



***TRANSITION FROM NATIONAL TO EU LEGISLATION***

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1991 - 2000

1 Quality standard for fruit, vegetables and mushrooms  
(SFRJ 1979)

- a) General part: marking, presentation, minimum requirements
- b) Special part: classification (E,I,II), quality requirements, tolerances

# 1991 - 2000

Quality standard for fruit, vegetables and mushrooms  
(SFRJ 1979) covered:

1. FRUIT: apples, pears, peaches, apricots, cherries, sour cherries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, bilberries, table grapes, walnuts, chestnuts, hazelnuts, almonds, peanuts, pistachio, figs, citrus fruits, bananas and dates;
2. VEGETABLES: tomato, aubergine, sweet peppers, watermelon, melon, cucumbers, courgettes, early and ware potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, carrots, beets, radishes, turnips, mangold, spinach, salad, endivie, chicory, onion, garlic, leeks, celery, asparagus, peas, beans, lentils and mushrooms


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Trade Inspectorate  
Quality of all products]) --> B([IMPORT:  
control of all consignments  
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Trade Inspectorate  
Quality of all products

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2001 - 2004

**17 National quality standards (EU standards in form and content)**

**Covered:**

**leeks, sweet peppers, salad+endivie, garlic, kivi, cucumbers,  
table grapes, cherries+sour cherries+strawberries, apples+pears,  
apricots, asparagus, carrots, tomatoes,  
cabbage+brussels sprout+ celery+spinach,  
peaches+nectarines, onion+chicory,  
aubergines+courgettes**

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IRSAFF-IQF  
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# 2001 - 2004 DILEMMAS AND PROBLEMS

1. Official control of quality of food in internal market and import - reorganization. Not enough inspectors!
2. New competences: certificated food, carcass classification  
Not enough qualification!
3. In control of fruit and vegetables national standards covered 27 varieties/species  
What about others?
4. Food quality legislation increased and changed enormous  
In legal procedures we have to follow all changes!

# 2004 - 2007

- EU directives - implementation
- National standards (rules) decreased

F&V: 34 EU standards  
manual, instructions, check lists  
trainings

In 2004 internal reorganization of IRSAFF (Inspectorate of Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry and Food)

7 Inspection services: IQF (Inspection service for Quality of Food)  
FIS (Fitosanitarian Inspection Service)



OFFICIAL CONTROL  
IRSAFF-IQF and FIS  
Quality of all food products

IMPORT of F&V:  
control of quality and safety  
before customs procedures by  
FIS in 6 BIPs

EXPORT - Producers  
IQF

INTERNAL MARKET:  
retail  
wholesale  
packers  
IQF

# 2004 - 2007

**In 2006 Twinning project: quality of F&V**

- **6 weeks for all inspectors**
- **2 weeks for special group**
- **4 inspectors trainers**
- **Completion of manual, instructions, check list**

**In 2007 : new EU directives decreased no of standards 10 + 1**

- **Trainings for all inspectors 2/year**
- **Communication with traders and producers - meetings and seminars**

# 2008 - 2011

## **In 2010 REORGANIZATION OF IRSAFF**

### **FOOD SAFETY and FOOD QUALITY in IRSAFF-IQF**

- **Trainings for all inspectors**
- **Food safety manuals, instructions...**
- **Quality inspectors worked on food safety controls, too**

### **In 2011 : new EU directive again (more tolerances!)**

- **Training for all inspectors**
- **Communication with traders and producers**
- **Forming specialized groups (safety, quality)**

# BEFORE AND AFTER 2004

## BEFORE:

- **1 STANDARD**, defined quality requirements, not a lot of changes
- **Less communication** with traders and producers
- **Less training**
- **Control oriented** on labelling and minimum requirements
- **Classification inspected** at import stage
- **Quality classes and prices** at retail stage not connected

## AFTER:

- **11 STANDARDS**, not so defined, more changes
- **More communication**
- **More training**
- **International meetings**
- **Classification, labelling and minimum requirements inspected** at all stages



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION