

# Global Food Safety Legislation Portal



## Development of a Food Legislation Portal

The global food safety legislation portal is developed within the framework of the EU project SELAMAT, where it was identified that the official national MRLs and related legislation of trading countries were hard to find on the internet. A new portal was set up, to function as a 'guide' through on-line available information on legislation for contaminants, pesticides, veterinary drugs and additives.

## Unique design

The portal is developed to provide links to overview pages, search engines and legislation databases containing current food safety legislation, MRLs and related information on the above mentioned subjects. Extra instructions on where and how to search in the reported links are provided for each item. This strategy was chosen since MRLs and legislation texts are continuously changing and 'hard links' to such data are rapidly outdated. This distinguishes this portal from many others.

**“A tool to find *up-to-date* national MRLs and related legislation of contaminants, feed and food additives, pesticides and veterinary drug residues”**

## Free access

The above mentioned information on legislation is freely accessible. New plans involve supplementing the portal with written and visual information on Good practices, analytical methods and a help desk service. Access to this information will require registration.

## How does it work?

The portal can be searched by information type (legislation, MRLs), subject, and country. The results are presented in a 'quick-to-screen' list. For each item, a 'detail link' provides extra information like document type, language, update frequency, contact information, and how to find the data.

## We need your information!

The project team has searched intensively for available information but we may have missed some relevant information. Therefore, if you have additional information on national food safety legislation or details of national legislation contact points, we invite you to provide it to us. In this way, we can further develop this portal, to facilitate other authorities in their search for information. Submitting information can be done on the site (click 'new information' in the menu) or via the database manager.

## The SELAMAT project

SELAMAT brings together scientists and regulators from Europe and Asia in a network to share methodology and policy developments related to food quality and safety.



The network has identified three research topics linked to ensuring liberal trade:

- impact of food on health
- traceability of food along the whole food chain
- methods of detecting contaminants

It leads to scientific partnerships between EU and ASEM countries in a concerted effort towards assured, safer and more sustainable food production systems.

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