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Emerging risks in Estonia

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Risk assessment procedure in the sector of food of non- animal origin in Estonia

Early identification and prevention of

- mycotoxins
- pesticide residues
- food additives
- other contaminants



General approach towards emerging risks

Problems

- how to work out risk-based sampling plans and
- how to solve problems in case the risk has occurred?

Example:

consumer complaint for
pine nuts.



Problems in risk assessment

- too few packages for a representative sample in the retail shop
- the suspicious lot was not present in the storehouse
- laboratory in Estonia not performing all analyses
- consigning to foreign laboratory takes time



Follow-up procedures

- local
- not of local origin, imported



What did I learn

- In case of emerging risks
 - case-by-case study
- How to draw risk-based sampling plans
 - results of previous years
 - data from “food consumption database”

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