TRANSITION FROM NATIONAL TO EU LEGISLATION

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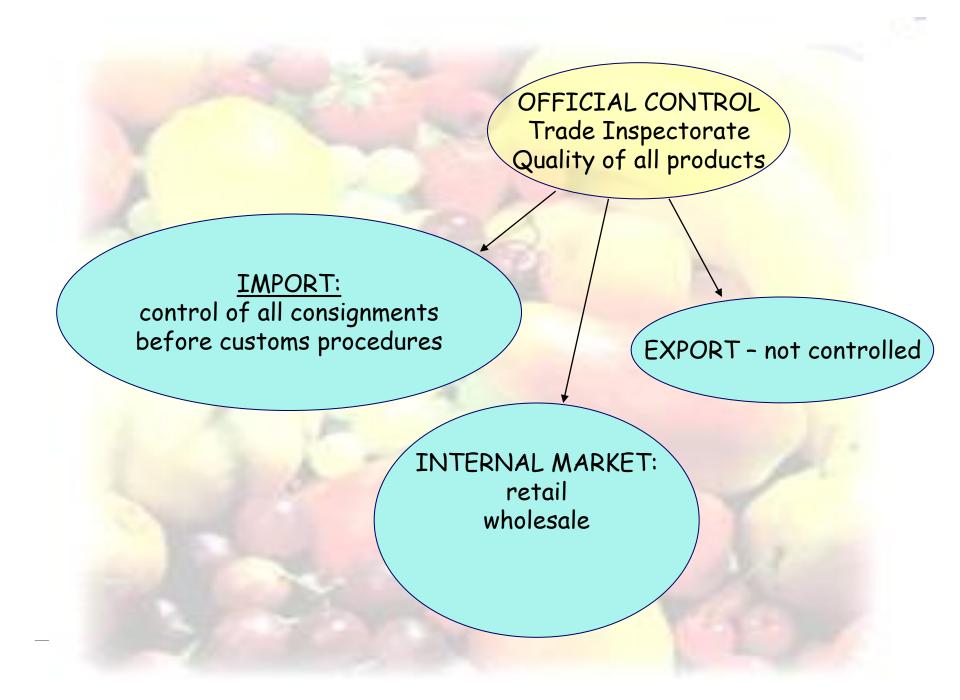
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1 Quality standard for fruit, vegetables and mushrooms (SFRJ 1979)

- a) General part: marking, presentation, minimum requirements
- b) Special part: classification (E,I,II), quality requirements, tolerances

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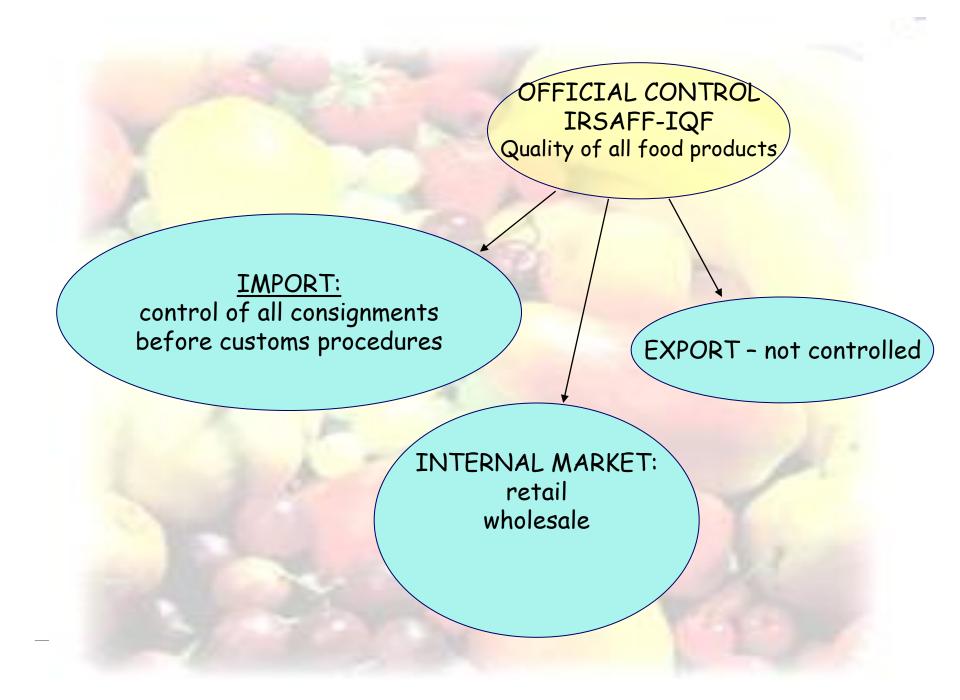
- 1. FRUIT: apples, pears, peaches, apricots, cherries, sour cherries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, bilberries, table grapes, walnuts, chestnuts, hazelnuts, almonds, peanuts, pistachio, figs, citrus fruits, bananas and dates;
- 2. VEGETABLES: tomato, aubergine, sweet peppers, watermelon, melon, cucumbers, courgettes, early and ware potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, carrots, beets, radishes, turnips, mangold, spinach, salad, endivie, chicory, onion, garlic, leeks, celery, asparagus, pees, beans, lentils and mushrooms



17 National quality standards (EU standards in form and content)

Covered:

leeks, sweet peppers, salad+endivie, garlic, kivi, cucumbers, table grapes, cherries+sour cherries+strawberries, apples+pears, apricots, asparagus, carrots, tomatoes, cabbage+brussels sprout+ celery+spinach, peaches+nectarines, onion+chicory, aubergines+courgettes



2001 - 2004 DILEMAS AND PROBLEMS

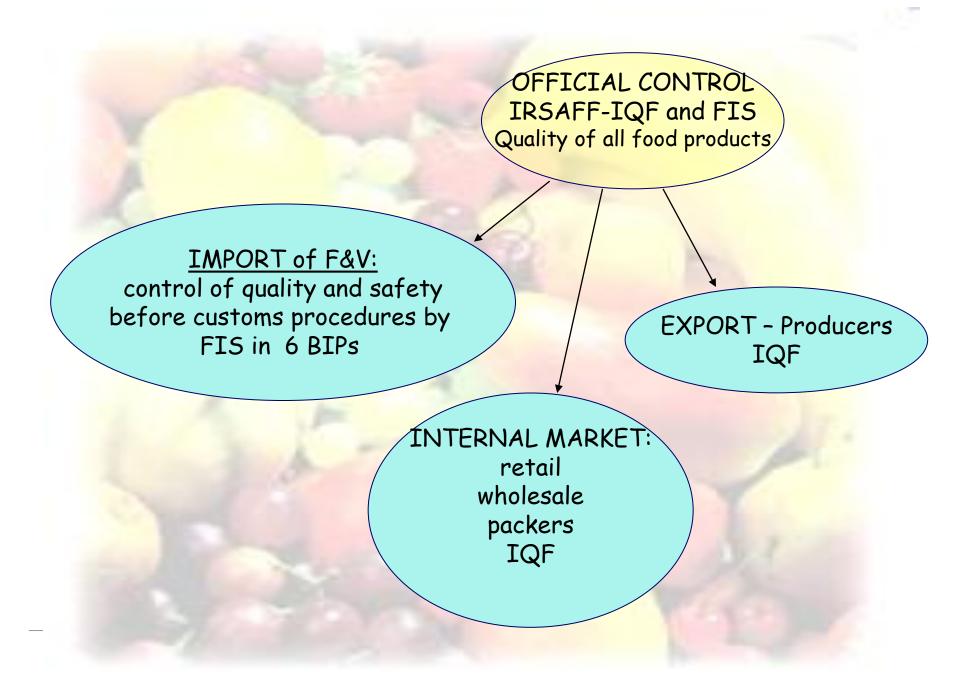
- 1. Official control of quality of food in internal market and import reorganization. Not enough inspectors!
 - 2. New competences: certificated food, carcass classification Not enough qualification!
 - 3. In control of fruit and vegetables national standards covered 27 varieties/species

 What about others?
 - 4. Food quality legislation increased and changed enormous In legal procedures we have to follow all changes!

- EU directives implementation
- · National standards (rules) decreased

F&V: 34 EU standards manual, instructions, check lists trainings

In 2004 internal reorganization of IRSAFF (Inspectorate of Republic of Slovenia for Agriculture, Forestry and Food)
 7 Inspection serviceis: IQF (Inspection service for Quality of Food FIS (Fitosanitarian Inspection Service)



In 2006 Twinning project: quality of F&V

- 6 weeks for all inspectors
- · 2 weeks for special group
- 4 inspectors trainers
- · Completion of manual, instructions, check list

In 2007: new EU directives decreased no of standards 10 + 1

- Trainings for all inspectors 2/year
- Communication with traders and producers meetings and seminars

In 2010 REORGANIZATION OF IRSAFF

FOOD SAFETY and FOOD QUALITY in IRSAFF-IQF

- Trainings for all inspectors
- Food safety manuals, instructions...
- · Quality inspectors worked on food safety controls, too

In 2011: new EU directive again (more tolerances!)

- Training for all inspectors
- · Communication with traders and producers
- · Forming specialized groups (safety, quality)

BEFORE AND AFTER 2004

BEFORE:

- 1 STANDARD, defined quality requirements, not a lot of changes
- · Less communication with traders and producers
- Less training
- · Control oriented on labelling and minimum requirements
- · Classification inspected at import stage
- · Quality classes and prices at retail stage not connected

AFTER:

- · 11 STANDARDS, not so defined, more changes
- More communication
- More training
- International meetings
- · Classification, labelling and minimum requirements inspected at all stages

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION