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## European Union

### Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

### EU Health and Consumer Protection Work Plan

## 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

The European Commission's 2004 work plan with respect to health and consumer protection is available from the EU's website. A number of initiatives will impact on the agricultural and food sector.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Unscheduled Report  
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[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health\\_consumer/newsletter/200401/b.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health_consumer/newsletter/200401/b.htm)

Legislative proposals and policy documents are planned in the following areas:

- Uniform Principles for authorization of microbial pesticides
- Influenza preparedness and response plan
- Report concerning electronic identification of bovine animals
- Framework for food additives
- Health Executive Agency Decision
- Health Strategy Communication
- Public Health - Work plan 2004
- Seed sampling and testing under official supervision
- General Plan for Food Crisis Management (Reg. 178/2002)
- Setting up scientific committees in the field of public health (non food)
- Consumer Policy - Annual Work Plan 2004
- Participation of Bulgaria in the new framework on consumer policy
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- Patient Mobility and Health Care Developments Communication
- Novel Foods
- Review of EU Consumer Protection Acquis
- Directive on control of avian influenza
- Nutrition labeling
- Report on Tobacco Control in Europe
- Code of conduct for e-commerce
- Amendment of TSE Regulation (999/2001)
- Flavorings & food ingredients with flavoring properties for use in and on food
- Networking of organizations (Reg. 178/2002)
- European Contract Law follow-up Communication
- Amendment of Dir 95/2 on additives other than flavorings (nitrites/nitrates)
- Adhesion of the Community to 'The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants' (UPOV)

- Amending Regulation 2001/466 and Dir 2002/32 (mycotoxins)
- Certification system on the marketing of fruit plant propagating material
- Technical process requirements for blood and blood components
- Updating of Council Directive 69/465/EEC on control of potato cyst eelworm
- Coordinated program for the official control of feedstuffs for 2005
- Amending the directive on the placing on the market of plant protection products
- The protection of chicken kept for the production of meat
- Coordinated program for the official control of foodstuffs
- Commission Regulation on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs