability for the food and feed industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulatory framework ▪ Turkish GMO labeling rules; threshold for food and feed ▪ International obligations relevant to Biosafety ▪ The need for a threshold <p>Aylin Sule SONGUL - <i>Attorney at Law, Songül&Ünüvar Law Firm-Istanbul/Turkey</i></p>
11:00	<p>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION The European Union legislation on GMOs and traceability for the food and feed industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International trade issues re: GMOs; WTO perspective ▪ EU GMO labeling and threshold rules for food and feed ▪ Balance between maintaining an EU authorisation system and the freedom for Member States to decide on GMO ▪ Co-existence measures to comply with 0.9% GM presence <p>Paolo VERGANO - <i>Attorney at Law, Fratini&Vergano Law Firm-Brussels/ Belgium, Member of the faculty at the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland</i></p>
11:45	<p>AN EXERCISE IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING THAT DISPLEASES ALL PARTIES</p> <p>Asst. Professor Mehmet Nafi ARTEMEL - <i>Lecturer in Commercial Law, UIPC, World Intellectual Property Organization, United Nations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences - Department of Management - Boğaziçi University</i></p>

12:30	<p>FOOD SAFETY PERSPECTIVES IN GMOS AND DNA-BASED MOLECULAR TESTING METHODS WITH ACHIEVABLE THRESHOLD LEVEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The definition of GMO, food safety concerns and nutrition ▪ Risk assessment criteria by authorities ▪ Testing methods and reliability (DNA based molecular techniques and other methods for detection) ▪ Some remarks on the achievable threshold levels <p>İsmail Hakkı TEKİNER - <i>İstanbul Aydın University Food Engineering Department Technology Center AvH Foundation's Food Molecular Biology Research Laboratory</i></p>
12:45	Q&A Session
13:45	AFTERNOON SESSION
14:30	<p>CONTROL OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD IN OTHER COUNTRIES</p> <p>BULGARIAN EXPERIENCE</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Bojin BOJINOV - <i>Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Agricultural University of Plovdiv, Vice-Chair of the WG EU Directives and Regulations of the Public Research and Regulation Initiative-Bulgaria</i></p>
15:15	<p>THE EUROPEAN FARMERS' VIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European Farming Situation with GM crops ▪ Politics, Science, Changing Sentiment ▪ Food Production Challenge ▪ The New Debate ▪ Farming Needs Science <p>Paul TEMPLE - <i>Farmer, Vice Chairman of the Oilseeds&Protein Group, the former head of the Copa-Cogeca (European Agricultural Union and General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the European Union), one of the founding members of the Farmers Biotech Forum and the Former Vice President of The National Farmers Union-The UK</i></p>
16:00	<p>GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TURKEY</p> <p>Economic, environmental, and social impacts of GM farming in Turkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organic and Conventional Farming ▪ GMOs and Good Agricultural Practices <p>Asst. Professor Gökhan ÖZERTAN - <i>Department of Economics, Boğaziçi University</i></p>
16:20 - 17:00	<p>FINAL REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why has there been concern about GM foods among some politicians, public interest groups and consumers? ▪ Why food management surveillance needs to be increased in light of unexpected GMO contaminations

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