

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Participants,

I have the happy opportunity of presenting you a few things regarding the organization and activity of the State Inspection for the Technical Control regarding the Vegetable and Fruit Production and Use (ISCTPVLF) in Romania.

The prospective of our adhesion to the European Union and the common organization of the market, for the fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as the achievement of the objectives proposed within the Council Regulation (CE) No. 2200/1996, and within the Council Regulation (CE) No. 1148/2001 regarding the development of this sector led to the establishment of a control national organism, in 2004, to permanently monitor the fresh fruit and vegetables circulation on the whole route from producer to consumer.

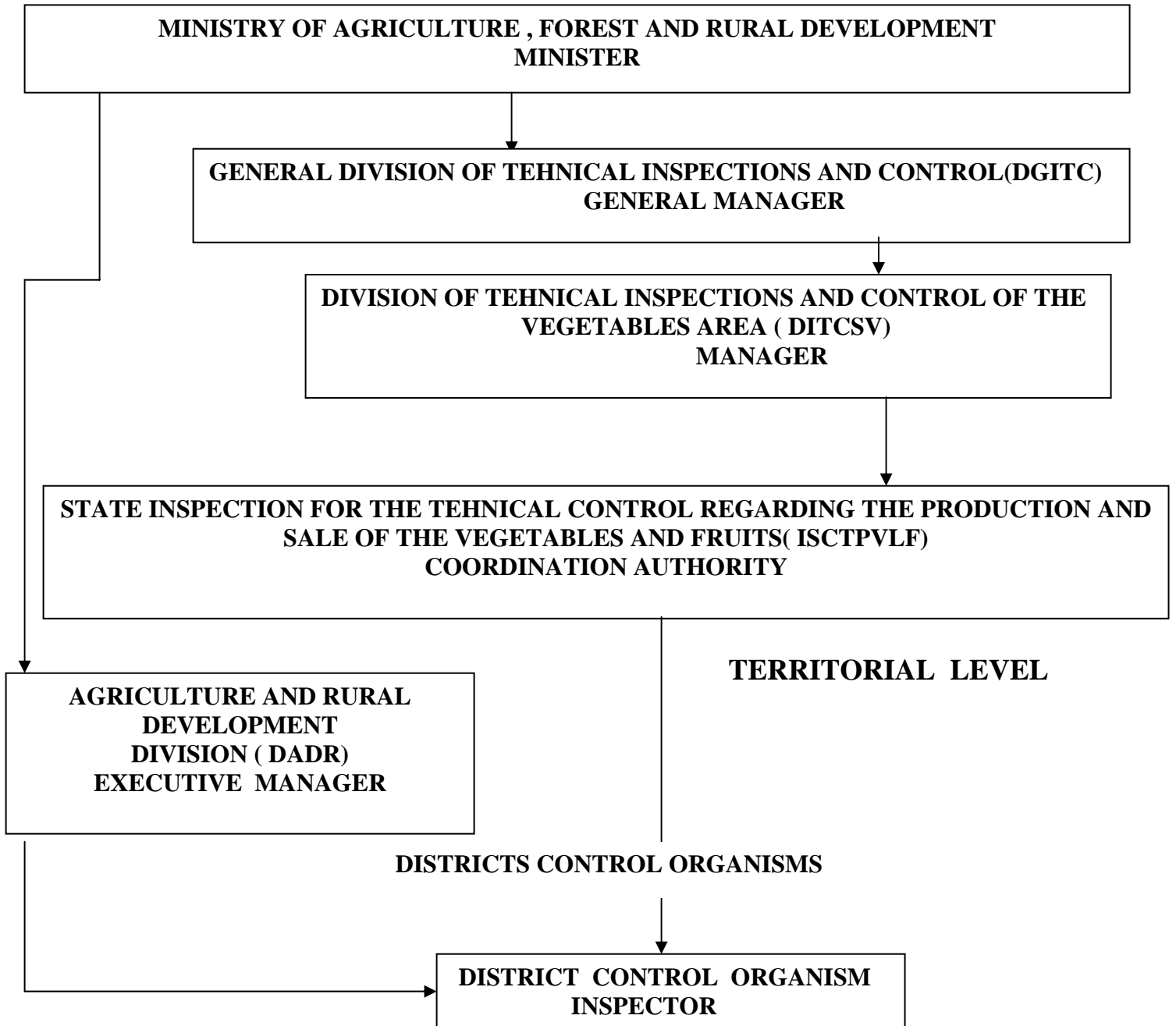
The objectives of this control institution are:

- to create a permanent data base of the companies in the vegetables – fruit area
- to perform the quality control according to the standards for trading the fresh fruit and vegetables imported on the domestic market
- to perform the quality control according to the standards for trading the fresh fruit and vegetables imported from other countries or destined to be exported
- to take out of the market the unsatisfactory quality products
- to ensure the transparency of the fresh fruit and vegetables market
- to let in the producers of quality fresh fruit and vegetables from the foreign market
- to achieve a balance between the fresh fruit and vegetables request and offer
- to direct producers to produce fresh fruit and vegetables in order to satisfy the consumers' requirements and to ensure, in the same time a balanced ratio between quality and price

- to provide community compensations within the policy of intervention to take out of the market the extra fresh fruit and vegetables

On national level the inspection operates by:

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1. **The co-ordination Authority** – at the ministry level
2. **Territorial control organisms** – at the level of the administrative regions (districts)

1. The co-ordination Authority has the following responsibilities:

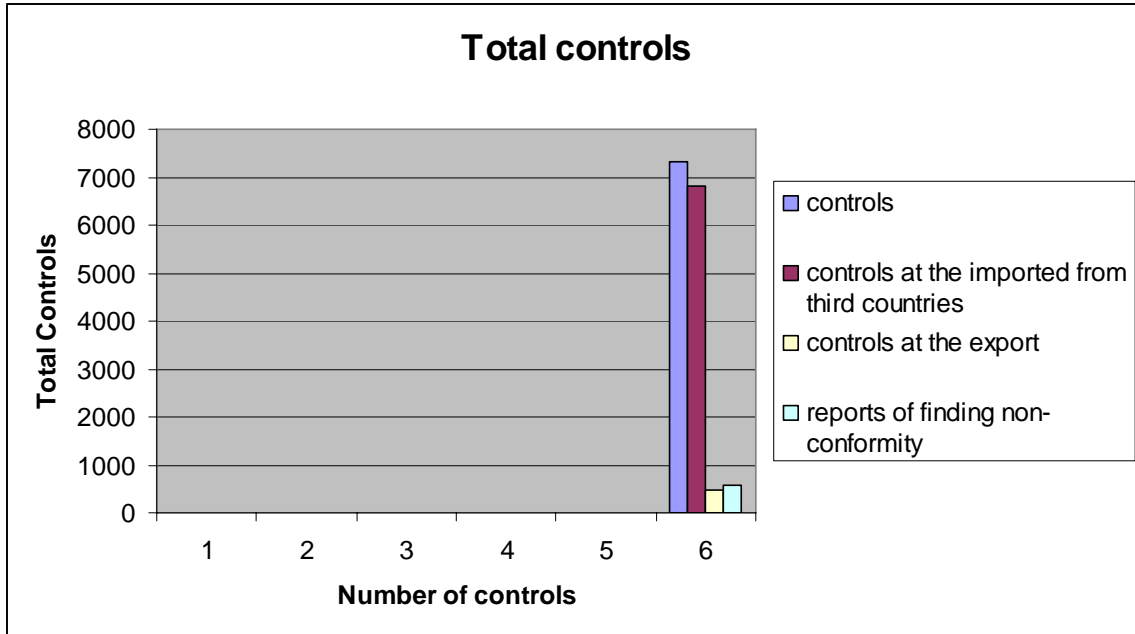
- To perform the activity schedule for the territorial control organisms
- To co-ordinate the conformity control activities
- To prepare and ensure the transmission of the instructions regarding the way the conformity control is carried out in order to ensure the uniformity and efficiency at national level
- To provide the communication with the other similar organisms of the European Union state members

2. Territorial control organisms have the following responsibilities:

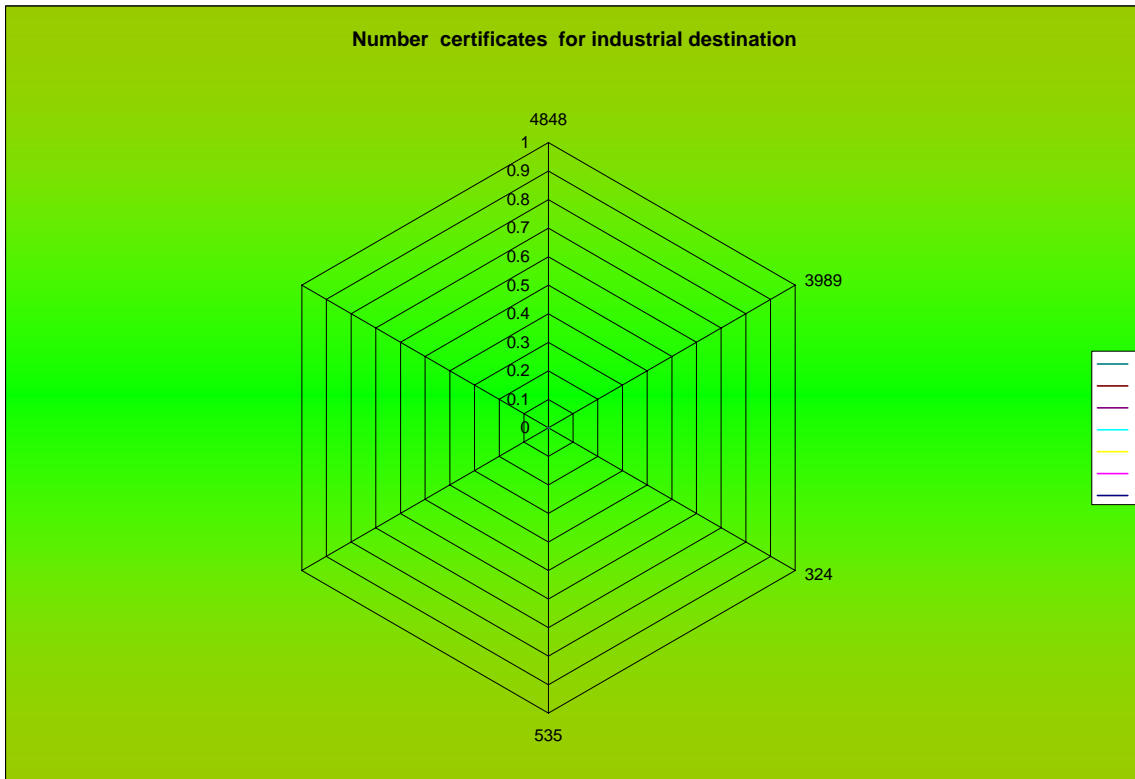
- To check, randomly, the observance of the conformity with the standards of trading the fresh fruit and vegetables throughout the product route
- To check the documents and invoices for the fresh fruit and vegetables lots that observe the quality standards throughout the trading route
- To issue the conformity and industrial destination certificates for the fresh fruit and vegetables imported or destined to the foreign market
- To check, randomly the way the self-control is carried out, regarding the observance of the trading standards of the companies who have the necessary and proper equipment and organizational structure
- To create the data base of the companies within the fresh fruit and vegetables area and to ensure its update
- To ensure the conformity control with the trading standards for the fresh fruit and vegetables that respect the procedure of being taken out of the market
- To provide the penalties foreseen by the law into force

The inspection of the activity became concrete in 2006:

- by doing **7319** controls, of which:
 - **6829** controls at the imported from third countries
 - **490** controls at the export
- there were made up **586** reports of finding non-conformity, giving penalties or warnings of redrawing from trading in order to re-ensure the conformity



- **4848** certificates for industrial destination were issued, of which:
 - **3989** for the vegetables and fruit destined to the industry on the domestic market
 - **324** for the vegetables and fruit imported
 - **535** for the products destined to the foreign market



Also, the inspectors of the district control organisms carried out actions of checking the vegetable – fruit producers (farmers), regarding the observance of the technologies of culture to allow the getting of a quality production, according to the common requirements of the market

Within the PHARE programme nr. RO . 04/IB/AG/ 07 - „Consolidation of the administrative structures for managing the community acquis within the vegetable – fruit area”, the inspectors of the Co-ordination Authority of the ministry, together with the European experts attached to the Council Regulation (CE) No. 1148/2001, regarding the controls of conformity with the trading rules that are applied within the fresh fruit and vegetables area and the Council Regulation (CE) No. 2200/1996, regarding the common organization of the fruit and vegetables market, by issuing two normative documents:

The direction of the agriculture ministry no. 591/2006, regarding the organization and running of the State Inspection for the Technical Control for the production and sale of the vegetables and fruit, in order to carry out the conformity controls for the fresh fruit and vegetables.

The direction of the agriculture ministry no. 592/2006, regarding the performance of the conformity control with the trading standards for the fresh fruit and vegetables.

Also, the **Inspection Inspector Manual was issued**, by which there were established the methodological norms for performing the conformity control.

The control organisms will be soon equipped by the following equipment:

- traveling -laboratory
- IT equipment
- laptop
- portable case
- fridge
- quality analyzer without damaging the product
- balance

- probe case

Hoping that these efforts will lead to the consolidation of the common market of the vegetable – fruit area, the Romanians will do a permanent effort in order to achieve all the European objectives.

Thank you very much.