Redistribution of surplus food: examples of practices in the Member States

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EU food donation guidelines

On World Food Day the European Commission adopted guidelines to facilitate food donation in the EU.

#FoodDonationGuidelines #CircularEconomy #WorldFoodDay

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http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste/eu_actions/eu-platform_en
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- **Purpose:** illustrate how Member States implement EU rules to facilitate food donation in practice

- **Content:** addresses areas where EU legislation prevails (eg food hygiene, labelling, VAT...) as well as those governed by national rules (eg liability, other taxation).

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Content and format:

• Sourced from contributions of Platform members
• Descriptive, not a legal analysis of existing measures in the Member States
• Structure follows that of EU Guidelines on Food Donation, as agreed with sub-group on food donation
• Document does not include specific food donation initiatives and/or list of actors involved on the ground in the EU MS
Validation of content:

- National Competent Authorities must ensure coherence of measures described with EU rules.
- Where possible discrepancies between reported practices and relevant EU rules/EU food donation guidelines were found, information has not been included, pending clarification by NCAs (e.g., freezing of food of animal origin for food donation purposes).
Facilitate food donation: leverage learning and experience in the EU

*Circulaire relative aux dispositions applicables aux banques alimentaires et associations caritatives* (Belgian food safety agency)

*Foodstuffs donated to food aid* (Finnish food safety agency)

*Guide des bonnes pratiques d’hygiène de la distribution de produits alimentaires par les organismes caritatifs* (French Ministry of Agriculture, Agrifood, and Forestry)

*Leitfaden für die Weitergabe von Lebensmitteln an soziale Einrichtungen – Rechtliche Aspekte* (German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture)

*Recupero, raccolta e distribuzione di cibo ai fini di solidarietà sociale* (validated by the Italian Ministry of Health)

*Food Donation Guidance to Charities and Businesses* (The Food Safety Authority of Ireland)

*Įsakymas dėl labdarai ir paramai skirto maisto tvarkymo aprašo patvirtinimo* (State Food and Veterinary Service, Lithuania)
Food donation guidelines/tools: publish on COM website
Next steps:

• Members of EU Platform to:
  - send written comments by 18 January 2019
  - verify/add to list of national guidelines/tools for inclusion on COM food waste website

• Revised draft to be sent to Platform members for validation (final content to be confirmed by national competent authorities)
Questions?