



## ANTI-ILLICIT TRADE & FOOD COMMITTEE COMMITTEE 2-YEAR PROGRAM

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| <b>1. PRIORITY (topic)</b> | <b>Consistent implementation of the National Program for Fighting the Grey Economy</b>   |
| <b>Goal:</b>               | Combating illicit trade should stay at the top of the agenda of the new Government.  |
| <b>Proposed activity:</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FIC members support to the systematic approach of the Government in activities of fighting grey economy.</li><li>• Engagement and support is crucial and requires continuation in dedication to coordinated enforcement, open dialogue with stakeholders, assisting the GoV in planning and allocating adequate resources to upgrade the work of enforcement bodies and drafting the legislation.</li><li>• Special focus on the illicit trade problems within the most sensitive sectors – excise goods and food (upgrading of the food and AIT legislation – preventing the impact of the coming crisis caused by shortages in global supply chain)</li></ul>  |
| <b>2. PRIORITY (topic)</b> | <b>Trade facilitation with simplified import and export procedures</b>   |
| <b>Goal:</b>               | Advocate for a more efficient import and export procedures in line with full implementation on Law on Inspection Supervision   |
| <b>Proposed activity:</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address the issues from the local institutional framework and regional non-customs barriers that are making import and export procedures more complex.</li><li>• Focus on resolving technical difficulties within the authorities in Serbia ranging from an uneven treatment of customs officials that vary between border customs offices, uneven issuance practice for certificate of origin (non-recognition of productions inputs), requirement of paper documents by different state authorities (customs and inspections) due to the lack of electronic connectivity between these institutions, etc.</li><li>• Applying the benefits of the Open Balkan initiative model on all border crossings in the region.</li></ul> |
| <b>3. PRIORITY (topic)</b> | <b>Wide visibility of the Committee - important factor in public discussions on AIT and Food issues</b>  |



**Goal:** Efficient cooperation with main GoV stakeholders and raising awareness and significance of AIT and Food related topics – national and regional approach

- Continuation of already established dialogue and cooperation with Government bodies on AIT and food related issues.
- Open dialogue with stakeholders.
- Joint actions with inspections, Prosecutor Office, Courts in order to reduce complexity and inconsistent application of procedures and create more efficient work and results.
- Initiating activities aimed at keeping the public and Government focus on the importance of ongoing anti-illicit trade actions (twice per year organize meeting with inspection/Police, presenting results of their activities as well AIT & Food Committee members supportive ideas)

**Proposed activity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. PRIORITY (topic)** Full harmonization of Serbian regulation with EU and ensuring uniform interpretation of the regulations of all sectors within the Ministries and unique treatment by the various inspection bodies

Full harmonization of Serbian regulation with EU, industry and international standards followed by consistent and transparent implementation by introduction of referent contact points within Ministries to remove differences in interpretations and implementation of the regulations, which will facilitate trade of goods and improvement in cost and bureaucracy cutting.

**Goal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed activity:**

- Ongoing dialogue with state and industry counterparts

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**5. PRIORITY (topic)** Establishment and implementation of a system of risk assessment in terms of food safety

Implementation of inspection controls based on meaningful risk-management, in order to reduce complexity and inconsistent application of procedures that lead to differing treatment of domestic producer's vs those who import all or part of their products or ingredients

**Goal:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Advocating meaningful risk control inspection model, and utilization of centralized information management tools with consolidated data (with track records of operators), constructive cooperation in relevant processes.
- Raising awareness of the importance to establish a wider range of subsidies and incentives in the agricultural production and better use of existing subsidies and grants (e.g. IPARD).

**Proposed activity:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Foreign Investors Council**

**6. PRIORITY (topic)**

**Full implementation on Law on Inspection Supervision**

Consistent application of the Law on Inspection Supervision with the adoption of harmonized sectoral laws (application of Article 69 of the Law on Inspection Supervision), while improving the efficiency of judicial proceedings in relation to illicit trade. Resolving this issues will create the basis for enabling a greater

**Goal:**

degree of freedom of movement of goods.

**Proposed activity:**

- Ongoing dialogue with state and industry counterparts