EU FIGHT AGAINST FOOD FRAUD

DG SANTE
Unit G5 – Alerts, Traceability and Committees
Eric Marin
Fraudsters have no interests in creating public health incidents! draws attention of Authorities/Media
A COOPERATIVE APPROACH BASED ON TRUST

The EU Food Fraud Network

Expertise/Enforcement

Intelligence

Investigative legal powers

Member States

Judiciary

Administrative (inspectors)

Police / customs

Interpol

EUROJUST

Promoting cooperation between authorities
ACHIEVEMENTS

2013

Horsemeat Incident

Creator of EU Food Fraud Network

Trainings for Food Fraud (BTSF)

2014

Coordinated Control Plan on horsemeat (only 0.6% NC)

2015

EU COORDINATED CASES (2017: 19 cases)

Coordinated Control Plan on Fish substitution (6% NC) and Honey adulteration (20% NC)

Results on Hazelnuts & Peanuts case

IT system for Food Fraud

2016

Coordinated Control Plan on horsemeat (only 0.6% NC)

2017

Some EU Coordinated Cases:
1. Hazelnuts adulterated with peanuts
2. Use of nitrites in fresh tuna
3. Red Sudan in Palm Oil
4. Fake certificates from China

Health and Food Safety
Dedicated activities have started in 2013

The EUROPEAN FOOD FRAUD NETWORK & EU COORDINATED CASES

EU-WIDE COORDINATED CONTROL PLANS

TRAINING FOR FOOD FRAUD
Five specific workshops per year on eCommerce and Investigation Techniques

OFFICIAL CONTROLS REGULATION 2017/625
EU Reference Centres for food authenticity, stronger sanctions and broader scope for food fraud

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300+ CASES EXCHANGED VIA THE NETWORK

- 2016 - through the AAC FF
- 2016 - through the AAC AA
- 2015 - conventional means (email, phone, letters)

Recently published: EU FFN - Annual report 2016

PRELIMINARY FIGURES FOR 2017 (Jan-April)

- **2016 - through the AAC FF**: 35
- **2016 - through the AAC AA**: 83
Challenges 2017

Cooperation with Third Countries
- Contact Points
- Bilateral Agreements
- Sanctions/Imports

Enhancement of EU Coordinated Cases

IT Systems
- Data Sharing
- Data Mining

Cooperation with Stakeholders
For more success stories, please consult our webpage

AND DO NOT FORGET
FOOD IN THE EU HAS NEVER BEEN SAFER!