IMPROVEMENT OF VETERINARY LEGISLATION IN HUNTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH EU STANDARDS

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Abstract: In hunting are used scientific knowledge from life sciences, forestry, veterinary medicine, agriculture, law and others. Within the hunting economy in European Union, a significant place take legislation of veterinary medicine. Considering that Serbia has become a candidate country for EU membership, is obligated to harmonize regulations in the veterinary profession in hunting with legislation in the EU. This is also an important step when applying with co-financing projects to the funds of European Union. This paper analyzes the regulations concerning the health status of wildlife populations and game meat hygiene in Republic Serbia: Law on Game and Hunting ("Off. Gazette of RS" no. 18/2010) Veterinary medicine law ("Off. Gazette of RS" no. 91/2005) and the Law on Food Safety ("Off. Gazette of RS", No. 41/2009) and other subsidiary legal acts. Are discussed in particular EU regulations on the inspection of game meat: Laying down specific rules on official controls for Trichinella in meat, EC-Commission Regulation No 2075/2005 in accordance to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European parliament and of the council: ·Laying down specific rules for the organization of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption". Are described also examples of projects about education on these regulations in previous years granted for co-financing by the European Commission in Brussels. Having in mind differences in subsidiary legal acts which are applicable in Serbia in relation to the European Union, we believe that their adaptation is necessary in order for protection the health of game animals, and prevent the appearance of zoonotic diseases in humans. With compliance to EU legislation we can increase the level of food safety and condition for export of game meat to the European Union, as well as, encourage the arrival of larger number of foreign hunters in our country.

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