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**The INSTITUTE FOR FOOD, NUTRITION AND WELL-BEING
(IFNuW) at the University of Pretoria**

FOOD LAW SEMINAR

Conceptualising food law as informed by African imperatives

While the role of law in shaping the global food system is well developed in countries such as the United States and in the European Union, food law has yet to be recognised as a distinct legal domain in South Africa, and indeed on the African continent. Despite this lack of recognition, food law issues have never been more pertinent, with growing concern over food safety and consumer protection driving a number of African countries to implement food law reforms. These developments include a tightening of the regulatory frameworks for food safety and labelling. Together with these developments, the function of food law is expanding to cover a broad spectrum of objectives and interests. The objective of the seminar is to engage a range of stakeholders to explore the major interests at stake and contemporary issues in regulating the agro-food system. The discussion, which will assist in conceptualising food law as informed by African imperatives, will serve as a platform for the launch of Food Law at the University of Pretoria, under the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Well-being (IFNuW).

PROGRAMME

09:00 Registration and tea/coffee on the roof (take elevator to floor 5)

09:30 Welcome

Prof Anton Kok, Deputy Dean – UP Faculty of Law

09:45 Opening

Conceptualising food law: What is at stake? Function, objectives, interests

Cerkia Bramley, Researcher – International Development Law Unit

10:10 Keynote address

Emerging contours of food law – a European perspective

Prof Bernd van der Meulen, Professor of Law and Governance, Wageningen University, the Netherlands

10:40 Group discussion

Moderator: Janusz Luterek, Hahn & Hahn Attorneys

11:00-11:30 Tea/coffee

Session 1: Food law and the consumer

11:30 Food law as a public health intervention – aligning food supply and consumption with healthier diets

Jane Badham, Nutrition consultant

11:50 Food and Consumer rights

Patrick Deale, Deale Attorneys

12:10 Problematic aspects of the South Africa food regulatory system

Boistoko Ntsabele, Director Food Safety and Quality Assurance at the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

12:30 Group discussion

Moderator: Prof Hettie Schönfeldt, Associate of the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Well-being, University of Pretoria

12:50-13:50 Lunch

Session 2: Food law and the food business operator

13:50 Dealing with food safety incidents in South Africa

Dries Pretorius, Director: Food Control of the Department of Health

14h10 Food product liability: A South African perspective on food product recalls and the risk of class actions

Janusz Luterek, Hahn & Hahn Attorneys

14:30 Food law and the insurance industry: Evolving perspectives on risk management

Simon Colman, Camargue Underwriters

14:50 Group discussion

Moderator: Patricia Pillay, Head of Consumer and Industry Affairs at the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa

Session 3: Food law and the producer

15:10 Regulating food quality: An emerging regulatory framework for organics

Diana Callear, Afrisco

15:30 Does the WTO make Food Law for South Africa?

Hilton E Zunkel, HiltonLambert - Practitioners of Trade Law

15:50 The impact of private food standards on small scale farmers

Dr Elme Coetzer, Standards Manager for GLOBALGAP South Africa

16:10 Group discussion

Moderator: Prof Lise Korsten

16:30 Concluding remarks

Prof Sheryl Hendriks, Director of the Institute for Food, Nutrition and Well-being
