A Fitness check of the Food chain

First results and next steps

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1.1 Fitness check - Objective

Verify if food chain policy is 'fit for purpose', by identifying administrative burden, overlaps/gaps, deficits and/or obsolete measures;

COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT
A FITNESS CHECK OF THE FOOD CHAIN
State- of- play and next steps
to be published in 4Q 2013
1.2 Fitness check - Scope

**SANCO Food chain** chosen for its

- *Socio-economic importance: Role of the Food sector in Europe*
- *Extensive legislative EU framework: One of the most EU-level harmonized sectors*

**Scope:** Overall assessment of **16 main policy areas** in the Food chain to identify deficits and gaps
1.3 Fitness check - Tools

Sources
- Stakeholder consultations
- Commission FVO audits & controls
- Member states reports

Tools
- Impact Assessment
- Ex post evaluations

Food chain Legislation Fit for purpose

Objectives
- Administrative burden reduction & Simplification gains
- Europe 2020 & EU added-value
- Competitiveness proofing & SME test
## 1.4 Results – State of play

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<td>Entering into force</td>
<td>Identifying additional impact on competitiveness, innovation health and safety</td>
<td>Linking policy action to strategic priorities on Smart growth</td>
<td>Main issues to be resolved, reflecting stakeholder input</td>
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1.5 Fitness check – First results

- **Comprehensive**: Full Food chain with 16 policy areas
- **Consistent**: Using Smart regulation assessment criteria (Simplification, administrative burden, SME impact, economic impacts)
- **Critical**: Assessment of each policy including deficits and gaps
- **Conclusive**: Narrative for REFIT General Food Law
2.1 REFIT - Background

EU legislation 'is essential to ... set the conditions for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, benefitting citizens, businesses and workers ...'.

Commission's commitment to 'meet policy goals at minimum cost, achieving the benefits that only EU legislation can bring and eliminating all unnecessary regulatory burden.'

Commission Communication: Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT): Results and Next Steps COM(2013) 685 final
2.2 REFIT - Scope

Building on Fitness check 'first results and next steps':

2nd phase: Focus on General Food Law, the principles of the Food chain legislative framework:

- Deficits and gaps, synergies and overlaps
- Simplification and gains and administrative burden reduction
- Contribution to growth and jobs without compromising Consumer choice and Public health
Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme

Regulatory Fitness Check of the General Food Law

Regulation No 178/2002

Internal assessment
- SANCO Task Force
- Inter-Service Steering Group
- Public Health
- Consumer welfare
- Competitiveness
- SME impact
- ABR+
- Simplification

Public consultation
- Member States
- Socio-Economic sector
- SCoFCAH Advisory Group
- Public e-consultation
- HLF Food Chain
- Nutrition Platform
- Consumer Forum
- HLG
- Admin Burden

REFIT Evaluation
- External contractor
- 12 months
- Evaluation questions:
  - Effectiveness,
  - Efficiency,
  - Coherence,
  - Added value and Complementarity

Staff Working Document "Fitness Check of the Food Chain – State of play and next steps"  
Mapping of 16 main policies in the areas of: consumer choice, competitiveness, innovation and food safety
2.3 General Food law - Structure
2.4 REFIT Objectives - Survey

**Questions** (column 1+2):
- Five main objectives
- Nineteen issues at stake (plus RASFF)

**Answers** (column 3+4):
- Importance for you
- Relevance for REFIT

**Results** (column 5+6):
- Establishing priorities
- Identifying case studies and data sources
2.5 REFIT - Planning

- **Mandate**: Presentation 4Q 2013
- **Public consultation**: 2Q 2014
- **External study** (data gathering): 2Q 2014
- **Stakeholder consultation**: Regular events in parallel to the REFIT exercise
- **Final report**: Commission SWD 2Q 2015

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