



GM Food Safety Activates in Bulgaria



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GM food legislation

- ◇ Food Law (2008)
- ◇ Regulation EC 882/2004
- ◇ Regulation for the traceability and labelling of food (2008)
- ◇ Regulation EC 1829/2003
- ◇ Regulation EC 1830/2003
- ◇ Regulation EC 641/2004



Risk assessment and risk management

- ◇ National Food Safety Consul – Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture and Food – Risk Management
- ◇ Commissions for novel/GMO Food (2007)
- ◇ Risk assessment in food safety council of experts (2008) – GMO group



Activities under the Project

- ◇ Guidance Manual on control and sampling of GM-food for food inspectors
- ◇ Trainings for the Commission for GM food
- ◇ Training of food inspectors on control/sampling of GM food
- ◇ EU PHARE supply for laboratory equipment for GM-food detection – 2 laboratories
- ◇ Training of laboratory staff



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**National Center of Public Health Protection
Laboratory of GM food analyses**

(nominated for National Reference Laboratory – in process of accreditation under ISO 17025)

Member of European Network of *GMO* Laboratories

Sofia Regional Inspectorate

National Control Laboratory

(in process of accreditation under ISO 17025)



Emergency measures

- ◇ Rapid System – RAPEX
- ◇ Positive Control Materials from GMO – CRL
- ◇ Rice LL601 – Commission Decision 601/2006 – Sofia Regional Inspectorate
- ◇ Rice Bt 63 – Commission Decision 289/2008 – National Center of Public Health Protection



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FOOD CONTROL on the market
28 Regional Inspectorates (RIPCPh)
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