



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON 8TH OF APRIL 2009

The Council of Ministers held a meeting on Wednesday, 8th of April 2009, in its room in the Government Building, Dili where it approved:

1- Decree-law that approves the Regime of Administrative Infractions against the Economy and Food Safety

Since it is up to the Government to zeal and guard the interests of the consumers, it is of great importance the approval of this Decree-Law. The economic infractions, namely those that jeopardize the security, health and food safety may take proportions that may reveal to be perilous and endanger society. Thus, it is necessary to apply technical and legal means of prevention within a useful time-frame. That is why it is necessary for Food and Economic Inspectorate to have a sanctions regime that can be applied on the spot.

2- Decree-Law that approves the Regulation in of the Industrialisation and Commercialisation of Foodstuffs

The approval of this Decree-Law is also necessary to create the applicable rules to foodstuff from the animal and plant kingdoms. The protection of the consumer's health implies that the commercialisation of the foodstuff is to be subjected to a high degree of safety regarding the hygiene of the several products. Thus, this Regulation adopts the general rules to which foodstuff should be subjected to throughout its several stages: preparation, transformation, manufacture, packaging, storage, distribution, handling, sales or making it available to the consumer, as well as the modalities to verify if those rules are followed. In this way the consumer's trust can increase.

The Council of Ministers also analysed:

3- Presentation of the "Fatin Buka Hatene"

It was presented today in the Council of Ministers the "Fatin Buka Hatene" whose goal is to take the

citizens closer to the Government through information.

The program is based on the principle of informing the citizens, one of the pillars of democracy. The people have the right to access Government's information, and the Government also has the duty to make information available to the people.

It is intended to create information blocks of all the ministries and distribute it by small units, in each District and make sure that it reaches the Suco level. The feedback system works based on the same principle and will allow the Government to updated on the opinions of the people.

The initial goal is to distribute the program's and active projects information in each and every Suco.