
EUROPEAN FOOD LAW ASSOCIATION

3rd EFLA EU-US Food Law Conference

Legal aspects of international alerts and recalls in the food sector:

Sofitel Brussels Europe

Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels

October 21, 2013

Alerts, crisis, withdrawals and recalls in the food area are regularly appearing in the headlines. But after the "crisis" has passed, the companies, which have been involved, still suffer from dramatic consequences. The third EU-US EFLA conference will discuss the legal implications of these crises, mainly in terms of responsibilities of the actors, be they companies in the food and feed industry or public authorities. The Conference will also provide a unique opportunity to exchange experiences between actors present in many various sectors and jurisdictions, and to hear from speakers who will present practical tools for managing the risks.

Programme

09.00 **Registration and Coffee**

09.30 **Opening address by Vicente Rodriguez, President of EFLA**

09.35 **1st Session: The General legal background: obligations bearing on the operators and on the public authorities**

Chair: Nicole Coutrelis, Vice-President of EFLA

European Union

Mrs. Anna Mlynarczyk, Quality Management Officer - RASFF, DG SANCO

United States

Mr. Ricardo Carvajal, Director, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, P.C.

World Health Organization (WHO)

Mr. Carmen Joseph Savelli, Program Officer, World Health Organization (WHO)

10.35 *Coffee break*

11.00 2nd Session: Panel of legal practitioners on the responsibilities of operators and of authorities in respective jurisdictions, within the EU and in the US

Chair: Vicente Rodriguez, President of EFLA

Various EFLA members will briefly present the situation in their respective legal systems and discussion will be open to other lawyers to assess the legal national and international issues that these situations raise. Contribution of the following Jurisdictions Member States:

Austria: Mr. Andreas Natterer

Belgium: Mr. Jean Savigny

France: Mrs. Nicole Coutrelis

Italy: Mr. Ferdinando Albisinni

Netherlands: Mrs. Irene Scholten-Verheijen

United Kingdom: Mrs. Hilary Ross

United States: Mr. Ricardo Carvajal

13.00 General discussion

13.30 Lunch

14.30 3rd Session: How to be prepared, how to handle a crisis and which lessons are to be drawn afterwards

Chair: Ferdinando Albisinni, Council Member of EFLA

Part I: Presentation of experiences from companies

Managing crisis from a global perspective: the HERO Group experience: *Mr. Ricardo Martos, Director Legal Counsel, Hero Group*

Ms Caroline Herody, Head of Regulatory Affairs & Product Service, Adisseo SAS and Ms. Laetitia Cirilli, Process Manager, FAMI-QS

15.30 Coffee break

Part II: How outside professionals can help

Brand Protection in the face of recalls: *Mr. Farzad Henareh, Director of Recalls in the EU, Stericycle ExpertRECALL*

16.45 General discussion

17.30 Conclusion and adjournment

19.00 Dinner buffet hosted by Coutrelis & Associés

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | EFLA Members | 350 € (lunch included)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-EFLA Members | 500 € (lunch included)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Retired EFLA members | 265 € (lunch included)* |
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