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Regulatory framework on flavourings in Ukraine: current state and perspectives

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ABSTRACT

Analysis of Ukraine's legislation in the sphere of production, storage, transportation, sale and utilization of flavourings revealed the following shortcomings:

- registration all flavourings without exceptions;
- necessity of flavouring inclusion level establishment to foodstuff;
- lack of an approved flavouring registration procedure.

Project of "Sanitary rules and regulations on the use of flavourings" was developed in order to harmonize the legislation of Ukraine with WTO demands and EU legislation. EU Regulation 1334/2008 on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties and the international standard of Codex Alimentarius Commission "Guidelines on the use of flavorings », CAC / GL 66-2008 were taken as a basis. The project was considered and approved by the National Codex Alimentarius Commission of Ukraine, but the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine didn't register it and the fate of the document is unknown.

In our opinion, the primary step which Ukraine should make in the sphere of flavouring regulation is to register the Project of "Sanitary rules and regulations on the use of flavourings" and approve the roster of flavourings safe to use.

The experience of the EU members, the USA and Russian Federation in the field of flavouring safety regulation shows that approval of complete list of flavourings that are not subject to state registration, based on the existing EU Register of flavourings and evaluation results of flavouring safety in the food for the consumer health, made by Joint FAO / WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), is appropriate and strategically advantageous step for Ukraine as an economic and social points of view.

The following information should be included to such register of flavourings:

- the serial number and date of flavouring registration;
- trade name in Ukrainian;
- in the presence: index CAS, FEMA GRAS, chemical name in Ukrainian;
- type according to the classification defined by law.

Flavouring register should be promulgated.

Implementation of the mentioned above conditions will create favorable circumstances for the production and sale of flavourings, provide consumers with qualitative and safe flavored products and prevent misunderstandings that may arise with the interpretation of the information specified in the labeling.

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