

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION No. 987 OF DECEMBER 21,
2000 ON THE STATE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL IN THE FIELD OF SECURING QUALITY AND
SAFETY OF FOOD PRODUCTS**

In compliance with the Federal Law on the Quality and Safety of Food Products, the Government of the Russian Federation hereby resolves

1. To establish that the state supervision and control in the field of securing the quality and safety of food products shall be exercised:

a) by agencies and institutions of the State Food Factory Hygiene Service of the Russian Federation - the State sanitary-epidemiological supervision over compliance with sanitary-epidemiological rules, norms and hygienic normative standards:

of food value of provisions;

of safety of provisions, materials and products contacting food products, of perfume and cosmetic products, hygienic remedies and products for the mouth cavity as well as tobacco products (hereinafter mentioned as "products");

of the safety conditions of development, preparation for manufacturing and manufacturing of products, their storage, transportation, selling and consumption (use);

of safety of services rendered in the field of retail trade and public catering;

of conditions of utilization and elimination of low quality and dangerous products;

of the organization and taking of sanitary-epidemiological (preventive) measures aimed at the prevention of diseases (poisoning) of people connected with the use (application) of products;

of conditions and quality of public catering;

b) by agencies and institutions of the State veterinary service of the Russian Federation - the State veterinary supervision over the compliance with the veterinary rules, norms and regulations of the veterinary-sanitary expert examination:

of safety, from the veterinary aspect, of products of animal origin (meat and meat products, milk and raw milk products, eggs and products of their primary processing, fish and seafoods, honey and products of bee-keeping);

of safety from the veterinary aspect, of the conditions of procurement of provisions of animal origin, their preparation for processing, processing, and importing to the territory of the Russian Federation, storage, transportation and supply;

of safety conditions of selling at food markets of provisions of animal and vegetable origin of non-commercial production;

of conditions of utilization of low quality and dangerous provisions of animal origin, including conditions of their use for animal feeding or elimination;

of the organization and taking of veterinary-sanitary and antiepidemiological measures aimed at the prevention of animal diseases common for animals and people;

c) by the State Committee for Standards (Metrology and Certification) of the Russian Federation - state control and supervision in the field of standards, metrology and certification over compliance with State standards:

of the quality of products (excluding grain), of packing, marking and information about products during their development, preparation for processing, manufacture, storage, transportation and supply;

of technological safety of technological equipment, materials and products contacting provisions;

of technical documentation according to which products are manufactured;

of industrial control over the quality and safety of products, methods of their study (testing) and identification;

of the organization and conduct of confirmation of products' compliance with the established requirements as well as of systems of quality control;

d) by the State Grain Inspection under the Government of the Russian Federation and its territorial agencies - the state control over the compliance with the state standards of the quality of food grain and products of its processing used for the production of food products during their purchasing, production, importing to the territory of the Russian Federation, storage, transportation and supply;

e) by the State Inspection for Trade, Commodities' Quality and the Protection of Customers' Rights of the Russian Federation and its territorial agencies the state control over the compliance with the state standards of quality, packing, marking, information about products sold in the trading network, of the quality of services rendered in the field of trade and public catering as well as over the observance of the rules of sale of individual types of goods, of the rules of rendering services in the field of public catering.

2. To endorse the enclosed Regulations on the State Supervision and Control in the Field of Securing the Quality and Safety of Food Products thereto.

3. The Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation, the State Committee for Standards (Metrology and Certification) of the Russian Federation and the State Grain Inspection under the Government of the Russian Federation:

shall take measures in order to secure the interaction, the strengthening and raising of efficiency of the state supervision and control over the quality and safety of products during their production and turnover, of services rendered in the field of trade and public catering;

shall bring within a 3 month term departmental normative legal acts on the matters of the State supervision and control in accordance with the present Decision thereof.

Chairman of the Government
of the Russian Federation

M. Kasyanov

Regulations on State Supervision and Control in the Field of Securing the Quality and Safety of Food Products (Endorsed by Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 987 of December 21, 2000)

1. The present Regulations shall establish the procedure for exercising of State supervision and control in the field of securing the quality and safety of food products (including products for children and for dieting, food additives and biologically active additives, raw foodstuffs, bottled drinking water, alcohol products, soft drinks and chewing gum), of materials and articles contacting food products and used for the production, packing, storage, transportation and selling of food products (including technological equipment, tools and equipment, plates and dishes, covers), of perfumer and cosmetic products, of hygienic remedies and products for mouth cavity and of tobacco products (hereinafter referred to as "products"), of the conditions of their production, turnover and use (application) as well as of the utilization or elimination of low quality, dangerous products (hereinafter referred to as the "state supervision and control").

2. State supervision and control shall be exercised by agencies and institutions of the state food factory hygiene service of the Russian Federation, of the State veterinary service of the Russian Federation, the State Inspection for Trade, Commodities' Quality and the Protection of Customers' Rights of the Russian Federation, the State Committee for Standards (Metrology and Certification) of the Russian Federation and the State Grain Inspection at the Government of the Russian Federation (hereinafter mentioned as "agencies of the State supervision and control" within the scope of their jurisdiction in compliance with the delineation of the area of their activity established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. Agencies of State supervision and control shall interact in respect to matters concerning the planning of their control activity, exchange of information and adoption of joint decisions, for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the State supervision and control as well as the prevention of duplication of their activity.

4. Officials and specialists of the agencies of the State supervision and control, while exercising their functions, shall follow the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the Federal Law On the Quality and Safety of Provisions, other federal laws, decrees and orders of the President of the Russian Federation, decisions and orders of the Government of the Russian Federation and the present Regulations.

5. The State supervision and control shall be exercised for the purpose of prevention, exposure and termination of violations of the Russian Federation legislation in the field of securing the quality and safety of provisions as well as for the prevention of diseases (poisoning) of people connected with the use (application) of low quality and dangerous products.

6. The State supervision and control shall include therein:

a) control over the observance of the Russian Federation legislation in the field of securing the quality and safety of provisions including:

by way of meeting the requirements of the state standards, the state sanitary-epidemiological rules, norms and hygiene normative standards as well as veterinary rules, norms and regulations of the veterinary-sanitary expert examination (hereinafter referred to as "normative instruments") during the development of new products, their preparation for production, manufacturing, storage, transportation and selling, rendering of services in the field of trade and public catering as well as the utilization and elimination of low quality and dangerous production;

by way of observing the rules of selling individual types of goods and the rules of rendering services in the field of public catering;

by way of observing the procedure established by the Russian Federation legislation for conducting the confirmation that products and services rendered in the field of trade and public catering meet the requirements of the normative instruments;

by way of taking sanitary and anti-epidemic (preventive), veterinary-sanitary and antiepidemiologic measures aimed at the prevention of the appearance and spreading as well as at the elimination of

infectious and non-infectious diseases (poisoning) of people connected with the use (application) of products as well as of animal diseases common for animals and people (hereinafter referred to as "diseases of people and animals");

b) finding of conditions and causes for the appearance of diseases of people and animals;

c) termination of violations of the Russian Federation legislation in the field of securing the quality and safety of provisions and taking administrative measures in respect to persons who have committed such offences.

7. Officials and specialists of agencies of the State supervision and control, while exercising their official duties, shall enjoy the rights and bear liability in compliance with the Russian Federation legislation.

8. The State supervision and control shall be exercised by means of conducting:

a) inspections of the activity of citizens, including individual entrepreneurs, and of legal entities aimed at the production and turnover of provisions, rendering services in the field of trade and public catering which may include in case of necessity:

the examination of territories, buildings, premises, constructions, means of transportation;

the consideration of documents necessary for the evaluation of quality and safety of products, of the conditions of their production and turnover;

the conduct of examination (testing) of products;

the conduct of the expert examination of products (sanitary-epidemiological, toxicological, veterinary- sanitary and commodity expert ones as well as others), of draft normative instruments and technical documents by which it is supposed to manufacture new products;

b) investigation and termination of violations of the Russian Federation legislation in the field of securing the quality and safety of provisions;

c) the analysis of causes and conditions of the appearance and spreading of diseases of people and animals as well as the taking of measures aimed at their elimination and prevention.

9. Inspections and investigations shall be made by officials and specialists of agencies of state supervision and control in respect to matters within the scope of their jurisdiction in conformity with the methodical and instructive documents endorsed by agencies of the State supervision and control in the established procedure.

10. Planned inspections shall be made, as a rule, in respect to the set of matters of securing the quality and safety of products. If necessary, there shall be established a commission for the conduct of such inspections that shall include representatives of the concerned agencies of state supervision and control.

11. Extraordinary inspections shall be effected upon the receipt by agencies of the State supervision and control of information about emergency situations, about changes or violations of technological processes of production, storage, transportation and selling of products connected with their use (application), about cases of diseases (poisoning) of people and about other violations of the Russian Federation legislation in the field of securing the quality and safety of provisions.

12. Officials and specialists of agencies of the State supervision and control may visit, for the purposes of inspection, territories and premises only when they exercise their official duties and if they present their official certificates.

13. The results of inspections and investigations shall be fixed by documents (acts, reports) of the established standard whose originals shall be handed to citizens, including individual enterprisers, and to the heads of organizations being inspected.

14. In case of exposing violations in the field of securing the quality and safety of products, officials and specialists of agencies of the State supervision and control within the scope of their jurisdiction shall take measures of administrative restriction and influence in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

15. The selection of samples of products and other materials necessary for the evaluation of their quality, safety, conditions of production and turnover, the conduct of examination (testing) and fixing of their results shall be carried out in conformity with normative instruments establishing the requirements to the selection, methods of study (testing) of products and evaluation of the received results.

The conduct of examination (testing) of products and other materials shall be made in laboratories (testing centres) of agencies of the State supervision and control and, in case of necessity, in other laboratories (testing centres) accredited in the established procedure.

16. Citizens, including individual entrepreneurs, and legal entities, shall be notified in due time about the results of the conducted examinations (testing).

17. Actions of the officials and specialists of agencies of the State supervision and control may be protested in the administrative and/or judicial procedure in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.