

Note of Lithuanian Market Surveillance Institutions

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Currently Lithuania has 17 market surveillance institutions. The areas of responsibilities of the institutions vary from one to several sectors.

There are 11 market surveillance institutions involved in the implementation of the Regulation 765/2008:

- 1. State Non Food Products Inspectorate under the Ministry of Economy**
- 2. State Health Care Accreditation Agency under the Ministry of Health**
- 3. Communications regulatory authority**
- 4. Lithuanian Metrology Inspectorate**
- 5. State Labour Inspectorate**
- 6. Radiation Protection Centre**
- 7. The Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration**
- 8. State Inland Waterways Navigation Inspectorate**
- 9. The State Medicines Control Agency under the Ministry of Health**
- 10. State Environmental Protection Inspectorate**
- 11. State Road Transport Inspectorate under the Ministry of Transport and Communications**

In addition, there is **State Consumer Rights Protection Authority**, which coordinates the activities of state institutions related to the protection of consumers and is indirectly involved in Lithuanian market surveillance activities. **The Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance** implements within its competence the policy of foreign trade regulation and the measures for the protection of internal market.

Other Lithuanian Market Surveillance Institutions are:

- 1. The National Food and Veterinary Service**
- 2. Weaponry Fund of the Republic of Lithuania**
- 3. State Plant Protection Service**
- 4. The State Seed and Grain Service under the Ministry of Agriculture**
- 5. State Railway Inspectorate under the Ministry of Transport and Communications**
- 6. The State Public Health Service under the Ministry of Health**

The main responsibilities and competences of market surveillance institutions are listed below:

- 1. State Non Food Products Inspectorate under the Ministry of Economy** (Valstybinė ne maisto produktų inspekcija prie Ūkio ministerijos)

<http://www.vnmpi.lt/>

Inspectorate is responsible for market surveillance of non food products in various sectors. The State Non Food Products Inspectorate under the Ministry of Economy carries out the market surveillance of about 30 groups of products - electrical products, chemical substances and preparations, machinery, toys, products contacting the food, pressure equipment, cosmetic products, detergents, biocides, gas cylinders, gas burning appliances, furniture and furnishing materials, personal protective equipment, stationery and textbooks, textile, fertilizers, leather products and footwear, other products.

- 2. State Health Care Accreditation Agency under the Ministry of Health** (Valstybinė akreditavimo sveikatos priežiūros veiklai tarnyba prie Sveikatos apsaugos ministerijos)

<http://www.vaspvt.gov.lt/>

State Health Care Accreditation Agency under the Ministry of Health (further – Accreditation Agency) is the Lithuanian Competent Authority in the field of medical devices. Accreditation Agency is responsible for the correct application of the provisions of European Community's directives regarding medical devices and performs the market surveillance only in the field medical devices.

3. Communications regulatory authority (Lietuvos Respublikos ryšių reguliavimo tarnyba)

<http://rrt.lt/>

The objective of Authority is to ensure a variety of technologically progressive, high quality, safe and affordable electronic communications and postal services (products) to every citizen of Lithuania while influencing the supply of such services in the market on the grounds of a flexible and harmonized framework of the single EU market. One of the major tasks of Authority is to ensure compliance of the equipment and devices used in the Republic of Lithuania with obligatory requirements in force in the Republic of Lithuania, to ensure electromagnetic interoperability of equipment and facilities.

4. Lithuanian Metrology Inspectorate (Lietuvos metrologijos inspekcija)

<http://www.metrinisp.lt/>

Lithuanian Metrology Inspectorate is the only state institution that executes state metrological inspection control of the condition and use of measuring instruments and the products quantities, protects the rights of the state and consumers from the effects of incorrect and illegal measurements, controls how legal and natural persons observe the Law on Metrology of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts related to legal metrology and carries out market surveillance of that sector.

5. State Labour Inspectorate (Valstybinė darbo inspekcija)

<http://www.vdi.lt/>

State Labour Inspectorate performs prevention of violations of standards and other legal acts on occupational safety and health, labour relations as well as the prevention of accidents at work and occupational diseases in enterprises, by controlling the compliance with these standards.

6. Radiation Protection Centre (Radiacinės saugos centras)

<http://www.rsc.lt/>

Radiation Protection Centre carries out the radiation protection state supervision and control (hereinafter – inspections) that ensures the proper implementation of the tasks assigned to RPC warranting occupational and public radiation protection. Main task of the radiation protection state supervision and control is to organize and to perform the inspections of legal and natural person, enterprises, conducting activities with sources of ionizing radiation, and to estimate how they follow the requirements laid down in the legal documents on radiation protection. If during the inspections it is identified that the requirements of legal documents on radiation protection are not realized, appropriate administrative measures (practice suspended, notices issued, fines imposed) should be enforced.

7. The Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration (Lietuvos saugios laivybos administracija)

<http://www.msa.lt/>

Control of compliance with the maritime safety requirements set by international, European Union and national legal acts; Port State and Flag State control, technical supervision of ships and issuance of mandatory documents; Registration of seagoing ships and issuance of ships' documents; Administration of the Register of Seagoing Ships of the Republic of Lithuania.

8. State Inland Waterways Navigation Inspectorate (Valstybinė vidaus vandenų laivybos inspekcija)

<http://www.vvli.lt/>

Market surveillance of personal and recreational watercrafts and their components.

9. **The State Medicines Control Agency under the Ministry of Health** (Valstybinė vaistų kontrolės tarnyba prie Sveikatos apsaugos ministerijos)

<http://www.vvkt.lt/>

The State Medicines Control Agency (SMCA) is a governmental body of the Republic of Lithuania. Its main responsibility is the protection of public health, through the evaluation and supervision of medicines for human use including:

- *the scientific evaluation of marketing authorisation applications and marketing authorisation (medicines derived from biotechnology and other high-technology processes, medicines containing new active substance intended and for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes or neurodegenerative diseases, and orphan medicines cannot be approved nationally);*
- *the supervision of manufacturing authorisation holders, wholesale distribution authorisation holders, and pharmacies in Lithuania (inspections, laboratory testing, and licensing);*
- *the supervision of clinical trials and legal turnover of narcotic and psychotropic medicines.*

10. **State Environmental Protection Inspectorate** (Valstybinė aplinkos apsaugos inspekcija)

<http://vaai.am.lt/>

State control of administration and processing of chemical materials and products (under REACH regulation)

11. **State Road Transport Inspectorate under the Ministry of Transport and Communications** (Valstybinė kelių transporto inspekcija prie Susisiekimo ministerijos)

<http://www.vkti.gov.lt/>

Mission of the State Road Transport Inspectorate under the Ministry of Transport and Communications is to execute the public regulation of road transport activity of the Republic of Lithuania and to perform the state supervision of road transport economic entities. The Inspectorate formulates organizational principles of the state technical inspection, takes part in developing and implementing programmes of traffic safety and technical policy of road transport. Its specialists perform conformity assessment of vehicles and their components and grant type-approval certificates, authorize the activity of technical services (laboratories), state technical inspection undertakings and expertise enterprises. The Inspectorate also issues ATP certificates for vehicles carrying perishable food products and ADR certificates for vehicles carrying dangerous goods.

12. **The National Food and Veterinary Service** (Valstybinė maisto ir veterinarijos tarnyba prie LR Vyriausybės)

<http://vmvt.lt/>

The State Food and Veterinary Service (SFVS) develops and implements the Government's policy in food safety and quality as well as in animal health and welfare. The SFVS is accountable to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

The SFVS as an inspection body is accredited to carry out inspections in the field of safety, hygiene, traceability and labeling of food and feeding stuff in the areas of processing, packaging, distribution, wholesale and retail according to the DIN EN ISO/IEC 17020:2004

Objectives

- *To ensure monitoring and control of contagious animal diseases, zoonoses and of animal welfare, to eliminate outbreaks of diseases; to apply all the necessary biological measures for prevention from the introduction of contagious diseases and zoonoses into the territory of Lithuania and the EU*
- *To ensure food safety and control at all the stages of food handling according to the principle "from*

stable/field to table”, to safeguard the interests of consumers, to ensure that the food supplied on the market as well as that intended for export complies with safety, labeling and other mandatory requirements established by the legal acts.

13. Weaponry Fund of the Republic of Lithuania under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania
(Ginklų fondas prie Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės)

<http://www.lgf.lt/>

The main tasks of the Fund are to organize and implement sales of B, C categories short firearms for natural persons for self-defense and sales of guns, ammunition and other special devices for legal entities, to prepare documents for import into the Republic of Lithuania, export from the Republic of Lithuania of armament of all categories, ammunition, armament and their ammunition parts, explosive, special tools; to organize testing of armament in the center of Detective forces of Lithuania.

14. State Plant Protection Service (Valstybinė augalų apsaugos tarnyba)

<http://www.vaat.lt/>

State Plant Protection Service is official plant protection organization. It operates under the authority of Ministry of Agriculture. The Service forms the state plant health policy in order to protect the territory of the Republic of Lithuania from the introduction and spread of harmful organisms, diseases and weeds and to implement the measures prescribed to control plant diseases, pests and weeds. The Service organizes authorization of placing on the market plant protection products, plant protection products handling control. State Plant Protection Service is responsible for drafting of legislation with respect to the plant protection and quarantine, conforms them to EU directives and other international agreements in field of plant health.

15. The State Seed and Grain Service under the Ministry of Agriculture (Valstybinė sėklų ir grūdų tarnyba prie Žemės ūkio ministerijos)

<http://www.vsgt.lt/>

The State Seed and Grain Service implements State policy in the fields of quality improvement of seed, crop and their products and feedingstuffs. It authorized to implement market control to make all undertakings supplying propagating material to the state market to follow requirements established by legal acts.

16. State Railway Inspectorate (Valstybinė geležinkelių inspekcija prie Susisiekimo ministerijos)

<http://www.vgi.lt/>

Performs market surveillance for interoperability of rail system (rolling stock, operating systems, other components etc.).

17. The State Public Health Service under the Ministry of Health (Valstybinė visuomenės sveikatos priežiūros tarnyba prie Sveikatos apsaugos ministerijos)

<http://www.vvspt.lt/>

***Mission** – to develop the public health care system which would ensure the safety of public health and would protect the consumer rights in a way of public health safety and the quality of services.*

***The main goal** of SPHS – to ensure the public health safety and to protect consumer rights in a way of public health safety and the quality of services by implementing health policy.*