

**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on  
Official Food and Feed Controls**

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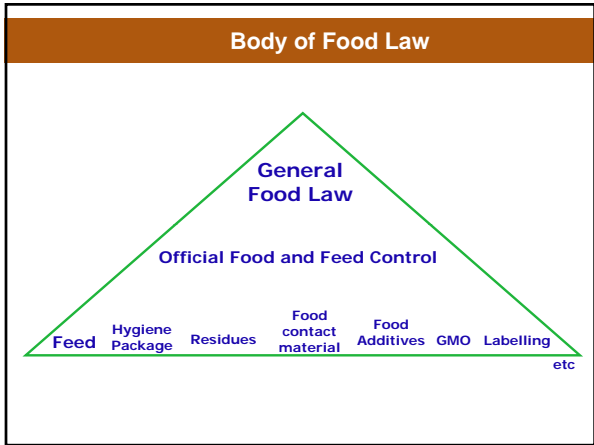
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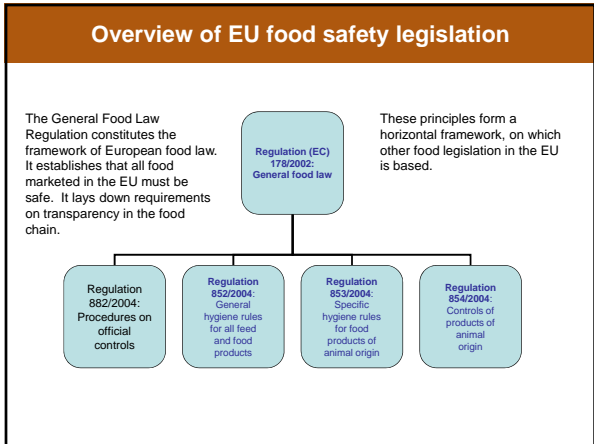
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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (1)**

What is the Regulation about?

- Arrangements for monitoring compliance with, and enforcement of, the requirements of 'food law' and 'feed law', and animal health and animal welfare rules.
- Sets down the principles and approach to be taken by the 'competent authorities' organising and undertaking 'official controls'.

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (2)**

**What is covered?**

- All food
- All feed
  - feed for food producing animals
  - pet food
- Live animals
- (Plants)

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (3)**

**Official controls on imports in EU**

Import controls food of animal origin

- border inspection posts
- advance warning required
- documentary, identity, physical check

Import controls food of non-animal origin and feed

- regular controls using plan
- frequency based on risk (risk-based sampling)
- any place (point of entry, importer's premises, retail)
- documentary, identity, physical check

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (4)**

Import controls food of **non-animal origin** and feed with **high risk profile**:

- entry via designated point of first arrival
- advance notification
  
- Draft regulation – (still?) under discussion with Member States

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (5)**

**What are 'official controls'?**

- Official controls' are specifically defined for the purposes of the Regulation at [Article 2\(1\)](#).
- Checks carried out by the regulatory (competent) authorities in Member States to establish whether feed/food businesses are complying with feed/food law and for ensuring that animal health and welfare rules are adhered to.
- Checks carried out by the European Commission's [Food and Veterinary Office](#) to assess the performance of national official control systems.

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (6)**

**What is the scope of the Regulation?**

- All 'feed law' and 'food law', and animal health and animal welfare rules.
- All stages of production, processing and distribution.
- Products produced within the EU and those exported to or imported from third countries.
- Where specific rules for official controls for particular areas are in place, e.g. for food hygiene controls for products of animal origin, these apply without prejudice to the overarching Regulation.

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (7)**

**What are the main elements of the Regulation?**

- General principles for national control systems;
- Requirements for the competent authorities;
- Requirements for sampling & analysis, and for official laboratories;
- Third country imports of feed and food;
- Financing of official controls;
- Administrative assistance and co-operation; and
- Community controls in Member States and third countries.

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (8)**

**Who are the 'competent authorities'?**

- 'Competent authority' is defined specifically for the purposes of the Regulation at [Article 2\(4\)](#).
- In effect, these are the central authority or authorities of a Member State that are responsible for national official control and enforcement arrangements, as well as other authorities that have responsibility for monitoring compliance with and enforcement of the law (i.e. carrying out official controls).

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (9)**

**What other bodies are involved in official controls?'**

- **Control bodies'** - independent organisations to which the competent authority has delegated specific official control tasks.
- **Official laboratories** – undertake chemical analysis or microbiological examination.
- Community and National **Reference laboratories**.

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (10)**

**What are the general principles for national control systems?**

- Controls carried out regularly using a risk-based approach.
- Unless necessary, controls carried out without prior warning.
- Controls at all stages of production, processing and distribution.
- Controls on EU products and third country imports and exports.

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (11)**

**What are the requirements for sampling & analysis and for official laboratories?**

- Methods should be validated in accordance with Community legislation or internationally accepted protocols.
- Laboratories should be accredited to certain European standards.

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**Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (12)**

**How are official controls financed?**

- General obligation on Member States to fund.
- Mandatory fees in some sectors.
- Option to introduce fees in other sectors.
- Recovery of costs for 'additional official controls'.
- Possibility of fees for import controls for 'high-risk' non-POAO (product of animal origin) feed and food

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Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (13)

**How does the Commission carry out controls in Member States?**

- On basis of each Member State's 'single, integrated, multi-annual national control plan' and annual reports on implementation of the plan.
- General and specific audits by the Commission's Food and Veterinary Office.

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Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official F&F controls (14)

**What conditions apply to imports from third countries?**

- General import conditions.
- Commission guidelines on food imports.
- Specific import conditions.
- Community controls in third countries.

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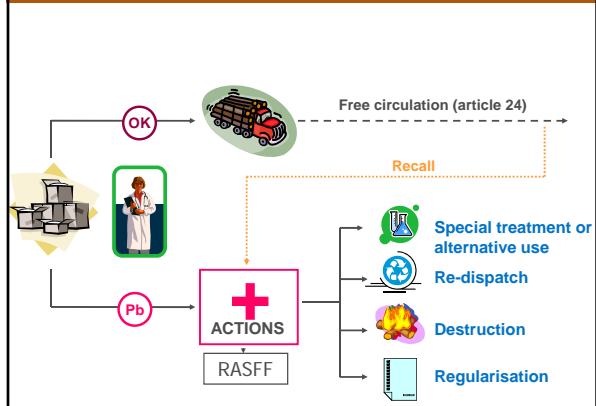
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Imports - decisions by competent authority



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## Overview of EU food safety legislation

The General Food Law Regulation constitutes the framework of European food law. It establishes that all food marketed in the EU must be safe. It lays down requirements on transparency in the food chain.



These principles form a horizontal framework, on which other food legislation in the EU is based.

Detailed measures on chemical and microbiological safety, e.g. additives, residues, contaminants, GMO, labelling, hygiene, welfare, etc. etc.

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## For further information

European Commission  
DG Health and Consumer Protection  
Directorate website at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/index_en.htm)

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