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LAW of the REPUBLIC of ARMENIA

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on FOOD SAFETY

Article 1. Scope of the law effect

This law shall regulate the requirements presented to the handling with food.

Article 2. Basic definitions applied for the law purposes

For the purposes of this law following basic definitions shall apply:

Consumer – means physical person that acquires the foodstuff to consume it as food.

Food raw materials - means substances of plant, animal, microbial, organic and mineral origin and water used for the foodstuff manufacturing.

Foodstuffs – means any substances intended for human consumption (including drink and chewing gum), which in the process of manufacturing were prepared from the different raw materials.

Foodstuff safety – means removal of risk for the human life and health which is conditioned by the fully compliance with provisions of sanitary rules and hygienic norms established by the fully compliance with provision of sanitary rules and hygienic norms established by state health governance bodies for the particular kind of foodstuff.

Foodstuff unfit for human consumption - means a foodstuff which is known to cause a poisoning, ill health or any other health disorder for human either directly or as a result of continued consumption.

Foodstuff handling – means foodstuff manufacturing, processing, preparation, importation, exportation, provision of, labeling, packaging, parceling, advertising with marketing purposes, supply with, realization, storage, transportation, utilization.

Contaminant- means any substance that is not intentionally added to foodstuff but which present in it as a result of the handling with it or as a result of environmental contamination.

Additive - means any substance, whether or not it has nutritive value, which is

Premises intended for the food production and realization - means building, flat or part of it, any facilities and any means of transport, where the handling with

authorized by the Government of the Republic of Armenia and approved according to the procedure established by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

2. Technical regulations shall be based on scientific evidence and take into account relevant international and interstate standards.
3. Requirements to foodstuffs safety shall be worked out for general issues (food additives application, limits of contaminants content, etc.), as well as for separate groups of foodstuffs.
4. Foodstuff normative documents shall include such indices and requirements, that will ensure the exact identity of given foodstuff to its production type, and control of foodstuffs shall involve such methods, by means of which the deceptions can be detected.

Article 7. Safety of imported foodstuffs

Imported foodstuff shall comply with safety norms established by the legislation of the Republic of the Armenia, and, when such norms do not exist, to the norms of international or interstate standards.

Article 8. Safety of exported foodstuffs

Foodstuffs exported from the Republic of Armenia shall comply with the norms

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