



Technical Discussion on “ Quality of honey and bee products and export requirements”.

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Current situation in Albania concerning legislation on quality of honey and bee products

- **Law No. 9863, date 28.1.2008 “On Food”**
- **Law No. 9426 date 06.10.2005 “ For livestock breeding” amended by law No. 9864, date 28.01.2008**
- **Law 9308, date 04.11.04 “On Veterinary service and inspectorate”**
- **Regulation No. 123 date 30.03.2007 relating to honey**
- **Regulation No. 83 date 16.03.2010 “For animals breeding organizations”**

Law “On Food” Nr.9863, Dated 28.1.2008

- **The aim of law “On Food” is:**
to reduce, eliminate or prevent a risk for human health through three basic components: risk assessment, risk management and risk communication; to provide a methodology for determination of effective, proportional and objective measurements to achieve consumers health protection

CONTENTS OF LAW “On Food”

Regulate:

- the general principles and requirements relating to the hygiene and safety of food and feed;
- the obligations of food business operators and feed business operators regarding the hygiene and safety of food and feed;
- the general requirements relating to food quality;
- the general requirements for obtaining the registration of geographic indications and designation of origin for food;
- the general requirements relating to the food and feed labelling;
- the general requirement for placing food and feed on the market;

CONTENTS OF LAW “On Food”

- the general requirements for placing food on the market;
- the system of official control of food and feed;
- the system of authorized testing laboratories and reference laboratories;
- responsibilities of National Food Authority and Competent Authority relating to food and feed produced in the Republic of Albania or imported and placed on the market in the Republic of Albania

CONTENTS OF LAW “On Food”

Some of the articles of this law in support of beekeeping:

Kreu I

- **This law applies to primary production and in all stages of production, processing and distribution of food**

Kreu IV

- **Import and export of food**
- **supervision of import food safety**
- **the customs control of imported foodstuffs**
- **Import Certificates**
- **export of food products based on fulfill the requirements of national legislation and legislation of the importing country and according to agreements between countries.**

CONTENTS OF LAW “On Food”

Kreu V

- **Approval and registration of establishments**

Kreu VI

- **Responsibilities of food business operators**
- **Responsibilities for food hygiene and safety**
- **General conditions and specific food hygiene**
- **Requirements for traceability of foodstuffs**

Kreu VIII

- **Determination of origin and geographical indications of foodstuffs**

CONTENTS OF LAW “On Food”

Kreu X

- General requirements for labelling of foodstuffs

Kreu XI

- Official control of foodstuffs
- Inspection
- Sampling and analysis
- Control label and official documents
- Investigation of the documentation for traceability
- Review of self-control system

Kreu XVI

- Administrative default
- Blocking and destruction of foodstuffs
- Procedures of default administrative

CONTENTS OF LAW No. 9426 date 06.10.2005 “ For livestock breeding” amended by law No. 9864, date 28.01.2008

Law objectives:

- **Provide conditions and practice of animal husbandry and undisturbed farming.**
- **Methods and technologies of animal management.**
- **Rearing of farm animals (management, forage base, housing, animal welfare, quality of animal product.**
- **The breeding programs**
- **Breeders' organizations ;**
- **Trade and marketing of breeding materials;**

CONTENTS OF LAW “ For livestock breeding”

article 20

- **Honey resource management**
- **The programs of exploitation of pastures**
- **Rules for transportation of the hives of bees, the time to use the source, distance of parks, change of pasture**
- **Keeping register of pasture for honey**

article 25

- **Quality products of animal origin.**
- **Labelling of products produced by family.**

Article 85

- **Recognised Organisations**
- **Requirements for recognised of production centers queen bee**
- **Technical control for implementing the program**
- **Interrupt of activity**

Law No. 9308, date 04.11.04 “On Veterinary service and inspectorate”

- The law regulates the organization, functioning and financing of the veterinary service and inspectorate.

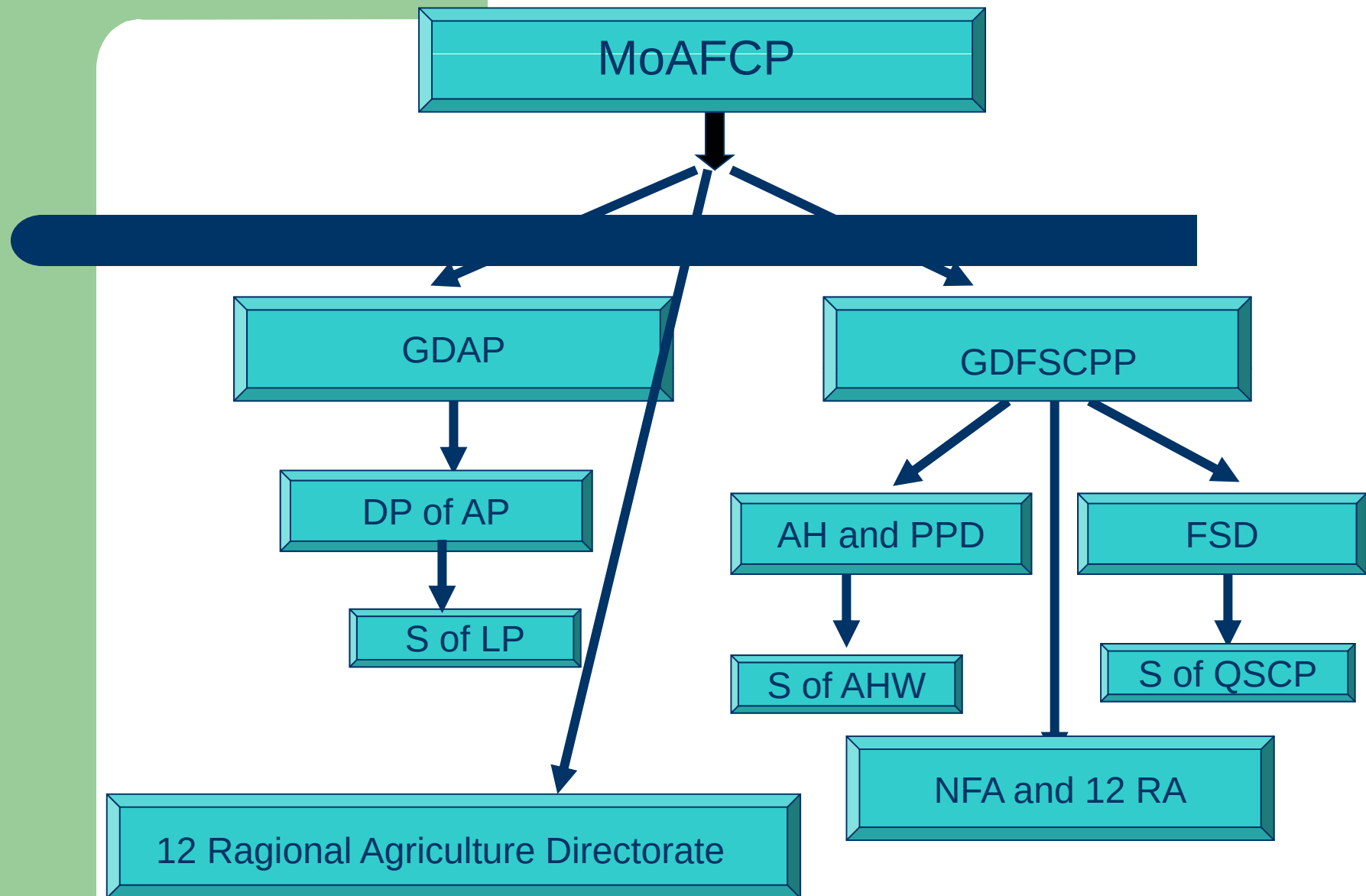
Purpose of the law:

- To improve animal health and protect animals from contagious diseases
- To establish the procedures of monitoring, identification, diagnoses, prevention and treatment of animal diseases
- To protect consumers of diseases transmitted by animals and animal products
- To implement sanitary - veterinary measures for products of animal origin, for raw materials, for foodstuffs, pastures and water for the animals
- To ensure animal welfare.
- To protect the fauna
- To protect the environment from pollution, infections, and contamination with harmful consequences for animals and human.

Regulation No. 123 date 30.03.2007 relating to honey (has adopted this directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey)

In this regulation are determined:

- **The main trait of honey**
 - according the origin
 - By the method of production and / or appearance
- **Industrial Honey**
- **Labelling**
- **Composition criteria for honey**
 - Sugar content
 - Moisture content
 - Water-insoluble content
 - Electrical conductivity
 - Free acid
 - Diastase activity and hydroxymethylfurfural content (HMF) determined after processing and blending



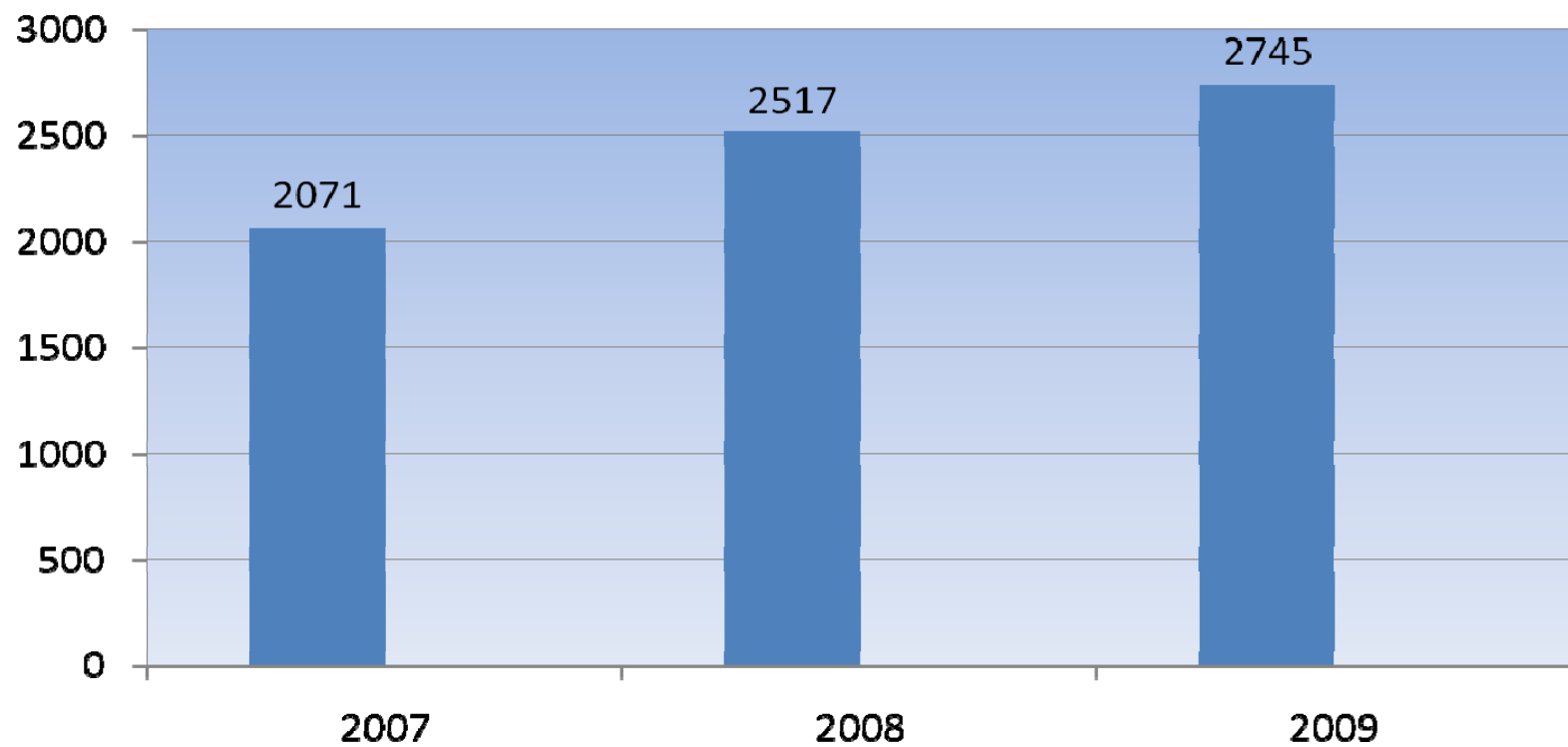
Procedures and responsibilities related to control of quality of honey bee products and control residues

- **NFA (National Food Authority) is the competent authority for official control of foodstuffs. It carries out inspections for safety and quality of food products through regional inspectorates in 12 Departments in all country. This control is based on an approved plan.**
- **In relation to control of residues, Department of animal health in the Ministry drafts national plan of obtaining residues samples for analysis based on EU recommendations. This plan sent to 12 regional directorates and the Institute of Food and Veterinary Safety.**
- **RDAFCP (Ragional directory of agriculture, food and Consumer protection) regions make the detail of the program.**
- **RDAFCP veterinary inspectorate makes sampling in accordance with all procedures and sent to the laboratory for analysis. Based on the results of the analysis determined the measures to be taken.**

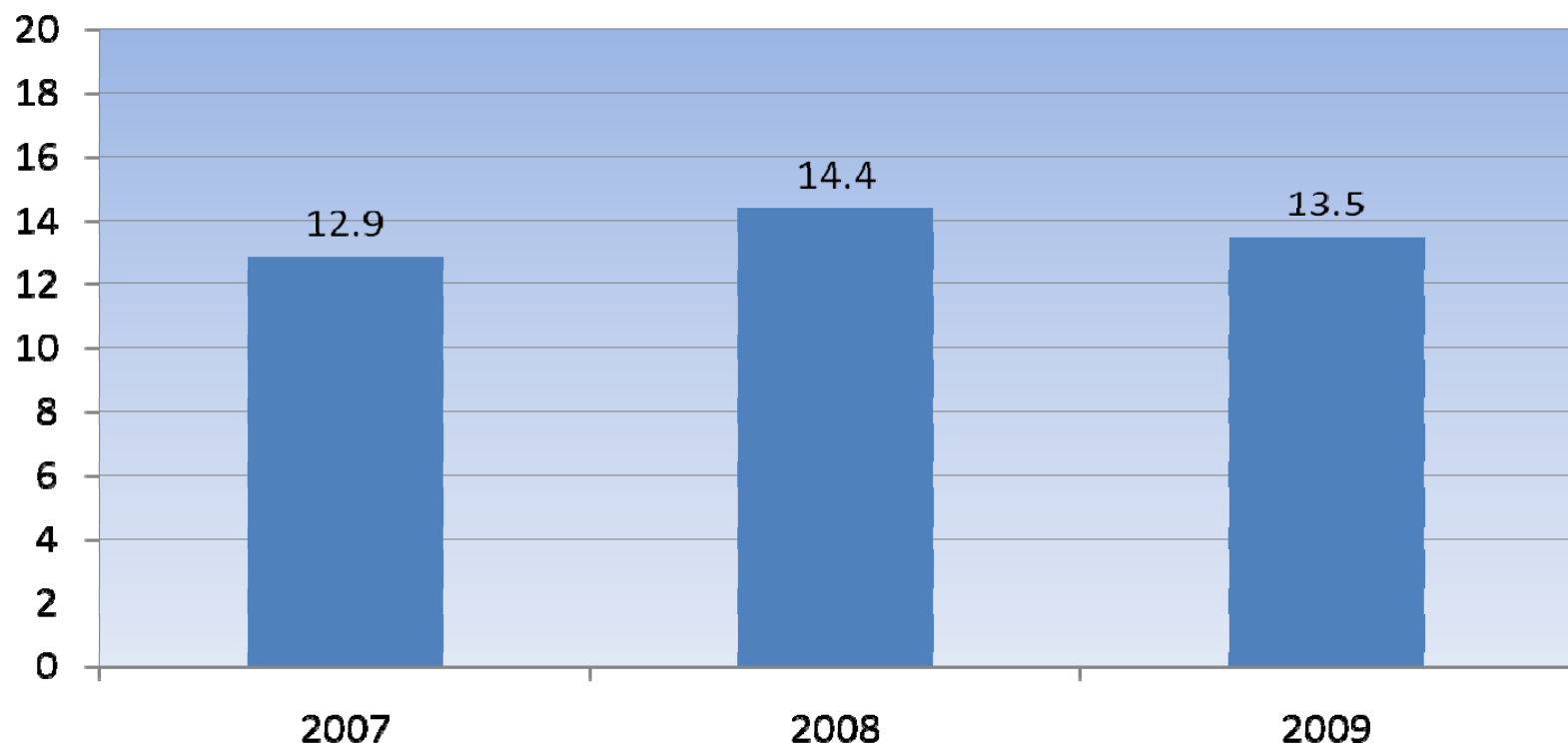
Data for apiaries in Albania 2009

No	Classification of apiaries	No of apiaries	Number of beehives	Beehives per apiary
1	Apiaries 1-50 beehives	15422	141614	9.2
2	Apiaries 50-100 beehives	730	46015	63
3	Apiaries 100 -200 beehives	107	13301	124
4	Apiaries 200-300 beehives	5	1320	264
5	Apiaries over 300 beehives	2	750	375
6	Total	16266	203000	12.5

Honey production (Ton)



Yield per beehive (Kg)



Import – Export of honey

No	Quantity (ton)		Value (Lek)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Honey Export	5	6	701	884
Honey Import	27	35	12669	12652

International Conference: Natural Bee Products in Tirana(December 2007)



The former President of Apimondia **Mr. Asger Sogaard Jorgensen** in Tirana.

Conclusions of Conference for protection and cure of bee illnesses

1. Different illnesses and many enemies that have lately increased have become very dangerous for beekeeping. The Colony Collapse Disorder has become problematic in many countries bringing lots of damages displayed in bee families damage and lower production.
2. A very serious problem has become the contamination of the bee products by the bad use and unlicensed medicaments against illnesses and bee enemies.
3. The collection of bee products should condition all the protective and curative preparations against illnesses in the bees.
4. Today in Albania are registered many biological medicaments able to protect and cure most of the harming illnesses in bees. Their effect is quite high and their cost is competitive.



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