

Article 57

Where there are no international standards, guidelines, and recommendations, or food and animal feed safety measures do not comply with international standards, guidelines, and recommendations, and where a measure may have a major impact on foreign trade, the competent authority referred to in Article 8 hereof shall:

- 1) publish a notice of intended introduction of such measure at an early stage of its development;
- 2) notify, in compliance with the provisions of international agreements, interested WTO members about the products in respect of which such measure is being introduced, and the reasons for introduction of proposed measure shall be appended to such notification;
- 3) at the request of the competent authorities of other countries, in compliance with the provisions of international agreements, submit the text of the legal act by which the proposed measure is being introduced, with indication of any derogations from international standards, guidelines, and recommendations, and
- 4) define the deadline for submission of opinion and, at the request of interested parties, conduct consultations.

Notification referred to in paragraph 1 item 2 of this Article shall be submitted at least 75 days before commencement of the procedure for introduction of proposed food safety measure.

Article 58

Where, for human life and health protection, it is necessary to impose food safety measures without any delay, the ministry of health and the ministry of agriculture shall introduce such measure in urgent proceedings.

Provisions of Article 57 hereof shall not apply where food safety measures are introduced in urgent proceedings.

Competent authority referred to in Article 8 hereof shall notify interested WTO members about the food safety measure introduced in urgent proceedings when it is not in compliance with the international standards, guidelines, and recommendations, and when it has a major impact on foreign trade, as well as about the type and origin of food in respect of which such measure is being introduced; appended to such notification shall be the reasons for introduction of measure, nature of emergency circumstances, and invitation to interested parties to share their opinion in respect of the measure introduced in urgent proceedings.

Food safety measures introduced in the competent authorities' urgent proceedings referred to in Article 8 hereof shall be reviewed within six months after their publication in the „Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro“ to determine whether such measure is still needed.

Article 59

Competent authority referred to in Article 8 hereof shall provide information and deliver documentation and notifications arising from international agreements, where they are in respect of:

- 1) food and animal feed safety measures that were proposed and introduced;
- 2) control, supervision, approval, and production procedures;
- 3) procedures of risk assessment and determination of appropriate level of public health protection in the Republic;
- 4) membership and participation in the activities of international and regional public health protection institutions and systems, existence and content of bilateral and multilateral agreements and treaties.

For the information provided and documentation submitted as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, a processing fee may be charged in the amount equal to actual amount of the costs incurred.

Fee revenues referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall flow into the budget of the Republic.

The actual amount of costs shall be determined by the ministry of agriculture and ministry of health.

Article 60

6) if specification of food and animal feed changes after the control is performed, the procedure for changes shall be conducted solely insofar as it is necessary to determine that the food and animal feed, regardless of the change, comply with the relevant regulations.