

Food

ADVISORY GROUP ON THE FOOD CHAIN

Commission Decision [2004/613/EC](#) of August 2004 concerning the creation of an advisory group on the food chain and animal and plant health

Objective

The creation of an advisory group bringing together consumers and economic operators from the “farm to the fork” aims at facilitating consultation and dialogue on food safety policy between the Commission and European stakeholders.

Relevance for the hospitality industry

Through the Advisory Group, the Commission can inform and consult stakeholders, including representatives of the hospitality sector, on the preparation, revision and evaluation of EU food laws.

State of progress

Adopted on 6 August 2004.

The list of European organisations members the Advisory Group was published on the EU Official Journal in April 2005.

Content

The advisory group on the food chain meets at least twice a year and consists of up-to 45 members from EU-level associations. Reflecting the Commission’s “farm to fork” approach to food safety, the group is consulted on a wide range of food policy matters such as:

- Food and feed safety;
- Food and feed labelling and presentation;
- Nutrition.

The membership of the advisory group includes European organisation representing consumers (BEUC), trade unions (EFFAT), food manufacturers (CIAA), farmers (COPA-COGECA), retailers (EuroCommerce), hospitality (HOTREC, EMRA), contract catering (FERCO), etc.

HOTREC position

HOTREC welcomed the setting up of the Advisory Group, as it provides a useful platform to keep stakeholders updated on EU developments in relation to food policy.

HOTREC is a member of the Advisory Group since 2005 and it attends its meetings whenever issues of interest to the hospitality sector are on the agenda.

Official references

List of members of the advisory group on the food chain and animal and plant health ([2005/C 97/02](#)), O.J. C 097 of 21.04.2005

Commission Decision [2004/613/EC](#) of 6 August 2004 concerning the creation of an advisory group on the food chain and animal and plant health, O.J. L 275/17 of 25.08.2004

See also:

Regulation (EC) No [178/2002](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety, O.J. L 31 of 01.02.2002

White Paper on Food Safety, 12 January 2000 ([COM\(1999\) 719 final](#))

DG SANCO [website](#) on the advisory group