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Report Highlights:

The Russian Government Resolution No 1009 of December 14, 2009, delineates functions of the Russian Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development and the Russian Ministry of Agriculture in the sphere of food products quality and safety control. The Resolution orders these ministries to coordinate their control activities and to adjust their normative and legal acts for the joint control over quality and safety of food products, particularly food products of animal origin.

General Information:

The Russian Government issued Resolution No 1009 of December 14, 2009, in order to increase coordination between the Russian Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development and its Consumer Rights and Welfare Protection Supervision Federal Service (Rosпотребнадзор and the Russian Ministry of Agriculture and its Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Federal Service (VPSS). The Resolution delineates functions of the Russian Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development and the Russian Ministry of Agriculture in the sphere of food products quality and safety control. As stated, the Ministry of Agriculture and VPSS shall handle legal regulation in the following areas of veterinary surveillance: “Food raw materials of animal origin not industrially or heat treated, including meat, meat products and other slaughter (hunting) products, primary processing products (including blood and byproducts), raw milk, raw cream, beekeeping products, eggs and egg products as well as food products of animal origin not produced industrially and intended for sale at retail markets”.

The Resolution orders these ministries to coordinate their control activities and to adjust within 3-months the normative and legal acts and regulations of these two Ministries for the joint control over quality and safety of food products, particularly food products of animal origin. The text of the Resolution (in Russian) is on the Russian Government web-site:

<http://www.government.gov.ru/gov/results/8607/>

Russian Government Resolution No 1009 of December 14, 2009

Unofficial translation from Russian

**Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation
of December 14, 2009, No 1009, Moscow**

On Procedures of Execution of Joint Legal Regulatory Functions for the Control over the Quality and Safety of Food Products and Organization of Such Control by the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation

In accordance with Decree #724 dated May 12, 2008 of the President of the Russian Federation “Issues Relating to the System and Structure of Federal Executive Bodies” the Russian Federation Government hereby decrees:

1. To establish that legal regulation for the control over the quality and safety of food products and organization of such control shall be handled by:
 - a) The Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of the Russian Federation and the Federal Service for Consumer Rights and Welfare Protection Supervision in accordance with their authority in issues relating to the sanitary and epidemiological requirements for food products, food raw materials as well as materials and products that come in contact with them (safety requirements) for the purpose of protecting the life and health of humans, including in the following issues:
 - Ensuring quality and safety of food products during their manufacturing, storage, transportation and sale;
 - Ensuring the safety for human health of the services rendered in public catering, including

compliance with sanitary rules and norms in specially equipped public catering facilities (restaurants, cafes, bars and other places), including during the preparation of food and drinks, their storage and sale as well as in the retail trade in food products;

Utilization or destruction of faulty and hazardous food products;

Organization and implementation of sanitary and disease control (preventive) measures aimed at preventing diseases (poisoning) associated with the human consumption of food;

Compliance of the package, labeling and information about food products sold in retail trade with the requirements established by regulatory documents;

Compliance with requirements applied to the sale of food products, particularly, relating to their quality and safety;

Compliance with hygienic requirements when using pesticides and agrochemicals for the production of food raw materials;

b) The Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation and the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance in accordance with their authority over issues relating to compliance with veterinary and sanitary requirements in respect to the following areas of veterinary surveillance:

Food raw materials of animal origin not industrially or heat treated, including meat, meat products and other slaughter (hunting) products, primary processing products (including blood and byproducts), raw milk, raw cream, beekeeping products, eggs and egg products as well as food products of animal origin not produced industrially and intended for sale at retail markets;

Activities of legal entities and citizens, including private entrepreneurs involved in the storage, processing, transportation of animal products stated in paragraph two of the present subclause;

Conditions for the utilization of low-quality and hazardous animal products stated in paragraph two of the present subclause (including the conditions of their use for animal fodder), or disposal.

2. Establish that the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of the Russian Federation jointly with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation shall conduct joint legal regulation in issues relating to state registration of new food products of animal origin.
3. Establish that the Federal Service for Consumer Rights and Welfare Protection Supervision, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance and their territorial agencies:
 - Shall organize their activities, which require joint participation in the control over the quality and safety of food products, in accordance with joint legal and other acts of the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation issued as part of their established authority;
 - Shall cooperate in issues relating to the planning of control functions to ensure the quality and safety of food products, information exchange, and joint decisions to increase the efficiency of control and supervision functions conducted in this area and eliminate the possibility of the doubling of functions.
4. The Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation shall within a 3-month period bring normative and legal acts in compliance with the present resolution.

Chairman of the Government,

Russian Federation,
V.Putin