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Agri-food Chain Management Act

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidējimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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2. BG

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4. 2020/0036/BG - C50A

5. Agri-food Chain Management Act

6. The bill establishes a common legislative framework regulating the competent authorities that conduct policy in this field, perform official control over the components of the agri-food chain and carry out risk assessment along the agri-food chain. The bill regulates the coordination and interaction of the official control bodies of the agri-food chain with other administrative bodies, as well as the implementation of administrative assistance and cooperation in the agri-food chain sector between the Republic of Bulgaria, Member States of the European Union (EU), the European Commission (EC) and other EU institutions, including the use on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of the information and data



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management systems of the EC related to official controls.

7. - Pursuant to Article 139 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017, Member States shall notify the Commission.

8. The bill on agri-food chain management provides for the creation of a common framework to regulate the specific competent bodies conducting policy in this field, the bodies carrying out official controls on components of the agri-food chain, and the authority carrying out risk assessment along the agri-food chain.

It regulates the functions of the bodies related to the exchange of information on the agri-food chain risk and the general requirements for performing official control and other official activities along the agri-food chain on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

It sets out the procedures for drafting and implementation of the multi-annual national plan for the control and designation of national reference laboratories, laboratories for official control and sampling purposes in the agri-food chain.

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Crisis response measures and contingency arrangements along the agri-food chain and the financing of activities related to official controls in the agri-food chain are included.

The bill lays down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

9. The need to create an Agri-food Chain Management Act is due to the fact that there is currently no single law in the Republic of Bulgaria uniting all activities throughout the agri-food chain, indicating clearly its individual components in their entirety as an ongoing process, clearly distinguishing the competences of the authorities performing risk assessment in the agri-food chain, policy and control, and related activities. Currently, the individual components of the agri-food chain are regulated separately under the Food Act, the Feeds Act, the Animal Protection Act, the Veterinary Practice Act, the Plant Protection Act, the Genetically Modified Organisms Act, the Livestock Act, the Environmental Protection Act, the Health Act, the Beekeeping Act, and the regulations for the implementation thereof. These acts regulate different components of the agri-food chain and do not clarify their range in its entirety as a continuous process starting with primary production, health care and animal welfare and plant health, through all stages of harvesting, transport, processing and distribution of the finished product ready for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of 28 January 2002. There are also texts that overlap in individual laws, thus making no clear distinction between the functions of different bodies, and, respectively, distinction and clarity of the activities for which they are responsible. On the other hand, many issues related to the interaction and coordination between the competent authorities at national level, on the one hand, and between the competent authorities of the Republic of Bulgaria, the European Commission and the competent authorities of the other Member States are not fully covered or are missing in the individual acts.

The bill seeks to ensure the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 and of European Union acts adopted thereof directly applicable at national level.

10. No basic text(s) available

11. No

12. -

13. No

14. No



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15. The bill has no direct impact on the free movement of goods, services, capital and workers. It does not introduce restrictions on the intra-EU trade and does not impose a change in the marketing strategy of identified business operators.

16. TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

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