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Czech Republic experience with official controls of food labelling requirements

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CAFIA

Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority

CAFIA is a state administration body subordinate to the Ministry of Agriculture. It is a state authority responsible for supervision of safety, quality and labelling of foodstuffs.

Within its competencies, CAFIA checks foodstuffs, raw materials for their production, agricultural and tobacco products. The above competences apply to production, storage, transport, and sale (including import).



OVERALL SUMMARIES OF INSPECTION RESULTS *in 2018*

In 2018 CAFIA inspectors carried out a total of 43,401 inspections on the premises of businesses in the food industry, public catering facilities, customs warehouses and online shops.

- 25,067 inspections were carried out at retail premises,
- 14,290 in public catering facilities,
- 5,868 in production,
- 1,876 in wholesale warehouses,
- 599 in primary production,
- 1,041 in other locations (e.g. during transit, at customs warehouses, etc.).

The highest number of inspections in 2018 was carried out in the retail network. This is due not only to the actual number of retail facilities in the Czech Republic, but also to the fact that the share of non-compliance foodstuffs identified during inspections is many times higher in retail than it is in production.

The results of official inspections consistently indicate the high standard of Czech food producers.

FOCUS ON INSPECTION ACTIVITIES IN LABELLING 2018

Within the control of labelling, a total of 4,036 batches of foodstuffs were examined in 2018, from which a total of 1,753 batches of foodstuffs were non-compliant.

In administrative proceedings totally 505 fines was imposed for violation of Art. 7 of Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 – providing misleading information.



The most problematic non-compliances in labelling identified by CAFIA in 2018

- **Missing information about allergens** – problem of food safety
- **Declaration** – „*may contain trace amounts of allergen*“, however amount of allergen is much more higher than traces – problem of food safety
- **Lower content of „main“ ingredients** (e.g. meat in meat products, fruit in fruit spreads) – problem of misleading consumers, fraudulent practices
- **Lower content of vitamins or minerals emphasised on labels** – consumers choose product for its „higher“ value
- **Misleading country of origin** (e.g. honey, wine) – preferences of consumer (environmental, regional...)

The most frequently identified non-compliances in labelling by CAFIA

Absence of legal name of the foodstuff (business x legal name)

- According to the relevant commodity decrees

Ingredients in the food composition are not listed in descending order of weight

- Article 18 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011

Ingredients are only mentioned in general without specification

- E.g. Fruit – it is apricot jam
- e.g. in the composition „flour“ (but must be specified which – wheat, rye, etc.) – possible allergen

Decree No. 417/2016 Coll. on certain methods of food labelling - „Czech food“

The words "Czech food" or the graphic, verbal, figurative representation of this decree can be used in the case of:



Unprocessed foodstuffs

100 % of all components of the total weight of unprocessed food, wine products or milk originate in the Czech Republic and primary production, slaughter of animals and all stages of production took place in the Czech Republic

Processed food

The sum of the weight of the components originating in the Czech Republic is at least 75 % of the total weight determined at the time of use in the production of food other than unprocessed or milk and production took place in the Czech Republic

Decree No. 417/2016 Coll. on certain methods of food labelling – „made in the Czech Republic“

Marking a food with the words "made in the Czech Republic" can be used, if the **production** took place in a Czech Republic

Production of foodstuffs is in accordance with § 2 (1) f) Act No. 110/1997 Coll.: **cleaning, sorting, editing, working and processing, including related packaging** of other food modifications for the purpose of placing on the market, with the exception of activities consisting only in a separate process of packaging or sectioning or other means of splitting of foodstuffs including their subsequent packaging



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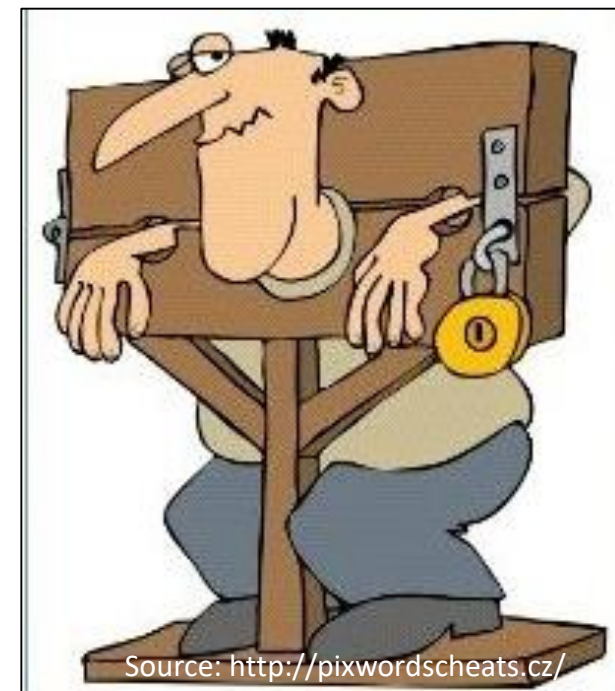
Poor quality, adulterated and unsafe food

Food Pillory

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- The name was inspired by the old-fashioned pillory, a wooden contraption that locks a criminal's head and arms in place for public humiliation
 - Aims of the website:
 - Improve consumers' position on the market
 - Give the information about unsatisfactory food products on the market found during official controls to consumer
 - Food law shall aim at the protection of the interests of consumers and shall provide a basis for consumers to make informed choices in relation to the foods they consume.



Source: <http://pixwordscheats.cz/>

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- The website www.potravinynapranyri.cz („Food Pillory“) was launched on July 10th 2012 providing information on unsafe, adulterated and poor-quality foodstuffs.
- The information is published by CAFIA - overview of what the inspectors have found, and where.
- Overview of non-compliant lots found by inspectors within official inspections, closed establishments, results of thematic controls and risky websites.

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- Transparency – results/outcomes of the CAFIA inspections
- Legal framework – national law:
 - No. 110/1997 Coll. - § 15 (13)

„the competent authorities are entitled to use the data collected in their information systems for the purpose of regulating, managing and coordinating the state supervision and **informing the public.**“
 - No. 146/2002 Coll. - § 3 (3) i

„CAFIA provides information about outcomes of official controls **important for consumers protection**“
- CAFIA's quality management system has held the ISO 9001 international standard certificate since 2005. In 2018, CAFIA successfully passed a supervisory audit of the system.

Project Food Pillory in 2019



Website
(10. 7. 2012)

Number of visits 5.200.000

Mobile Application
(10. 9. 2013)

Number of downloads 71.000



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Facebook
(26.2.2014)

„likes of profile“ 29.000

Twitter
(7.7.2014)

„followers“ 5.000

Instagram
(20. 10. 2016)

„followers“ 1.100

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Potatoes

**Konzumní brambory rané,
odrůda Colomba**
Penny Market s.r.o.

Část hlíz nebyla odrůdy Colomba.



Meat and meat products

Vysočina

DANH HUNG NGUYEN

Na povrchu výrobku se vyskytovala plíseň
viditelná pouhým okem. Výrobek zapáchal po[Previous](#)

Edible fats and oils

**la masía EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE
OIL/EXTRA PANENSKÝ**
BMC Brno, s.r.o.

Olivový olej nebyl kategorie extra panenský



Meat and meat products

Sekaná

DANH HUNG NGUYEN

Výrobek silně zapáchal po kažení a měl oslzlý





CLOSED ESTABLISHMENTS



Retail

NGOC BINH NGUYEN

Újezd nad Zbečnem, 270 24 Zbečno

Occurrence of mice excrements
Occurrence of live mice



Retail

VAN TRUONG NGUYEN

Svatojánské náměstí 4, 439 09 Slavětín

Occurrence of mice excrements
Filth on the floor



Fast food

AKMALJON MUKHTOROV

Jungmannova 129, 565 01 Choceň

Occurrence of mice excrements
Failure to protect premises against the access



Retail

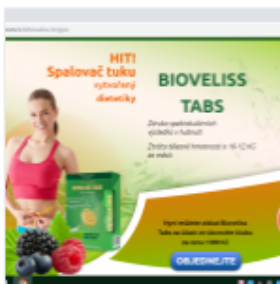
Thanh Dung Doan

Karla Dudy 581, 272 03 Kladno

Occurrence of mice excrements
Failure to protect premises against the access



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<https://todayofferhub.com/420/bbr/gps/>

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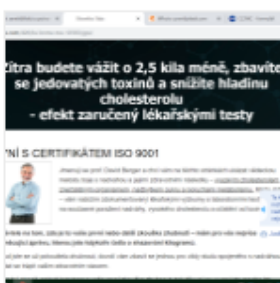


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<http://cze.chocolites.net/>

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<https://shopnaturenow.com/420/bnme-tox-12565/gps/>

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<https://shockingdiscover.com/420/med-m/gps/>

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Food Pillory

- The project has become a huge hit with consumers.
- On the day of its launch, it registered more than 200,000 hits within 24 hours.
- Consumers highly appreciated this project and it became a triple winner of the *Crystal Magnifying Glass Award (2012, 2013, 2014)* in the category of Public Utility Services of the Czech Republic

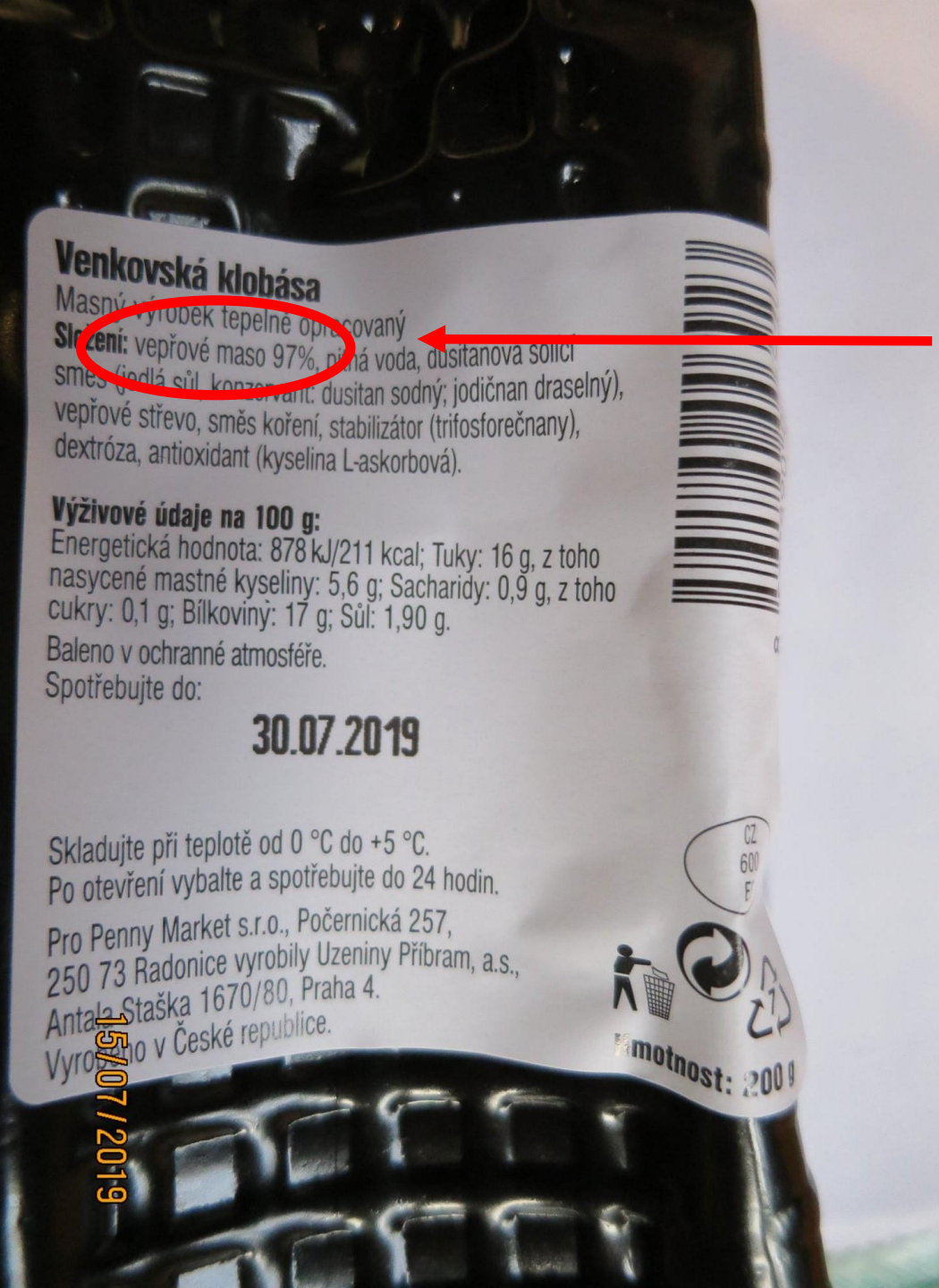




**meat content
97 %**



**pork meat
97 %**



	Labelling	Laboratory analysis
Meat content	97 % (Ingredients)	79.9 %


Non-compliance with Art. 7 (1a) of Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011:

Food information **shall not be misleading**, particularly:

- a) as to the characteristics** of the food and, in particular, as to its nature, identity, properties, **composition**, quantity, durability, country of origin or place of provenance, method of manufacture or production



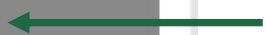


Retail		10/25/2019
Place of inspection: Penny Market s.r.o. Praha (Matůškova 831/1, 14900 Praha) IN: 64945880		
Food group: Meat and meat products / Heat-treated non-durable products		
Venkovská klobása Category: Adulterated food		
Unsatisfactory parameter: > fat > meat content The product contained less meat and more fat than indicated on the packaging. Thus, misleading information on the composition of the product was provided to the consumer. [show original]		
Batch:	DP: 30. 7. 2019	
Usability date:	30.7.2019	
Packaging:	plastová vanička a folie	
The amount of product in the package:	200 g	
Producer:	Uzeniny Příbram a.s., Antala Staška 1670/80, Praha 4	
Date of taking the sample:	7/15/2019	
Reference number:	19-000457-SZPI-CZ	

Sample was detected by official control of Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority.



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Product



Non-compliance



Additional information





Food Supplement

Laboratory analysis confirmed that the foodstuff contained only 68 mg/1000 mg of chondroitin sulphate compared to 900 mg/1000 mg stated on the labelling.

!!! 92 % less !!!



<https://www.potravinynapranyri.cz/Detail.aspx?id=56926>

<https://www.szpi.gov.cz/en/article/cafia-found-food-supplement-with-significantly-lower-content-of-key-ingredient.aspx>



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Online shop 5/17/2019

Place of inspection:
Green Medical s.r.o.
"www.namaximum.cz"
Praha (Rybná 716/24, 11000 Praha)
IN: 02305348



Food group: Foods for particular nutritional uses, food supplements / Food supplements

Chondroitin Sulphate 100g
Category: Adulterated food

Unsatisfactory parameter:

> chondroitin sulfate

The product contained considerably less chondroitin sulfate than indicated on the package.

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Best date:	13.09.2019
Packaging:	uzavíratelný doypack sáček se zipem
The amount of product in the package:	100 g
Distributor:	Green Medical s.r.o., Rybná 716/24, 110 00 Praha
Date of taking the sample:	3/25/2019
Reference number:	19-000156-SZPI-CZ

Sample was detected by official control of Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority.



CAFIA found food supplement with significantly lower content of key ingredient

04/18/2019

Inspectors of the Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (CAFIA) found non-compliant food supplement “Chondroitin Sulphate – food supplement, Natural Nutrition, 100g, best before date by 13. 09. 2020.” The product was offered on www.namaximum.cz.

Laboratory analysis confirmed that the foodstuff contained 68.428 mg/1000 mg of chondroitin sulphate only compared to 900 mg/1000 mg stated on the labelling. Indicating untrue information on the labelling, the inspected person thus misled consumers.

CAFIA carried out the inspection at company Green Medical s.r.o., Rybná 716/24, 110 00 Prague 1, the Czech Republic, and ordered the company to relabel the lot in question and until the measure is taken, the foodstuff of the given lot must not be placed on the market. The inspected person informed CAFIA that the sale of the foodstuff concerned was stopped and consumers were informed of the detection including the option to return the goods.

Company Summit Nutritionals International, Inc., USA was the producer of the food supplement in question.

CAFIA will initiate an administrative procedure on imposition of a fine with the inspected person.



Labelling	Laboratory analysis
„May contain peanuts“	!!! 86,332 mg/kg !!!

Hazelnuts probably replaced with peanuts?

<https://www.potravinynapranyri.cz/Detail.aspx?id=57163&lang=en&design=default&archive=actual&listtype=tiles>

<https://www.szpi.gov.cz/en/article/warning-for-consumers-cafia-found-chocolate-biscuits-with-c-3-500-times-higher-content-of-peanuts-than-indicated-on-the-labelling.aspx>

AAC notification 411865





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Retail

9/30/2019

Place of inspection:

AZ Family s.r.o.

"TEXTIL, OBUV A DOMÁCÍ POTŘEBY"

Žďár nad Sázavou (nám. Republiky 149/13, 59101 Žďár nad Sázavou)

IN: 05655463



Food group: Bakery products / Biscuits

SUŠENKY S KOUSKY ČOKOLÁDY LÍSKOVÝMI OŘECHY

Category: Adulterated food

Unsatisfactory parameter:

> peanuts (as allergen)

The product contained a significant amount of peanuts.

The package states: 'May contain peanuts' but the quantity found exceeds by a few orders of magnitude that can be considered as trace amounts.

O CAFIA has already informed about this product on 26 August 2019 in a press release: **Warning to consumers: CAFIA detected chocolate cookies with about 3500x higher content of peanut allergen compared to the information on the packaging.**

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08/26/2019

The Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (CAFIA) banned placing following foodstuff on the market: "SUŠENKY S KOUSKY ČOKOLÁDY A LÍSKOVÝMI OŘECHY" (*Biscuits with chocolate bits and hazelnuts*) packaged à 150 g with best before date by: 5th March 2020, lot: L191021, providing information: "Made for Cookiesland s.r.o., Horní Lištná 92, 739 61 Třinec." Follow-up investigation carried out by CAFIA inspectors revealed that the biscuits were purchased from producer: P.W. SPOMET SP.J., A. Nowotarski, J. Medrzak, J. Kaminski, M. Adamczyk, ul. Żwiecka 13, 43 - 300 Bielsko – Biala, Poland.

Laboratory analysis confirmed presence of peanuts in the foodstuff which amounted to 86,332 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). The producer indicated on the labelling, inter alia, that "May contain peanuts." However, the given amount exceeds the amount admissible as unintentional cross-contamination, i.e. traces of peanuts by multiple orders.

The foodstuff in question may pose a serious health risk for persons suffering from an allergy or intolerance to peanuts. CAFIA recommends all consumers with the allergy or intolerance to peanuts that do not eat the lots of foodstuff concerned.

Allergen labelling „gluten free“



Amount of gluten was over the limit set in regulation (EU) 828/2014 (20 mg/kg)

High content of gluten in a product labelled as „gluten-free“.



RASFF notification - 2019.1420

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 Retail 6/14/2019

Place of inspection:
FLOSMAN a.s.
Nová Včelnice (Čechova 479, 37842 Nová Včelnice)
IN: 25188445




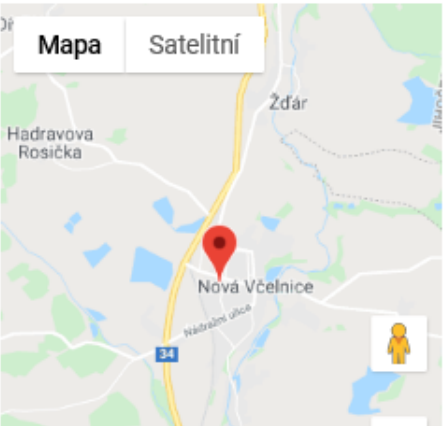
Food group: Pasta / Pasta made without eggs

Sotelli Kingdom of Taste Pasta Gluten free Macaroni.
Category: Unsafe food

Unsatisfactory parameter:
> gluten

The product contained allergen - gluten in quantities greater than those permitted for foods labeled "gluten-free" or "gluten-free".
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Batch:	DMT: 02.01.2020
Best date:	02.01.2020
Packaging:	PAP krabíčka s PP sáčkem
The amount of product in the package:	400 g
Producer:	POL-FOODS Sp.z.o.o., ul.Kolejowa 1D, 19-335 Prostki, Poland.
Country of origin:	 Poland
Date of taking the sample:	3/11/2019
Reference number:	19-000187-SZPI-CZ



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Sample was detected by official control of Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority.


List of risky websites


New design from 15. May 2019 - <http://www.potravinynapranyri.cz>






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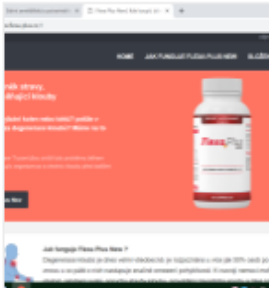

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10/8/2019

<http://cze.chocolites.net/>

Offered food:

Choco Lite

Website description:

Websites <http://cze.chocolites.net/> are in Czech language. The offered product can be purchased in CZK. Product Choco Lite intended for weight reduction is offered on the here.

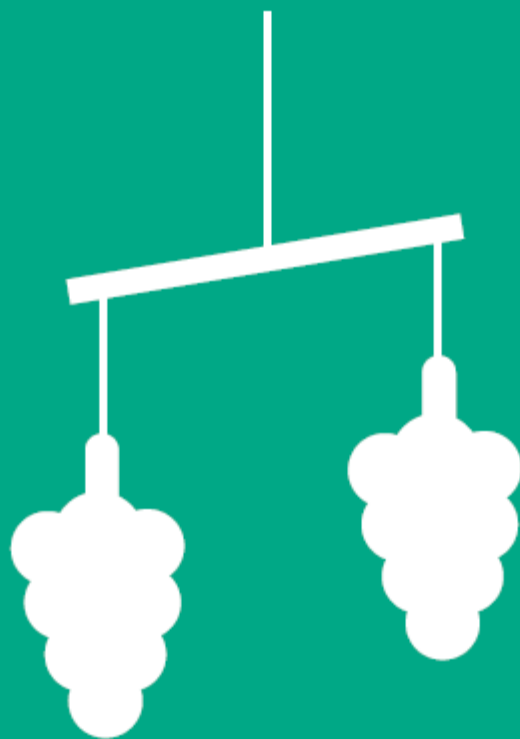
What to watch out for:

- 1) There is neither information on the website operator nor a contact address on the websites, consumers therefore do not know with whom they conclude the contract.
- 2) The websites are registered outside the territory of the CR (information on the domain holder: Sergey Kondratuk, banderi 5, Lvov 04192, Ukrajina, +380660966955).
- 3) However, mandatory information on the foodstuff compliant to Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 is missing, so-called "medical claims" in contradiction to Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 as well as health claims in contradiction to Regulation (EC) No. 1924/2006 on nutritional and health claims are stated within labelling. The operator also uses unfair business practices on the websites in question.
- 4) With regard to the fact that the entity administrating the domain mentioned above is probably outside the territory of the CR and the EU as well, activities of Czech supervisory authorities towards him are very limited.

Reference number:

W19-000038-SZPI-CZ

Adulteration of food — current problem?



https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/official-controls-food-fraud_brochure_2015.pdf

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Thank you for your attention.

Any questions?