



Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

**Conference on the EU Novel Food Regulation
and the Case of Insects**

Ms Antonia Ricci

***Insects as foods in the context of
Regulation (EU) 2015/2283***

BTFSF

Bangkok, Thailand. 5th February 2018

Plan

1. Insects and Food Safety

2. Traditionnal Food from Third Country

BTSEF

1. INSECTS AND FOOD SAFETY

- ❑ Principle of **general food law** (Reg. 178/2002): Food shall not be placed on the market if it is unsafe.
- ❑ **Food hygiene Regulation** (Reg. 852/2004) applies to all FBOs and therefore also to keeping and placing on the market of insects. These acts ensure that general requirements on safety, hygiene and traceability apply to insects.
- ❑ **Novel Food Regulation** (Reg 2015/2283) Novel Foods are subject to a pre-market approval and safety assessment

*Food not used for human consumption to a significant degree before 15 May 1997.
Insects as food may fall under:*

Art 3(v) "food consisting of, isolated from or produced from animals or their parts, except for animals obtained by traditional breeding practices which have been used for food production within the Union before 15 May 1997 and the food from those animals has a history of safe food use within the Union"

2. Traditional food from a third country

Traditional food from a third country is a food **derived from primary production** with a **history of safe use** in a third country.

❑ **History of safe food use in a third country** means that the safety of the food in question has been confirmed with compositional data and from experience of continued use for at least 25 years in the customary diet of a significant number of people in at least one third country, prior to a notification referred to in Article 14

❑ Traditional food can be **produced from plants/animals/micro-organisms etc. (i.e. insects)**



The contents of this presentation are the views of the author and do not necessarily represent an official position of the European Commission.



AETS - Application Européenne de Technologies et Services

17 Av. André-Marie Ampère
64140 Lons, France

Tel: +33 5 59 72 43 23

Fax: + 33 5 59 72 43 24

www.aets-consultants.com

Better Training for Safer Food BTSF

• *European Commission
Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency
DRB A3/042
L-2920 Luxembourg*