

## About this dossier

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## Part II, Section 1 - Food and food safety, integrity and wholesomeness at any stage of production, processing and distribution of food, including rules aimed at ensuring fair practices in trade and protecting consumer interests and information, and the manufacture and use of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

**Country** Greece **Year** 2023

**Have you any data to report in this period ?** Yes

### 1.1 Overall conclusion on the level of compliance achieved

In the year 2023, the number of controls in the food sector increased compared to those performed in 2022. Planning and priorities of the official controls, were based in a risk analysis and also, care was taken to prevent fraudulent practices and fraud. It is pointed out, however, the significant reduction of human resources of the Competent Authorities at regional-local level over time and the difficulty of their response to the multiple responsibilities with which they are responsible. Nevertheless, the effort has been intensified for their more rational management with proportional coverage of companies in all stages of production, processing and distribution of food. The compliance rate of food businesses remained stable compared to previous years, with a total compliance of 96,8%. The infringements mainly concern general hygiene issues related to deviations in the operating procedures, labelling issues of application of self-control systems and others (traceability issues, approval procedure etc) . Laboratory testing of biological and chemical risk factors as well as quality parameters showed non-compliance rates, reduced compared to previous year, with a total non-compliance of 3,9%.

### 1.2 Official controls on operators / establishments

Approved establishments	Number of establishments	Number of official controls performed
General activity establishments (cold stores, re-wrapping and re-packing establishments, wholesale markets, reefer vessels)	1063	413
Meat of domestic ungulates	570	553
Meat from poultry and lagomorphs	327	189
Meat of farmed game	0	0
Wild game meat	0	0
Minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat (MSM)	570	430
Meat products	586	227
Live bivalve molluscs	110	11
Fishery products	404	150
Colostrum, raw milk, colostrum-based and dairy products	1155	855
Egg and egg products	285	80
Frogs' legs and snails	10	3
Rendered animal fats and greaves	3	0
Treated stomach, bladders and intestines	46	2
Gelatine	0	0
Collagen	0	0
Highly refined chondroitin sulphate, hyaluronic acid, other hydrolysed cartilage products, chitosan, glucosamine, rennet, isinglass and amino acids (HRP)	0	0
Honey	581	74
Sprouts	0	0

Registered operators/establishments	Number of operators/establishments	Number of official controls performed
Growing of crops	0	0
Animal production	7142	347
Mixed farming	0	0
Hunting	0	0
Fishing	3592	9
Aquaculture	566	90
Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables	1432	434
Manufacture of vegetable oils and fats	2742	378
Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products	279	81
Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products	27258	8531
Manufacture of other food products	1309	895
Manufacturers of beverages	1662	2049
Wholesale	29077	2350
Retail	67902	25639
Transport and storage	37513	4268
Food and beverage service activities	69688	21993
Others	3735	642
Establishments producing food contact materials	550	42

1.3 Official controls requiring continuous or regular presence of staff or representatives of the competent authorities on the operator's premises

Types of operators' premises	Number of establishments	Number of official controls performed (number of carcasses or weight in tonnes)	Rejections
Meat of domestic ungulates — slaughterhouses	144	66	0
Meat from poultry and lagomorphs — slaughterhouses	32	15	0
Meat of farmed game — slaughterhouses	0	0	0
Wild game meat – Game-handling establishments	0	0	0

1.4 Official controls on products/goods by horizontal rule and food category

By horizontal rule / By food category	Microbiological criteria			Pesticides in food			Contaminants in food			Residues of veterinary medicinal products in food			Labelling, nutritional and health claims	Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in food	Improvement agents (additives, enzymes, flavourings, processing aids)			Irradiation			Contamination by/migration of food contact materials			Others
	ESFA Data	Additional	Total	ESFA Data	Additional	Total	ESFA Data	Additional	Total	ESFA Data	Additional	Total			ESFA Data	Additional	Total	Sante Data	Additional	Total	Sante Data	Additional	Total	
1. Dairy products	1433	128	1561	0	74	74	0	80	80	0	480	480	59	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
2. Dairy alternatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Fats and oils and fat and oil emulsions	0	0	0	0	202	202	0	32	32	0	0	0	362	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	371	
4. Edible ices	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Fruit and vegetables	68	26	94	0	3347	3347	0	113	113	0	0	0	41	16	0	44	44	0	0	0	0	0	6	
6. Confectionery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	44	0	9	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	
7. Cereals and cereal products	80	1	81	0	200	200	0	210	210	0	0	0	70	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
8. Bakery wares	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	52	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	
9. Fresh meat	759	108	867	0	172	172	0	233	233	0	1935	1935	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	

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10. Minced meat, meat preparations and MSM	659	186	845	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Meat products	618	0	618	0	0	0	20	20	20	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Fish and fisheries products	239	716	955	0	116	116	0	199	199	0	463	463	3	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	3843
13. Eggs and egg products	14	0	14	0	29	29	0	31	31	0	153	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Sugar, syrups, honey and table-top sweeteners	0	0	0	0	89	89	0	26	26	0	268	268	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
15. Salts, spices, soups, sauces, salads and protein products	148	7	155	0	100	100	0	93	93	0	0	0	106	8	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
16. Foods intended for particular nutritional uses as defined by Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council	10	17	27	0	20	20	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
17. Beverages	0	37	37	0	91	91	0	36	36	0	0	0	4279	0	0	125	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	4923
18. Ready-to-eat savouries and snacks	30	16	46	0	0	0	0	14	14	0	0	0	6	16	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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19. Desserts excluding products covered in categories 1, 3 and 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
20. Food supplements as defined in point (a) of Article 2 of Directive 402/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council excluding food supplements for infants and young children	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
21. Processed foods not covered by categories 1 to 17, excluding foods for infants and young children	803	25	828	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
22. Others – foods not covered by categories 1 to 21	0	315	315	0	0	0	0	0	108	0	0	108	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
23. Food contact materials																							1	97	98

α)Στα νωπά οπωροκηπευτικά σε όλα τα φορτία που παρουσιάζονται κατά το στάδιο της εισαγωγής, διενεργούνται έλεγχοι εγγράφων στο πλαίσιο υγιεινής και ασφάλειας. Για το 2023 διενεργήθηκαν 3.613 έλεγχοι εγγράφων σε φορτία νωπών. β)Η κατάταξη των επιχειρήσεων με βάση την επικινδυνότητα γίνεται σε εφαρμογή της ΚΥΑ 1037/188592/03.08.2020 «Καθορισμός της μεθοδολογίας των τακτικών επίσημων ελέγχων σε επιχειρήσεις τυποποίησης και συσκευασίας νωπών οπωροκηπευτικών για τη διαμόρφωση του προγράμματος της εποπτείας τους, βάσει του ν. 4512/2018 «Ρυθμίσεις για την εφαρμογή των Διαθρρωτικών Μεταρρυθμίσεων του Προγράμματος Οικονομικής Προσαρμογής και άλλες διατάξεις» (Α' 5)». Οι επίσημοι έλεγχοι στις εγκαταστάσεις και επιχειρήσεις τυποποίησης και συσκευασίας νωπών οπωροκηπευτικών, πατατών και μπανανών βασίζεται στην αξιολόγηση κινδύνου των επιχειρήσεων, η οποία πραγματοποιείται με τη χρήση τυποποιημένων φύλλων ελέγχου και την κατάταξή τους σε επίπεδα επικινδυνότητας. Η αξιολόγηση κινδύνου πραγματοποιείται ως προς τον βαθμό συμμόρφωσης με τις απαιτήσεις του ΚΑΝ (ΕΚ) 852/2004 (L 139) για την υγιεινή των τροφίμων και τις απαιτήσεις των ΚΑΝ (ΕΕ) 543/2011 (L 157) και (ΕΕ) 1333/2011 (L 336) για τις προδιαγραφές εμπορίας.

1.6 Non-compliances and Actions/measures

Approved establishments	Detected during official controls performed	Total number of controlled operators/establishments	Number of controlled operators/establishments where non-compliances were detected	Administrative	Judicial
General activity establishments (Cold stores, re-wrapping and re-packing establishments, wholesale markets, reefer vessels)	58	348	22	22	3
Meat of domestic ungulates	458	516	80	31	
Meat from poultry and lagomorphs	86	199	34	16	
Meat of farmed game	0	0	0	0	
Wild game meat	0	0	0	0	
Minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat (MSM)	54	363	26	26	
Meat products	22	184	16	16	
Live bivalve molluscs	9	11	9	0	
Fishery products	25	139	25	3	
Colostrum, raw milk, colostrum-based and dairy products	81	718	43	48	
Egg and egg products	4	69	4	2	
Frogs' legs and snails	0	3	0	0	
Rendered animal fats and greaves	0	0	0	0	
Treated stomach, bladders and intestines	0	2	0	0	
Gelatine	0	0	0	0	
Collagen	0	0	0	0	
HRP	0	0	0	0	
Honey	4	61	4	4	
Sprouts	0	0	0	0	

Registered operators/establishments	Detected during official controls performed	Total number of controlled operators/establishments	Number of controlled operators/establishments where non-compliances were detected	Administrative	Judicial
Growing of crops	0	0	0	0	0
Animal production	157	307	157	0	
Mixed farming	0	0	0	0	
Hunting	0	0	0	0	
Fishing	0	9	0	0	
Aquaculture	0	90	0	0	
Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables	15	364	13	13	
Manufacture of vegetable oils and fats	31	324	30	30	
Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products	10	72	9	9	
Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products	322	7291	209	209	
Manufacture of other food products	25	764	22	22	
Manufacturers of beverages	30	1022	24	28	
Wholesale	40	2058	37	37	
Retail	1059	22515	941	790	
Transport and storage	60	3749	45	45	
Food and beverage service activities	811	18936	633	633	
Others	22	458	16	16	
Establishments producing food contact materials	1	23	1	1	

	Non-compliances of food							Actions/measures	
	Non-compliances detected during official controls performed								
	Microbiological criteria	Pesticides in food	Contaminants in food	Residues of veterinary medicinal products in food	Labelling, nutritional and health claims	Improvement agents (additives, enzymes, flavourings, processing aids)	Others	Administrative	Judicial
1. Dairy products	0	0	0	2	4	1	3	8	0
2. Dairy alternatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Fats and oils and fat and oil emulsions	0	3	0	0	6	0	100	66	
4. Edible ices	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Fruit and vegetables	0	78	0	0	1	2	0	78	
6. Confectionery	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	
7. Cereals and cereal products	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	5	
8. Bakery wares	0	0	1	0	0	8	6	0	
9. Fresh meat	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	
10. Minced meat, meat preparations and MSM	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	
11. Meat products	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
12. Fish and fisheries products	83	0	2	1	1	3	157	2	
13. Eggs and egg products	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14. Sugar, syrups, honey and table-top sweeteners	0	0	1	2	1	0	5	5	
15. Salts, spices, soups, sauces, salads and protein products	0	6	4	0	0	0	6	16	
16. Foods intended for particular nutritional uses as defined by Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17. Beverages	0	2	1	0	202	0	114	13	
18. Ready-to-eat savouries and snacks	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	
19. Desserts excluding products covered in categories 1, 3 and 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20. Food supplements as defined in point (a) of Article 2 of Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council excluding food supplements for infants and young children	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	
21. Processed foods not covered by categories 1 to 17, excluding foods for infants and young children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22. Others – foods not covered by categories 1 to 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Non-compliances related to horizontal rules			Actions/measures	
	Non-compliances detected during official controls performed		Administrative	Judicial
GMOs in food:				
Unauthorised GMOs	0		0	0
Labelling of GMOs	0		0	

Non-compliances related to horizontal rules		Actions/measures	
	Non-compliances detected during official controls performed	Administrative	Judicial
Irradiation	0	0	0
Novel foods	0	0	0
Food contact materials	5	3	0

Fraudulent and deceptive practices

6 non- compliances detected during official controls performed and 3 administrative and 1 judicial sanctions were imposed.

1.7 Comment box

Comment 1

Table 1.4 "Official controls on products/goods by horizontal rule and food category", due to inability to insert data in row 23. Foodcontact materials/column Microbiological Criteria-Additional = 30, Food contact materials/column Labelling, nutritional and healthclaims = 128, and Others= 17.

Comment 2: Table 1.6 "Non-compliances of operators/establishments", due to inability to insert data in column "Judicial Actions/measures" data in specific column for the following categories are : Meat of domestic ungulates = 7, Meat from poultry and lagomorphs = 7, Minced meat, meatpreparations and MSM = 7, Meat products =2, Fishery products=1, Colostrum, raw milk, colostrum-based and dairy products = 1, Honey=1.

Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables = 2,

Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products = 4, Manufacture of other food products= 2, Manufacturers of beverages = 1, Wholesale = 4, Retail =12, Transport and storage = 7, Food and beverage service activities = 7, Others=1.

Comment 3. Table 1.6 "Non-compliances of food" due to inability to insert data in column "Judicial Actions/measures" data in specific column for the following categories are : 3. Fats and oils and fat and oil emulsions=10, 5. Fruit and vegetables= 75, 7. Cereals and cereal products=4, 9. Fresh meat/Poultry and lagomorphs =2, 10.Minced meat, meat preparations and MSM=14, 15. Salts, spices, soups, sauces, salads and protein products =6, 17. Beverages=2.

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