Information on the organization of market surveillance in technical rationing and conformity assessment in the Republic of Belarus

The State Committee of Standardization (Gosstandart) of the Republic of Belarus, as per legislation on guaranteeing quality and safety of food and feed, deals with technical rationing and standardization, confirmation of compliance with the requirements of technical normative acts, state control and surveillance in the sphere of guaranteeing quality and safety in food and feed production and sale.

State monitoring

Within its competence, Gosstandart carries out systemic control and monitoring of the following: quality of the goods produced, compliance of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs with the requirements of normative acts while selling imported goods. The State monitors the requirements of technical regulations by performing testing sample at all the stages, from development of goods and setting them on production to production and sale. In its activity, Gosstandard is guided by the following legislative and technical normative acts:

- Law of the Republic of Belarus “On technical rationing and standardization”
- Law of the Republic of Belarus “On the assessment of conformity with the requirements of technical normative acts in the sphere of technical rationing and standardization”
- Law of the Republic of Belarus “On sanitary and epidemic well-being of the population”
- Law of the Republic of Belarus “On food and feed quality and safety for human health”
- Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus “On accomplishment of controlling (monitoring) activity in the Republic of Belarus”
- Enactment of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus “On confirmation of rules of the procedure of executing state monitoring on conformity with the requirements of technical regulations and the rules of the procedure of state metrological monitoring”
- Offences Code of the Republic of Belarus, international normative acts on specific types of goods, interstate standards, state standards of the Republic of Belarus, technical conditions.

As a result of state monitoring, certain legal steps may be taken with respect to individual entrepreneurs and officials. This may include banning the sale of all products of the manufacturer concerned, banning the sale of checked batches of sub-standard or uncertified goods, instituting administrative proceedings, issuing instructions of return of goods from consumers, etc.

According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus “On accomplishment of controlling (monitoring) activity in the Republic of Belarus”, risk assessment and management techniques are introduced into the practice of state monitoring of conformity with the requirements of technical regulations and standards, as well as in all the other types
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