

THE KEY OBLIGATIONS OF FOOD AND FEED BUSINESS OPERATORS

Safety

Operators shall not place on the market unsafe food or feed

Responsibility

Operators are responsible for the safety of the food and feed which they produce, transport, store or sell

Traceability

Operators shall be able to rapidly identify any supplier or consignee

Transparency

Operators shall immediately inform the competent authorities if they have a reason to believe that their food or feed is not safe

Emergency

Operators shall immediately withdraw food or feed from the market if they have a reason to believe that it is not safe

Prevention

Operators shall identify and regularly review the critical points in their processes and ensure that controls are applied at these points

Co-operation

Operators shall co-operate with the competent authorities in actions taken to reduce risks

These obligations derive from the EU food safety legislation. They are further detailed in the guidance document on the implementation of the main General Food Law requirements.

For more information, see

Website: http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health_consumer/foodsafety.htm