

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Law

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNSPb002		Name: Food Law	
Cover: Intellectual Property, Technologies and Product Law Department			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: ST
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 1/1 For term of study: LS 30,30/,24			Study grade: Bachelor
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
1. year ST	Law (XDŠBc-PR) Law (XEŠBc-PR-23)		
2. year ST	Law (XDŠBc-PR) Law (XEŠBc-PR-23)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course:			
Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination			
Continuous evaluation:			
Final evaluation:			
Finished: By exam.			
Learning outcomes: The aim of the course is to provide students with practical knowledge of regulation and self-regulation of production and sale of food and agricultural products in the world, the European Union and the Slovak Republic. Foodstuffs are a wide-ranging object of interest to the general and professional public, ranging from their production, composition, 'dual quality', labelling, marketing (including import and export), competition law aspects, to official controls, sanctions and their judicial review. Upon completion of the course, the student will acquire the following: Knowledge: - the content of existing national and European Union legislation in the field of food law; - institutional arrangements and relations between actors in the field of regulation; - the relationship of law and essential food requirements, in particular safety. Skills: - ability to identify the relevant legislation and its dominant interpretation; - ability to resolve legal issues related to food law practice; - formulate and analyse food law issues.			
Schedule of subject: 1. Food law and international food law (right to food as a fundamental human right, food law in the system of law, self-regulation, definition of food law, basic national law, international law, Codex Alimentarius, international institutions - FAO, WTO, WHO). 2. History of food law, food law within the EU internal market (History of food law in the EU and Slovakia, measures having equivalent effect on quantitative restrictions on free movement of foodstuffs, taxes and duties related to free movement of goods). 3. Basic principles and requirements of food law (basic concepts, definition of food, general principles and requirements of food law, state administration in the field of food law, European Food Safety Authority, Rapid Alert System). 4. Food information law (principles of food labeling, geographical indications and designations of origin, traditional specialty, labeling of spirit drinks and aromatised wine products, quality label, labelling for promotion and marketing purposes). 5. Food law and nutrition of the population (nutrition and health claims, food supplements, addition of vitamins and minerals to foods, foods for specific groups - infants, people with celiac disease, diabetics, organic farming and animal welfare). 6. Food safety and hygiene (basic terms, hygiene requirements, HACCP, microbiological criteria for food, contaminants in food, food enhancers, food contact materials and articles, Food Code). 7. Official food controls (regulation of EU official food controls - competent authorities, general and additional requirements for official controls, reference laboratories and centers, law enforcement measures, official food controls in Slovakia). 8. Origin and traceability of foods (genetically modified foods - basic concepts, authorization and surveillance, labelling, novel foods - novel food concept, authorization procedures, marketing requirements). 9. Food law and consumer protection (consumer contract for sale, sale of food at order, distance selling, yard sale, market sale, internet sale, packaging, defect liability, liability for damage, food advertising, misleading advertising). 10. Food law and competition (unfair conditions in the food trade, trade conditions for food and protection of competition, economically justifiable costs, abuse of a dominant position). 11. Penalties in food law, food fraud (administrative punishment under the Food Act and other regulations, offense of threatening health with harming food and other selected offenses, sanctions in EU law). 12. Administrative justice in the area of food law, current issues of food law (analysis of selected decisions of the Administrative Branch of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic in matters of food law).			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: Act No 152/1995 Coll. on foodstuffs. Act No 91/2019 Coll. on unfair terms in the food trade.			

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety.
 Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.
 Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products.
 Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs.
 Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin.

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 97

A	B	C	D	E	FX
87%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%

Lecturers:

Mgr. Samuel Rybníkář, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor
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