

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY

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Abstract

Ensuring the food necessity and safety for the population of the Earth was and will be a main concern of the international organisms of this area. Realizing a food production which could ensure the consumption of the population of the entire planet, according to the demographic increase, registered mainly in the poor countries, means to maintain the permanent characteristic for the main resource categories: water, soil, forest, solar energy, etc. At international level we can notice important gaps both quantitative and qualitative of the products and services, according to the development level of each country. These gaps are higher as the development level of the country is lower.

Food safety involves food availability, accessibility and food quality. The evolution of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) related to the food safety, was due not only to the changes from the agriculture but also of the incomes as a response to the needs of the society. Among these we can mention the increasing concern regarding the hygiene and the food safety and the wellness of the animals. In these areas, CAP and other policies of the European Union and the consumer's protection, were considerably consolidated starting with 1990.

The increase of food safety remains an important topic for the European Union. The new agricultural policy of the European Union is mainly focused on the food safety, durable agriculture and rural development. After 2013, the objectives of CAP will be focused on three main topics: food safety and markets supply, insurance of a durable administration of the natural resources and the support for the agricultural production on the entire European territory and not only in the preferred areas from the agricultural point of view.

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