

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLODVA

RESOLUTION No. 423

of 3 May 2000

Chisinau

**On approval of Regulations on state sanitary-epidemiological supervision
in the Republic of Moldova**

The Government of the republic of Moldova RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Regulations on state sanitary-epidemiological supervision in the Republic of Moldova (attached).
1. The Ministry of Health Care, prefectures, judet local public administration, UTA Gagauzia, town municipalities jointly with the state sanitary-epidemiological supervision authorities, as well as services and departments interested in implementation of prophylactic and anti-epidemic measures, shall exercise permanent control of the execution of the regulations of on state sanitary-epidemiological supervision in the Republic of Moldova.
2. To abrogate the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Moldova NR 816 as of December 12, 1995 "On approval of Regulations on state sanitary-epidemiological supervision in the Republic of Moldova".

Prime Minister
the Republic of Moldova

Dumitru Braghis

**Annex to
the Governmental Decision
of the Republic of Moldova
no.423 of 3 May 2000**

**REGULATIONS
on state sanitary-epidemiological supervision in the Republic of Moldova**

1. Regulations on state sanitary-epidemiological supervision in the Republic of Moldova

(d) *International standards, guidelines and recommendations* - standards, guidelines and

6. The Head sanitary doctor of state of the Republic of Moldova is appointed and relieved from office by the government, at the request of the Ministry of Health.

The deputies of the Head sanitary doctor of state of the Republic of Moldova and head sanitary doctors at judet level, in towns and UTA Gaguzia are appointed and relieved from office by the Ministry of Health after coordination with territorial prefects.

7. Ministry of health of the Republic of Moldova is responsible for managing the activity of the State Sanitary-Epidemiological Service, for which purpose, directly, or through the subordinate institutions:

- a) conducts scientific research in the field of hygiene, epidemiology, protection of public health, for the purpose of working out of measures for control or prevention of diseases, and establishing main guidelines for the Service's activities;
- b) reveals and keeps record of environmental and living factors which have a negative impact on public health, develops and submits, in established order, recommendations on health protection and strengthening;
- c) works out and approves, in established order, regulations and sanitary-hygienic and sanitary-epidemiological norms, other normative documents mandatory for all individuals and legal entities, regardless of ministerial subordination and form of property;
- d) works out and submits to the Government of the Republic of Moldova for approval drafts and legal normative acts regarding the issues of sanitary-epidemiological safeguarding of population, proposals on establishing or abolishing special conditions and orders of living and economic activity oriented towards prevention of aggravation of sanitary-epidemiological situations and liquidation of epidemics and mass intoxication and, if necessary, sets forth the manner of repairing damages caused to groups of population as a result of violation of sanitary legislation;
- e) exercises control over execution of national programs of sanitary-epidemiological safeguarding of population, implementation of technical and scientific accomplishments in the field of diseases prophylaxis, drafting state policy in the field of immunological prophylaxis;
- f) co-works with counterpart international organizations and services abroad in the field of preventive medicine and sanitary-epidemiological safeguarding of population, with government services in the issues of common interest;
- g) develops and approves sanitary-hygienic requirements and standards for normativ-technical documentation for specifications of projects, state commission envisaging imports of foods, agr-.0014(, d)-10(, d).0014(ar)6.8(ld).0014r30292(o)4(s)-2(Tc.(p)-5.g

- i) authorizes usage of chemical substances, radioactive sources, production means, technologically new methods of processing, manufacturing, transportation, storing, marketing of food products, cosmetics, perfumery, personal hygiene things, detergents, pest control chemicals, plastic materials, polymers and other chemical products, using of plants and animals growth stimulators;
- j) examines the drafts of national standards, technical prescriptions and other normative documents related to food flow, consumer goods, construction and packaging materials, synthetic materials and new polymers and articles made of them, cosmetics, perfumery, personal hygiene things submitted for approval;
- k) examines the drafts of new technological processes, new types of equipment, machinery and working tools likely to have a harmful impact on public health;
- l) issues sanitary authorizations for facilities operation and hygienic certificates for goods and services;
- m) examines and develops recommendations for educational programs in terms of educational and work task stipulated in the programs, educational methods in schools and children and teenagers institutions;
- n) works out the draft of the national standard

base its sanitary measures on international standards, guidelines and recommendations, if any at all, aiming at protection of life and public health;
take decision to introduce or maintain certain sanitary measures on a higher sanitary protection level than the one which might be achieved by measures based on relevant international standards, guidelines and recommendations, if such decision is scientifically justified, or this is a consequence of a sanitary protection level deemed appropriate;

represent the Government's interests regarding sanitary quarantine in international bodies and fully participate in the activities of the competent international organizations and their subsidiary authorities, in particular the World Health Organization, Codex Alimentarius Commission, to promote periodic development and examination of standards, guidelines and recommendations pertaining to all aspects of sanitary measures.

9. In case of absence of an international standard, guideline or recommendation, or in case the content of any suggested standard, guideline or recommendation does not correspond to the contents of an international standard, guideline or recommendation and can have a significant effect on the trade of other countries members of the WTO, the ministry of health shall:

publish an early notice in such a way as to allow countries members of the WTO to take a first hand view of the suggested modifications and adjustments;

through the secretariat, notify other members about the adjustments related products, accompanying the notice with a brief description of the purpose and motif of the suggested adjustment;

in risks assessment will take into account available scientific proofs; pertinent techniques and methods of work, pertinent inspection, sampling and testing methods, disease prevalence, existence of disease free areas, relevant environment conditions or other treatments, potential damage caused by the spreading of the disease, expenditures incurred to control or eradicate it, relative efficiency of costs incurred to support other approaches to risks limitation.

to appreciate or support certain sanitary measures to accomplish the due level of sanitary protection, the State Sanitary-Epidemiological Service shall provide for application of such measures only to the extent necessary to implement the level of sanitary protection, in conformity with the Laws on Health Care NR 411-XIII as of march 28, 1995, NR 1513-XII as of June 16, 1993 “On sanitary-epidemiological safeguarding of population”, other current normative documents of the Republic of Moldova;

ensures implementation of resolutions and decisions of the Government of the Republic of Moldova aimed at public health protection and sees that they be scientifically reasoned. In case of insufficient scientific reasoning, the ministry of health is entitled to take temporary sanitary measures based on available information, including information provided by competent international organizations and sanitary measures applied in other countries members of the WTO. In these cases, it is necessary to have additional information for a more efficient risk assessment and analysis of sanitary measures in respective order and with a favorable and reasonable timing;

ensures that sanitary measures shall not generate unjustified discrimination between countries members of the WTO having similar or identical conditions, including the Republic of Moldova and other countries members of the WTO. Sanitary measures shall not be enforced in a manner likely to be interpreted as a disguised restriction to international trade.

12. Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova accepts sanitary measures of other

shall declare the territory of the country free of disease providing proof satisfactory to objectively demonstrate this. With this purpose, at the request, grants reasonable access to the country importer.

14. For any procedure related to verification and implementation of sanitary measures, the State Sanitary-Epidemiological Service shall:

ensure that relevant procedures be effected without unjustified delay and in a manner no less favorable for imported goods than for similar home produced goods;

ensure that standard period for carrying out each procedure shall be made public or, as requested, communicated to the person concerned. The State Sanitary-Epidemiological Service shall thoroughly examine the documentation for completeness and informs the person concerned about any deficiencies;

shall ensure that confidentiality of all information regarding imported goods which resulted from or were provided in connection with the control, inspection or approval be observed in a manner no less favorable for imported goods than for similar home produced goods, and in such a way as to protect legal commercial interests;

ensure that any requests for a specimen of a product for the purpose of control, inspection and approval are limited to what is deemed reasonable and necessary;

ensure that any fees charged for procedures pertaining to imported products be equivalent in ratio to any other fees charged for similar locally produced products, or products originating from any country member of the WTO, and that such fees can not exceed the cost of the service provided;

ensure that in location of institutions involved in the procedures and selection of samples, the same criteria be applied for imported products, as the ones applied for locally produced goods, so that maximally reduce all inconveniences caused to the applicants, importers, exporters or their agents;

ensure that any time specifications of a product are changed as a result of the effected control or inspection, in the light of applicable regulations, the procedure

drafts of technical specifications standards, drafts of systematization projects and building of localities, long term projects for placing business activities, public facilities and other projects;

sanitary-hygienic and epidemiological condition of plots of land allotted for construction, identifying sources of drinking water and places of setting water outlets, admissible exhausts in the air;

technical specifications and execution instructions for building enterprises, buildings, constructions and other erections in case of partial deviation from

- m) carry out mandatory disinfecting, fumigation, deratization in the hotbed of the infectious disease, as well as in the premises and territories providing conditions for infection spreading;
- n) carry out preventive vaccination of the population or of certain groups of people, in conformity with epidemiological instructions;
- o) pay unhindered visits (with certificate of employment) and inspect enterprises, institutions, organizations, as well as working conditions of persons having private businesses, with the purpose to supervise observance of sanitary legislation and hygienic and anti-

20. Officials and specialists exercising state sanitary-epidemiological supervision are entitled to a free ticket (supported by a valid employment certificate) in public transport within the assigned territory.
21. The State Head Sanitary Doctor of the Republic of Moldova, state head sanitary doctors at local level, in towns and UTA Gagauzia, other officials and specialists of the State Sanitary-Epidemiological Service, within the limits of their competence, have the following commitments:
 - a) to make a timely and fully use of powers vested to prevent, reveal and suppress violations of sanitary legislation;
 - b) to coordinate their activity with government authorities and local public administrations, with public organizations interested in civil rights and interests protection, protection and improvement of public health, providing for sanitary-epidemiological well-being of the population;
 - c) to permanently update their professional expertise as stipulated by current legislation.
22. The officials and specialists of the State Sanitary-Epidemiological Service shall provide legal entities and individuals with information about sanitary and sanitary-epidemiological situation, environment condition, morbidity of population in the assigned areas, limited to the needs of the applicant's orienting in prevention measures, as well as current sanitary-hygienic and sanitary-anti-epidemic norms and regulations.
23. The officials and specialists of the State Sanitary-Epidemiological Service shall be liable for inadequate execution of their responsibilities, in conformity with current legislation.