Strengthening of animal origin food and feed safety control in Armenia

General Information

Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures

<u>Duration:</u> 18 months

Implementation period: April 2012 - January 2014

Budget: EUR 1mln

Beneficiary Administration: Ministry of Agriculture; State Service for Food Safety (SSFS)

EU MS Partners: Lead partner - The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Authority, The Netherlands

Junior partners - <u>Danish Veterinary and Food Administration</u>, <u>Denmark</u>

- Latvian Food and Veterinary Service, Latvia



Objective: To strengthen the relevant Armenian institutions by up-grading the safety controls system for

animal-origin food and feed and other international standards, in terms of legislation,

enforcement, institutional building and general awareness.

Components: Component I: Development of the legislative basis

Component II: Procedures for inspection

Component III: Development of institutional structure

Component IV: Awareness raising

Achieved results: The main results achieved during the implementation of the project were as follows:

- a) Six Governmental Decrees were adopted (including one on the plan of approximation of legislation); 10 Governmental Decrees submitted to the Prime Minister's Office for adoption; 3 new Laws and amendments to 1 Law and 2 Codes submitted to the Government for approval and subsequent submission to the Parliament, 10 internal legal acts of the State Service for Food Safety and 21 checklists adopted by the State Service for Food Safety;
- b) Procedures, methodologies, expertise requirements were improved, relevant legal acts on inspection practices were adopted;
- c) Internal structure, functions, competence requirements were designed by the support of the project. All necessary trainings for the staff of the inspection were conducted;
- d) The food safety strategy implementation coordinating council was created by the Prime Minister's decision of November 2012;
- e) The web-site of the inspectorate was improved, with the aim to inform the society, businesses and other interested parties on the developments in the area and on the regulations and practices. The projects publicity materials are posted on the web-site.

More Information: