

CONSUMER PROTECTION (MAPA, IInd year of study, 3rd semester)

Credit value (ECTS) 8

Course category

Domain (Imposed)

Course holder:

Lecturer DVM PHD Corneliu GAȘPAR

Discipline objectives (course and practicum)

Acquiring perceptions, rules, methodologies, institutional frameworks on consumer protection, on food safety primarily at national level but also at European level and the food safety / expertise sector.

Conceptual definition of consumer and consumer protection.

Defining the concepts of consumism, consumatorism, consumerism.

Fundamental rights and obligations of consumers.

Institutions and agencies involved primarily in food safety.

Specific possibilities to ensure consumer protection by knowing some natural factors (water, air) but also microorganisms that can affect food.

Possibilities of detecting elements that may affect food.

Food safety chain.

Knowledge of the institutions involved in consumer protection.

Knowledge of possibilities of information on food safety.

Contents (syllabus)

Course (chapters/subchapters)
Consumer's protection. History. Definitions. Terminological clarifications, conceptual and legal bases.
The notion of consumer. Terminological and legislative definitions.
The importance of the consumer in the consumer society.
Types of consumers. Possibilities and criteria for their classification.
Consumatorism, consumism, consumerism.
Consumer associations, role and importance in the age of consumption.
Consumer protection at national level. The institutional framework of consumer protection in Romania. Institutions involved in food security.
Consumer protection at EU level.
The institutional framework. Institutions and responsibilities in ensuring food security.
International consumer protection. Basic principles of consumer protection. Fundamental rights of consumers and their responsibilities in food safety.
Fundamental consumer rights in the European Union.
Fundamental rights of consumers in Romania
Control bodies, possibilities to carry it out in the food sector.
Informing consumers, the basic step in ensuring their protection. Conceptual framework, possibilities for realization.
Food security and sovereignty. Generalities. Definitions. Concepts.
Food traceability. General. Definitions. Requirements. Traceability systems.

Practical works
Possibilities for qualitative and quantitative schematic assessment of microbiological indicators of food with direct and indirect effects on consumers.
Drinking water. Properties. Major factor in quality assurance of life and implicitly in consumer protection. Types of drinking water.
General conditions of air quality and microclimate with an impact on food and consumers.
Contamination with food fungi and mycotoxins.
Possibilities for detecting the degree of mycotoxin contamination in food. Admissibility limits.
HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) and food quality. General framework. Terminological clarifications. Consumer implications.
Food traceability.
Possibilities for product labeling and their informative impact on consumers.
Ways of labeling prepackaged foods.
Ways of labeling unpackaged food.
Nutrition labeling.
Eco - labeling of food.
Labeling of genetically modified food
Control activity of the institutions involved in consumer protection.

References

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- Mihaela Aida Vasile (2009) - Legislație și protecția consumatorilor, Ed. Europlus, Galați
- Dinu Vasile (2011) - Protecția consumatorilor, Editura ASE București
- Teușdea V., Harbuz L. (2004)- Protecția mediului, Ed.a III-a, Editura Omega Print, București;
- Legislație specifică în domeniu:
 - *** Legea nr. 37/2002 privind protecția consumatorilor
 - ***Ordonanța de urgență nr. 84/2002 privind protecția consumatorilor
 - ***Legea nr. 37/2003 privind protecția consumatorilor
 - *** Hotărâre nr. 700/2012 privind organizarea și funcționarea Autorității Naționale pentru Protecția Consumatorilor

Evaluation

Evaluation form	Evaluation Methods	Percentage of the final grade
Exam	Oral examination	65%
Appreciation of the activity during the semester	Oral assessment during the semester, verification tests and final laboratory colloquium.	35%

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