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This Federal Law regulates relations in the field of ensuring the quality of food products and their safety for human health.

Chapter I. General Provisions

Article 1. Basic Notions

The following basic notions are used for the purpose of this Federal Law:

food products - products in natural or processed form for human consumption as food (including children's foods and dietary foods), bottled drinking water, alcoholic products (including beer), nonalcoholic beverages, chewing gum, and also raw food materials, food additives and biologically active additives;

children's foods - food products designed to be consumed by children aged up to 14 and meeting the physiological requirements of the organism of a child;

dietary foods - food products designed for medical and prophylactic nutrition;

raw food materials - raw materials of vegetable, animal, microbiological, mineral and artificial origin and water used for the manufacture of food products;

food additives - natural or artificial substances and their compounds specially introduced into food products in the process of their manufacture for the purpose of imparting certain properties to and/or preserving the quality of food products;

biologically active additives natural (identical to natural) biologically active substances designed for consumption with food or for introduction into the composition of food products;

materials and articles contacting with food products (hereinafter, materials and articles) - materials and articles applied for the manufacture, packing, storage, carriage, realization and use of food products, including technological equipment, instruments and devices, containers, utensils, tableware;

quality of food products - a set of characteristics of food products capable of satisfying human requirements in food under the normal conditions of their use;

safety of food products - a state of reasonable confidence that food products under the normal conditions of their use are not harmful and do not constitute any danger to the health of present and future generations;

nutritive value of a food product - a set of properties of a food product in the presence of which human physiological requirements in the necessary substances and energy are satisfied;

certificate of the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles - a document wherein the manufacturer attests the conformity of the quality and safety of each batch of food products, materials and articles to the requirements of normative or technical documents;

normative documents - state standards, sanitary and veterinary rules and norms establishing certain requirements to the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles, to control over their quality and safety, to the conditions of their manufacture, storage, carriage, realization and use, utilization or destruction of low-quality or dangerous food products, material and articles;

technical documents - documents in accordance with which the manufacture, storage, carriage and realization of food products, materials and articles (specifications, technological instructions, formulations and others) are carried out;

turnover of food products, materials and articles - purchase and sale (including export and import) and other methods of transfer of food products, materials and articles (hereinafter, realization), their storage and carriage;

falsified food products, materials and articles - food products, materials and articles intentionally changed (counterfeit) and/or having latent properties and quality, information about which is knowingly incomplete or unreliable;

identification of food products, materials and articles - activity in the establishment of the conformity of certain food products, materials and articles to the requirements of normative or technical documents and to the information on the food products, materials and on the articles contained in the documents attached thereto and on the labels;

utilization of food products, materials and articles - use of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles for purposes other than the ones for which the food products, materials and articles are designed and for which they are normally used.

Article 2. Legal Regulation of Relations in the Field of Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products

The legal regulation of relations in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products shall be carried out by this Federal Law, other federal laws and other normative legal acts of the Russian Federation adopted in accordance therewith, and also by laws and other normative legal acts of the entities of the Russian Federation.

Federal laws, laws of the entities of the Russian Federation and other normative legal acts adopted in accordance therewith in the part concerning the ensuring of the quality and safety of food products must not contain any norms that are contrary to this Federal Law.

If an international treaty of the Russian Federation establishes any rules other than those stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products, then the rules of the international treaty shall apply.

Article 3. Turnover Capacity of Food Products, Materials and Articles

1. In the turnover there may be food products, materials and articles that conform to the requirements of the normative documents and which have passed state registration in the procedure established by this Federal Law.

2. There may not be in turnover any food products, materials and articles which:
do not conform to the requirements of the normative documents;
have patent signs of low quality causing no doubts with the representatives of the bodies exercising the state supervision and control in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products (hereinafter, the bodies of state supervision and control) in the checking of such products, materials and articles;

have no certificates of the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles, documents of the manufacturer or supplier of food products, materials and articles confirming their origin, in whose respect there is no information about state registration and the confirmation of their conformance to the requirements of normative documents (food products, materials and articles that are subject to the state registration and the obligatory confirmation of the conformance);

do not conform to the submitted information and in whose respect there are reasonable suspicions that they are falsified;

have no established application time (for food products, materials and articles in whose respect the establishment of application time is obligatory) or whose application time has expired;

have no marking containing data stipulated by the law or the state standard, or in whose respect there is no such information.

Such food products, materials and articles shall be declared low-quality and dangerous and shall not be subject to realization, they shall be utilized or destroyed.

Article 4. Ensuring of the Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles

The quality and safety of food products, materials and articles shall be ensured by means of:
the application of measures of state regulation in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles;

the conduct by citizens, including individual businessmen, and by juridical persons exercising activity in the manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles, of organisational, agrochemical, veterinary, technological, engineering-technical, sanitary-and-epidemiological and phytosanitary arrangements in the fulfilment of the requirements of normative documents on food products, materials and articles, to the conditions of their manufacture, storage, carriage and realization;

the conduct of production control over the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles, over the conditions of their manufacture, storage, carriage and realization, and over the introduction of systems of control of the quality of food products, materials and articles (hereinafter, quality systems);

the application of measures for deterring violations of this Federal Law, including the requirements of normative documents, and also measures of civil law, administrative and criminal responsibility to persons guilty of the commission of the said violations.

Article 5. Information about the Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles

1. Individual businessmen and juridical persons exercising activity in the manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles, in the rendering of services in the retail trade in food products, materials and articles and in the sphere of public catering, must furnish to the buyers or consumers, and also to the bodies of the state supervision and control, exhaustive and reliable information about the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles and about the observance of the requirements of the normative documents in the manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles and the rendering of such services.

2. The federal executive body in charge of the state supervision in the field of standardization and certification, federal executive body in the field of the state sanitary and epidemiological supervision, federal executive body in the field of the state veterinary supervision shall furnish the bodies of state

power, citizens (including individual businessmen) and juridical persons with information about the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles, about the observance of the requirements of normative documents in the manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles, about the rendering of services in the sphere of the retail trade in food products, materials and articles, and in the sphere of public catering, about the state registration of food products, materials and articles, about the confirmation of their conformity to the requirements of normative documents, and also about normative documents and the measures for preventing the realization of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles.

Chapter II. Powers of the Russian Federation in the Field of Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products

Article 6. Powers of the Russian Federation in the Field of Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products

1. The powers of the Russian Federation in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products shall comprise:

- the elaboration and conduct of a single state policy in the Russian Federation;
- the adoption of federal laws and other normative legal acts of the Russian Federation;
- the elaboration and realization of federal targeted and scientific-technical programs for ensuring the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles;
- state standardization in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles;

- the organisation and carrying out of the state registration of food products, materials and articles;
- the organisation and carrying of obligatory certification of certain types of food products, materials and articles, and also of services rendered in the retail trade in food products, and in the sphere of public catering and quality systems;

- the organisation and conduct of state supervision and control;
- the carrying out of international cooperation of the Russian Federation;
- the carrying out of other powers stipulated by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. The state power bodies of the subjects of the Russian Federation shall be entitled to participate in the exercise of powers of the Russian Federation in the area of ensuring the quality and safety of food products by way of the following:

- adoption in compliance with the federal laws and other normative legal acts of the subjects of the Russian Federation;
- development, endorsement and implementation of regional programmes of ensuring the quality and safety of food products;
- exercise, jointly with the authorised federal executive bodies, of control and supervision over the quality and safety of food products.

Article 7. Abolished from January 1, 2005.

Article 8. Abolished from January 1, 2005.

Chapter III. State Regulation in the Field of Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products

Article 9. State Standardization in the Field of Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles

1. The requirements to the quality of food products, materials and articles, to ensuring their safety, to packing, marking and production control over the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles, to the procedures for the estimation and confirmation of their conformity to the requirements of normative documents, the methods of their testing and identification, and also to technical documents and quality systems, shall be established by relevant state standards.

2. The requirements to the nutritive value of food products, to the safety of food products, materials and articles, to the safety of the conditions of their development, setup for production, manufacture and turnover, to the safety of the services rendered in the sphere of the retail trade in food products, materials and articles and in the sphere of public catering, shall be established by relevant sanitary rules and norms.

The requirements to veterinary safety with respect to certain food products and to the veterinary safety of the conditions of their procurement, manufacture and turnover, shall be established by relevant veterinary rules and norms.

The said requirements are based on the results of the scientific investigations of the nutrition and the state of the health of the population, the revelation and estimation of the degree of hazard of the properties of food products, materials and articles and of the risk of infliction of damage to human health

due to the use of food products, materials and articles, and also of the social and economic consequences of the introduction of such requirements.

3. The state standards, the sanitary and veterinary rules and norms shall be approved by the federal body of executive power in charge of the state supervision in the field of standardization and certification, by the federal body of executive power in charge of the state sanitary-and-epidemiological supervision and the federal body of executive power in charge of the state veterinary supervision in accordance with their competence and in the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

4. The requirements to the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles established by the state standards and sanitary and veterinary rules and norms shall be obligatory for citizens (including individual businessmen) and juridical persons exercising activity in the manufacture and turnover of food products and in the rendering of services in the retail trade in food products, materials and articles and in the sphere of public catering.

Article 10. State Registration of Food Products, Materials and Articles

1. New food products, materials and articles manufactured in the Russian Federation and food products, materials and articles being first imported into the territory of the Russian Federation shall be subject to state registration.

Imported food products, materials and articles shall be subject to state registration prior to their importation onto the territory of the Russian Federation.

2. The state registration of food products, materials and articles shall include:

an expert examination of the documents that are submitted by the manufacturer or the supplier of food products, materials and articles and which confirm their conformity to the requirements of normative documents, the conditions of manufacture or deliveries of food products, materials and articles, and also of the results of their tests conducted if necessary;

the entry of food products, materials and articles and their manufacturers or suppliers in the State Register of Food Products, Materials and Articles Permitted for Manufacture on or Importation onto the Territory of the Russian Federation and for Their Realization;

the issuance to the applicants of certificates on state registration of food products, materials and articles entitling their manufacture on or importation onto the territory of the Russian Federation and their turnover.

3. The state registration of food products, materials and articles and the keeping of the State Register of Food Products, Materials and Articles Permitted for Manufacture on or Importation onto the Territory of the Russian Federation and Their Turnover shall be carried out by the authorized federal body of executive power in charge of the state sanitary-and-epidemiological supervision jointly with the authorized federal body of executive power for state veterinary supervision in accordance with the Regulations approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

4. The state registration of several types of food products, materials and articles under the same name, as well as multiple registration of one and the same type of food products, materials and articles under the same name or under different names, shall be impermissible.

Article 11. Excluded.

Article 12. Estimation and Confirmation of Conformity to the Requirements of Normative Documents, of Food Products, Materials and Articles, and Services Rendered in the Retail Trade in Food Products and in the Sphere of Public Catering, and Also of Quality Systems

1. Certain realisable types of food products, materials and articles, and services rendered in the retail trade in food products and in the sphere of public catering, and also quality systems, shall be subject to estimation and confirmation of the conformity to the requirements of normative documents.

2. The conformity of food products, materials and articles, whose list shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation, to the requirements of normative documents may be confirmed by their manufacturers by way of filing the conformity declarations in the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. Certain types of food products, materials and articles, services rendered in the retail trade in food products and in the sphere of public catering, and also quality systems, shall be subject to the estimation and confirmation of their conformity to the requirements of normative documents by way of obligatory certification.

In the selection of food products, materials and articles the confirmation of conformity to the requirements of normative documents of which shall be carried out by way of obligatory certification, there must be taken into consideration the degree of hazard for human health of food products, materials and articles, and the conditions of their manufacture and turnover. The list of food products, materials and

articles and articles that are subject to obligatory certification shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

4. The organisation and carrying out of the obligatory certification of certain types of food products, materials and articles, and also services rendered in the retail trade in food products and in the sphere of public catering, and quality systems, shall be carried out by federal bodies of executive power authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation.

5. The procedure for the carrying out of obligatory certification of certain types of food products, materials and articles, and services rendered in the retail trade in food products and in the sphere of public catering, and also of quality systems, shall be determined by relevant authorized federal bodies of executive power on the basis of the regulations approved by the Government of the Russian Federation, on the conduct of the obligatory certification of such food products, materials and articles, services and quality systems.

6. With respect to food products, materials and articles which are not subject to obligatory certification and to the confirmation of their conformity to the requirements of normative documents by way of filing a conformity declaration, individual businessmen and juridical persons exercising activity in the manufacture and turnover of such food products, materials and articles may conduct their voluntary certification in the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

7. In the case that a manufacturer of certified food products, materials and articles, a manufacturer having a quality system conformity certificate, a performer of a certified service rendered in the sphere of the retail trade in food products or in public catering violate any requirements established by normative documents, the body that issued the relevant certificate must suspend the effect of the certificate for the period of the removal of the violations revealed, or if it is impossible to remove the violations, cancel the effect of the certificate.

In the case that such violations are committed by a manufacturer that has filed a conformity declaration, the manufacturer must immediately suspend the manufacture of food products, materials and articles, terminate the validity of the declaration by withdrawing it and inform about the termination of the validity of declaration the body that registered it, and also the bodies of the state supervision and control at the location of the manufacturer.

Article 13. State Supervision and Control in the Field of Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products

1. State supervision and control in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products shall be exercised by the federal executive body in charge of the state sanitary-and-epidemiological supervision of the Russian Federation, federal executive body in charge of the state veterinary supervision of the Russian Federation, federal bodies of executive power in the field of state supervision and control over the quality and safety of grain and products of its processing, the federal executive body in charge of the state control over trade, the quality of goods and services and the protection of rights of consumers of the Russian Federation, as well as by the bodies exercising the state supervision in the field of standardization and certification.

State supervision and control over foodstuffs, materials and articles brought into the territory of the Russian Federation shall be carried out in the specially equipped crossing points intended for these purposes across the State Border of the Russian Federation. The list of such crossing points shall be determined in the order prescribed by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The powers of the federal executive bodies exercising the state supervision and control in the field of ensuring the quality and safety of food products shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. The federal body of executive power in the field of defence, the federal body of executive power in the field of internal affairs, the federal body of executive power in the field of security, the federal body of executive power in the field of supervision in the field of transport shall exercise control in accordance with their competence over the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles, and also services rendered in trade of food products, materials and articles and in public catering.

Article 14. Monitoring of the Quality and Safety of Food Products and of the Health of the Population

1. For the purpose of determining the priority directions of state policy in ensuring the quality and safety of food products, the protection of the health of the population, and also for the purpose of elaborating the measures for preventing delivery to the consumer market of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles, the bodies of state supervision and control, jointly with the bodies of executive power of the entities of the Russian Federation, shall organise and conduct the monitoring of the quality and safety of food products and of the health of the population.

2. The monitoring of the quality and safety of food products and of the health of the population shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Chapter IV. General Requirements to Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products

Article 15. Requirements to Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products

1. Food products designed for realisation must satisfy the physiological needs of a human being by the necessary substances and energy, meet the requirements normally set for food products concerning the organoleptic and physicochemical indices and conform to the requirements established by normative documents for the permissible content of chemical (including radioactive) and biological substances and their compounds, and microorganisms hazardous to the health of the present and future generations.

2. The nutritive value of children's foods must conform to the functional state of the organism of a child with regard to his or her age. Children's foods must be safe for the health of a child.

3. Dietary foods must have some properties enabling the use of such products for medicinal and prophylactic nutrition of a human beings in accordance with the requirements established by the federal body of executive power in the field of public health, to the organisation of dietary nutrition and be safe for human health.

Article 16. Requirements to Ensuring the Quality and Safety of New Food Products, Materials and Articles in Their Development and Setup for Production

1. In the elaboration of new food products, materials and articles, new technological processes of their manufacture, packing, storage, carriage and realization, individual businessmen and juridical persons must substantiate the requirements to the quality and safety of such food products, materials and articles, to their packing, marking and the information about such food products, materials and articles, to the preservation of the quality and safety of such food products, materials and articles in their manufacture and turnover, elaborate programs of the productional control over the quality and safety of such food products, materials and articles, the methods of their testing, and also establish the application time for such food products, materials and articles.

The application time of food products, materials and articles shall be established with respect to such food products, materials and articles whose quality, upon the expiry of a certain period from the moment of their manufacture, deteriorates, which acquire certain properties that are hazardous to human health and in this connection lose their applicability for use as designed.

2. The indices of the quality and safety of new food products, materials and articles, their application time, requirements to their packing, marking, information about such food products, materials and articles, to the conditions for the manufacture and turnover of such food products, materials and articles, to the programs of productional control over their quality and safety, methods of their testing, and ways of the utilization or destruction of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles must be included in the technical documents.

The drafts of the technical documents and the pilot samples of new food products, materials and articles shall be subject to a sanitary and epidemiological expert examination.

The drafts of the technical documents and the pilot samples of new food products manufactured from food raw materials of animal origin shall, in addition, be subject a veterinary and sanitary expert examination.

The said drafts may be approved by the manufacturer only upon the receipt of the conclusions of the state sanitary-and-epidemiological service of the Russian Federation or the state veterinary service of the Russian Federation attesting the conformity of such food products, materials and articles to the requirements of the sanitary or veterinary rules and norms, and also safety for human health.

The requirements of the approved technical documents shall be obligatory for individual businessmen and juridical persons exercising the activity in the manufacture and turnover of concrete types of food products, materials and articles.

3. New food products, materials and articles shall be permitted for manufacture after their state registration according to the procedure established by Article 10 of this Federal Law.

Article 17. Requirements to Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles in Their Manufacture

1. The manufacture of food products, materials and articles should be carried out in accordance with the technical documents, while observing the requirements of sanitary and veterinary rules and norms.

The manufacturer of food products, materials and articles shall, for the purpose of ensuring their quality and safety, elaborate and introduce quality systems in conformity with the requirements of state standards.

2. For the manufacture of food products food raw materials must be used whose quality and safety conform to the requirements of normative documents.

In the manufacture of food raw materials it shall be permissible to use fodder additives, animal growth stimulators (including hormonal preparations), medications, pesticides and agrochemicals that have passed a sanitary and epidemiological expert examination and state registration according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Food raw materials of animal origin shall be permissible for the manufacture of food products only after the carrying out of the veterinary and sanitary expert examination and receipt by the manufacturer of the conclusion of the state veterinary service of the Russian Federation attesting the conformity of food raw materials of animal origin to the requirements of the veterinary rules and norms.

3. In the manufacture of children's foods and dietary foods it shall be impermissible to use food raw materials manufactured with the use of fodder additives, animal growth stimulators (including hormonal preparations), certain types of medications, pesticides, agrochemical and any other substances and compounds hazardous to human health.

4. Food additives used in the manufacture of food products and biologically active additives must not cause any harm to human life and health.

In the manufacture of food products and also for consumption as food additives and biologically active additives may be used that have passed state registration in the procedure established by Article 10 of this Federal Law.

5. Materials and articles used in the process of the manufacture of food products must conform to the requirements of normative documents on the quality and safety of such materials and articles.

In the manufacture of food products it shall be permissible to apply materials and articles that have passed state registration according to the procedure established by Article 10 of this Federal Law.

6. The manufacturer must check the quality and safety of each batch of products, materials and articles and hand over to the buyer, together with the food products, materials and articles, the certificate of quality and safety of food products, materials and articles.

The certificate of quality and safety of food products, materials and articles shall not be drawn up for products of public catering.

7. The conformity of food products, materials and articles, whose lists are approved by the Government of the Russian Federation, to the requirements of normative documents shall be confirmed by the conformity certificate or the conformity declaration and the conformity mark.

8. The manufacturer of food products, materials and articles must immediately suspend the manufacture of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles for a period necessary for the removal of the causes that entailed the manufacture of such food products, materials and articles. If it is impossible to remove such causes, the manufacturer must stop the manufacture of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles, withdraw them from turnover, while ensuring the return from the buyers and consumers of such food products, materials and articles, and organise according to the established procedure the carrying out of their expert examination, utilisation or destruction.

Article 18. Requirements to Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products in Their Prepackaging, Packing and Marking

1. Food products must be prepackaged and packed in such ways that make it possible to ensure the preservation of quality and safety in their storage, carriage and realisation.

2. Individual businessmen and juridical persons carrying out the prepackaging and packing of food products must observe the requirements of normative documents to the prepackaging and packing of food products, their marking, and also to the materials used for the packing and marking of food products.

3. On the tags or labels or inserts of the packed food products, besides the information whose composition is determined by the legislation of the Russian Federation on the protection of the rights of consumers with regard to the types of food products, the following information must be indicated in the Russian language:

on the nutritive value (caloric value, content of proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and macro and micro elements);

on the purpose and conditions of application (with respect to children's food, dietary foods and biological active additives);

on the methods and conditions of the manufacture of precooked dishes (with respect to concentrates and half-finished food products);

on the conditions of storage (with respect to food products for which there are certain established requirements to the conditions of their storage);

on the date of manufacture and the date of packing of food products.

Article 19. Requirements to Ensuring of Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles in Their Storage and Carriage

1. The storage and carriage of food products, materials and articles must be carried out in conditions ensuring the preservation of their quality and safety.

2. Individual businessmen and juridical persons carrying out the storage and carriage of food products, materials and articles must observe the requirements of normative documents to the conditions of the storage and carriage of food products, materials and articles and confirm the observance of such requirements with relevant entries in the shipping documents.

3. The storage of food products, materials and articles shall be permissible in specially equipped premises or structures, which must conform to the requirements of the building, sanitary and veterinary rules and norms.

4. For the carriage of food products, transport facilities must be used which are specially designed or specially equipped for such purposes and having sanitary certificates drawn up according to the established procedure.

5. In the case that in the storage or carriage of food products, materials and articles, a violation is committed which brings about the loss by food products, materials and articles, of relevant quality and the acquisition by them of hazardous properties, individual businessmen and juridical persons storing or carrying food products, materials and articles must inform the owners and recipients of the food products, materials and articles.

Such food products, materials and articles shall not be subject to realization and shall be sent for expert examination, in accordance with the results of which they shall be utilised or destroyed.

Article 20. Requirements to Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles in Their Realization

1. In the realisation of food products, materials and articles, citizens (including individual businessmen) and juridical persons must observe the requirements of normative documents.

2. In retail trade it shall be impermissible to sell unprepackaged and unpacked food products, with the exception of certain types of food products a list of which is established by the federal body of executive power on trade in agreement with the federal body of executive power for the state sanitary and epidemiological supervision.

3. The realization at food markets of food products of non-industrial manufacture shall be permissible only after the conduct of the veterinary and sanitary expert examination and the receipt by the sellers of the conclusions of the state veterinary service of the Russian Federation attesting the conformity of such food products to the requirements of the veterinary rules and norms.

4. In the case that in the realization of food products, materials and articles a violation is committed bringing about the loss by the food products, materials and articles, of relevant quality and the acquisition by them of hazardous properties, citizens (including individual businessmen) and juridical persons carrying out the realization of food products, materials and articles must recall such food products, materials and articles from realization, ensure their withdrawal from consumers, send the low-quality and hazardous food products, materials and articles for expert examination, and organize their utilization or destruction.

Article 21. Requirements to Ensuring the Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles Which Are Imported onto the Territory of the Russian Federation

1. The quality and safety of food products, materials and articles which are imported onto the territory of the Russian Federation must correspond to the requirements of normative documents.

2. The obligations of manufacturers and suppliers in the observance of requirements of normative documents with respect to food products, materials and articles which are imported onto the territory of the Russian Federation shall be essential conditions of the contract for delivery.

3. It shall be prohibited to import onto the territory of the Russian Federation any food products, materials and articles that have not passed state registration according to the procedure established in Article 10 of this Federal Law, and also any food products not having the documents attesting the conformity of the quality and safety of such food products, materials and articles to the requirements of normative documents.

4. At the checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation and at the points of the customs clearance of food products, materials and articles which are imported onto the territory of the Russian Federation, officials carrying out state sanitary and epidemiological supervision and the state phytosanitary control shall, in accordance with their competence, conduct an inspection of such food products, materials and articles and a check of their shipping documents, and shall take a decision on the possibility of the drawing up of the importation of such food products, materials and articles onto the territory of the Russian Federation.

In the case that any food products, materials and articles which are imported onto the territory of the Russian Federation raise with the officials carrying out state sanitary and epidemiological supervision, state veterinary supervision and state phytosanitary control any justified doubts about the safety of such food products, materials and articles, the said officials shall take a decision on a temporary suspension of the drawing up of the importation of such food products, materials and articles onto the territory of the Russian Federation.

In the case that any food products, materials and articles which are imported onto the territory of the Russian Federation are declared hazardous, the officials carrying out state sanitary and epidemiological supervision, state veterinary supervision and state phytosanitary control shall prohibit the importation of such food products, materials and articles onto the territory of the Russian Federation and shall make a note in their shipping documents to the effect that such food products, materials and articles are hazardous to human health and are not subject to realization.

The owner of dangerous food products, materials and articles must export them from the territory of the Russian Federation within ten days.

In the case that any dangerous food products, materials and articles are not exported from the territory of the Russian Federation within the period established by paragraph four of this Item, they shall be confiscated in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and shall be sent for expert examination, in accordance with the results of which they shall be utilized or destroyed.

Article 22. Requirements to the Organization and Carrying out of Productional Control over the Quality and Safety of Food Products, Materials and Articles

1. Individual businessmen and juridical persons carrying out activity in the manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles must organise and conduct productional control over their quality and safety, and over the observance of the requirements of normative and technical documents on the conditions of the manufacture and turnover of the food products, materials and articles.

2. Productional control over the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles shall be carried out in accordance with the program of productional control, which program shall be elaborated by an individual businessman or a juridical person on the basis of state standards and technical documents. The said program shall determine the procedure for the carrying out of productional control over the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles, the methods of such control and the methods of checking the conditions of their manufacture and turnover.

Article 23. Requirements to Workers Carrying Out Activity in the Manufacture and Turnover of Food Products

1. Workers engaged in works that are connected with the manufacture and turnover of food products or with the rendering of services in the retail trade in food products, materials and articles and in public catering, and in the performance of which the workers come into direct contact with food products, materials and articles, shall undergo preliminary pre-employment and periodical medical examinations, and also hygienic training in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. Persons having or suspected of having infectious diseases, persons who have had contact with infected persons, or persons who are carriers of infecting agents that may, in connection with the peculiarities of the manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles, present a danger of spreading such diseases, and also workers who have not undergone any hygienic training, shall not be admitted to any works in the performance of which there is direct contact of workers with food products, materials and articles.

Article 24. Requirements to the Withdrawal from Turnover of Low Quality and Dangerous Food Products, Materials and Articles

1. Low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles shall be subject to withdrawal from turnover.

The owner of low-quality and/or dangerous food products, materials and articles must withdraw them from turnover independently or on the basis of an order of the bodies of state supervision and control.

2. In the case that an owner of low-quality and/or dangerous food products, materials and articles has not taken any measures for their withdrawal from turnover, such food products, materials and articles shall be confiscated according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Article 25. Requirements to the Conduct of Expert Examination and to the Utilization or Destruction of Low-Quality and Dangerous Food Products, Materials and Articles Withdrawn from Turnover

1. Low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles that have been withdrawn from turnover shall be subject to relevant expert examination (sanitary and epidemiological, veterinary - sanitary, merchandising and other) to be conducted by the bodies of state supervision and control in accordance with their competence, for the purpose of determining the possibility of the utilisation or destruction of such food products, materials and articles.

Food products, materials and articles whose origin cannot be confirmed and which have manifest signs of inferior quality and present, in this connection, a direct threat to human life and health, shall be subject to utilization or destruction without conducting any expert examination. Prior to the utilisation or destruction of such food products, materials and articles their owner must, in the presence of a representative of the body of state supervision and control, change the properties of such food products,

materials and articles in any available and reliable way excluding the possibility of their further use for their proper purpose.

2. Low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles shall, for a period necessary to conduct their expert examination, utilisation or destruction, be sent for temporary storage, the conditions of which exclude the possibility of access to such food products, materials and articles.

Low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles that are being stored temporarily shall be subject to strict accounting. The responsibility for the safekeeping of such food products, materials and articles shall be borne by their owner.

3. On the basis of the results of the expert examination of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles the relevant body of state supervision and control shall take the decision on their utilization or destruction.

The owner of low-quality and/or dangerous products, materials and articles shall select the ways and conditions for their utilization or destruction in accordance with the requirements of normative or technical documents and shall agree with the body of the state supervision and control which rendered the decision on the utilization or destruction of such food products, materials and articles, the ways and conditions of their utilization or destruction.

The possibility of using low-quality and/or dangerous food products as fodder for animals shall be agreed upon with the state veterinary service of the Russian Federation.

4. Expenses for the expert examination, storage, carriage, utilization or destruction of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles shall be paid by their owner.

5. The owner of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles must submit to the body of state supervision and control that rendered the decision on their utilization or destruction, a document or a copy thereof attested in the established procedure that confirms the fact of the utilization or destruction of such food products, materials and articles.

6. The bodies of state supervision and control which rendered the decision on the utilization or destruction of low-quality and/or dangerous food products, materials and articles must exercise control over their utilization or destruction in connection with the danger of the emergence and spreading of diseases and poisoning of human beings and animals, and also of the pollution of the environment.

Chapter V. Responsibility for Violation of This Federal Law

Article 26. Administrative Responsibility for Violation of this Federal Law

1. Administrative responsibility shall be established for violation of this Federal Law in the following cases:

1) manufacture on or importation onto the territory of the Russian Federation of food products, materials and articles that have not passed state registration shall be punishable by a fine of five to twenty five minimum wages with or without the confiscation of such food products, materials and articles, by a fine on individual businessmen of twenty to forty minimum wages with or without the confiscation of such food products, materials and articles, by a fine on officials and on persons performing managerial functions to the extent of twenty five to fifty minimum wages, and by a fine on juridical persons to the extent of two hundred to five hundred minimum wages with or without the confiscation of such food products, materials and articles.

2) manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles and rendering of services in the retail trade in food products, materials and articles and in public catering with violation of the requirements of normative documents on quality and safety, to the conditions of the manufacture and turnover of food products, materials and articles, the rendering of such services and the production control over their quality and safety, non-submission of documents attesting the conformity of the quality and safety of food products, materials and articles to the requirements of normative documents, submission of incomplete or unreliable information about food products, materials and articles and on services rendered, and also non-fulfilment of the conditions of the utilization or destruction of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles -

shall be punishable by a fine on citizens of ten to twenty five minimum wages, by a fine on individual businessmen of twenty five to forty minimum rates of the remuneration, or the imposition of a fine on officials and on persons performing managerial functions to the extent of thirty to fifty minimum wages, by a fine on juridical persons to the extent of three hundred to five hundred minimum wages;

3) manufacture and turnover of low-quality and dangerous food products, materials and articles, including in the rendering of services in the retail trade in food products, materials and articles and in public catering, and also manufacture of falsified food products, materials and articles and trade therein -

shall be punishable by a fine on citizens of twenty to twenty five minimum wages with or without the confiscation of such materials and articles, materials and articles, by a fine on individual businessmen of thirty to forty minimum wages with or without the confiscation of such food products, materials and articles, by a fine on officials and persons performing managerial functions of forty to fifty minimum

wages, and by a fine on juridical persons of five hundred to a thousand minimum wages with or without the confiscation of such food products, materials and articles;

4) non-fulfilment of orders and decisions of the bodies of the state supervision and control -

shall entail be punishable by a warning or a fine on citizens of five to fifteen minimum wages, by a fine on individual businessmen of fifteen to forty minimum wages, and by a fine on officials and persons performing managerial functions of ten to forty minimum wages.

2. The measures of administrative sanction for violation of this Federal Law shall be applied by the bodies of state supervision and control within the limits of their powers according to the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. The application of measures of administrative sanction shall not release a guilty person from the duty to remove a committed violation and to compensate for the damage caused to the life, health and property of a citizen or to the property of a juridical person.

4. The appeal of the actions of officials of the bodies of the state supervision and control in the application of measures of administrative sanction shall be carried out in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Article 27. Criminal Responsibility for Violation of This Federal Law

A violation of this Federal Law that has brought about the occurrence of a disease or poisoning or the death of a human being as a result of the consumption of low-quality and/or dangerous food products shall entail criminal responsibility in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Article 28. Civil-Law Responsibility for Violation of This Federal Law

1. Individual businessmen and juridical persons carrying out activity in the turnover of food products, materials and articles, and also the rendering of services in public catering shall bear responsibility for violation of this Federal Law in accordance with civil legislation.

2. Damage caused to the life, health or property of a citizen or to the property of a juridical person as a consequence of defects of food products, materials and articles, and also of defects of services rendered in public catering concerning their quality and safety shall be subject to compensation in accordance with civil legislation.

Article 29. Responsibility of Officials of the Bodies of State Supervision and Control

Officials of the bodies of state supervision and control shall bear responsibility for improper discharge of their duties, and also for concealment of any facts bringing about a threat to human life and health, in the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Chapter VI. Final Provisions

Article 30. The Putting into Effect of This Federal Law

1. This Federal Law shall be put into effect as of the day of its official publication, with the exception of the provisions of Item 1 of Article 10 of this Federal Law, which shall be put into effect as of the day of the official publication of relevant normative legal acts approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The provisions of Articles 2 to 8 and Article 9 (with the exception of paragraph two of Item 2), Article 12 (with the exception of the provisions concerning the assessment and confirmation of conformity to the requirements of normative documents of services rendered in the retail trade and in public catering), Article 13, Article 16, Items 1, 2 and 5 to 8 of Article 17, Items 1 and 2 of Article 18, Items 1 to 3 and 5 of Article 19, Items 1 and 4 of Article 20, and Articles 21 to 28 of this Federal Law shall be applicable also to perfumery and cosmetic products, agents and articles for oral hygiene, and to tobacco articles. The provisions of Article 10 of this Federal Law shall extend also to cosmetic products and facilities and articles for the hygiene of the mouth cavity.

3. To recommend the President of the Russian Federation to bring his normative legal acts into conformity with this Federal Law.

4. To assign to Government of the Russian Federation to elaborate the normative legal acts stipulated by this Federal Law and to bring its normative legal acts into conformity with this Federal Law.

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