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Food Recall in Russian Federation

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Why Food Recall?

- › Efficient food recall system strengthens food safety and minimizes economic losses in emergency of food hazard
- › Efficiency of food recall depend on creating environment (when producer is interested in recall) and technical capabilities (when producer can do it efficiently)
- › Context of Russian Federation is the transition from old system of safety control to new model

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Causes of food recall

- › Non-conformance with technical documents
- › Non-conformance with requirements for circulability of food products

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Stages and responsibilities

What must be done if emergency of food hazard is identified on different levels

- › Production level
- › Transportation and storage
- › Realization of goods
- › Handling food during time of laboratory investigations
- › Role of control authorities

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Expertise, utilization and destruction

- › Assessments in expertise
- › Decision of control authorities on utilization or destruction
- › Rules for utilization
- › Rules for destruction

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Reform of technical regulation

- ▶ Rationale for technical regulation reform (voluntary national standards and regulations in conformity with WTO rules)
- ▶ Coverage of new technical regulations in Russian economy

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Procedures in case of information about non-conformance of food production with technical regulations

- Information transfer once information of non-conformance with technical regulation is received
- Check of validity of the information
- Designing of Program of prevention of harmful impact (for period of validity check)
- If information is valid — another Program of prevention of harmful impact
- If harm can't be eliminated — suspension of production, realization, recall
 - and compensation of losses to purchasers
- Procedure of compulsory withdrawal
- Administrative and criminal responsibilities

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Advanced practices: traceability and food recall procedures

- ▶ Systems HACCP and ISO 22000 as basis for strengthening traceability and food recall procedures in Russia
- ▶ System of traceability provides identification, records
- ▶ Established procedure of recall
- ▶ Efficiency of food recall procedures assessment

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Food safety control and recall in government procurement sector

Government procurement sector in Russia (Armed Forces)

- ▶ Developing requirements for range, quantity and quality of food purchased
- ▶ Conducting of competitive tendering, making contracts
- ▶ Examination of food on level of production and acceptance
- ▶ Withdrawal in case of non-compliance
- ▶ Key findings: efficiency of the system because of contract requirements, lack of state control mechanisms

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Features of food recall system in Russia

- ▶ **Weaknesses:** lack of responsibility for production of food non-compatible with requirements, lack of mechanism
- ▶ **Opportunities:** creating recall-stimulating environment, developing technical capabilities
- ▶ **Threats:** bureaucratization in case of strengthening control, low sensitivity to reputation losses

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