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Standards and Agro Food Exports (SAFE) Research Programme

Short Description of Research Project

A legal analysis of the new EU food safety regime

The project provides a legal science examination of the changes that economic and political science research have established with respect to the EU's food safety regimes since year 2000.

The project consists of two parts. In the first part analyses are carried out that are aimed at establishing possible legal differences between the regimes that existed before and after the year 2000. In the second part of the project the legal consequences of the present regime are established and it is clarified how any undesirable consequences may be remedied.

The project aims at clarifying the following:

- What legal factors have been guiding the EU's regime on food safety and food hygiene before and after year 2000?
- Do the new and the old regime apply the same legal principles or are there important differences?
- The legal consequences of the present regime will be identified. Existing socio-economic research has inter alia pointed out that the regime that has been in place since year 2000 constitutes a major trade barrier vis-à-vis the developing countries. This aspect will be given special attention.
- If any undesirable legal consequences have been identified, it will be examined to what extent it may be possible, on a legal basis, to diminish these.