

Curriculum Vitae

First name: Hendrik
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Nationality: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Gender: Male

Work experience:

Dates: From May 2020 – current
Position: Deputy Secretary General for Food Safety
Name and address of employer: Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture (until 01.07.2023 Ministry of Rural Affairs), Lai str. 39/41, 15056, Tallinn, Estonia

Dates: From September 2019 – May 2020
Position: Head of Food Safety Department
Name and address of employer: Ministry of Rural Affairs, Lai str. 39/41, 15056, Tallinn, Estonia

Dates: From January 2012 – April 2019,
Position: International long-term Advisor
Name and address of employer: Comprehensive Institutional Capacity Building Development Program, with financial aid of European Commission for the development of Food Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection fields in Georgia. National Food Agency of Georgia, Marshal Gelovani Avenue 6, 0114, Tbilisi, Georgia

Main activities and responsibilities: Support and advice to the management of the Authority in capacity building in fields of animal health, veterinary

organisation, food safety and phytosanitary areas. Specifically on SPS legislation approximation.

Dates: From 01.01.2012 - August 2019 private consultant on Food Safety, Animal Health, Animal Welfare, Veterinary Organisation and Phytosanitary fields.

Dates: 01 March 2000 – 31.12.2011
 Position: Head of Food and Veterinary Department
 Name and address of employer: Ministry of Agriculture, Lai str. 39/41, 15056, Tallinn, Estonia
 Main activities and responsibilities: Coordination of preparation of legislative acts in fields of food safety, animal health and welfare, phytosanitary and veterinary activities. Preparation and execution of negotiation process with EC services on adoption of EU legislation in area of veterinary and public health, phytosanitary and food safety in Estonia.

Dates: 01 June 1999 – 28 February 2000
 Position: Advisor to Director General
 Name and address of employer: Veterinary and Food Board, Väike-Paala 3, 11415 Tallinn, Estonia.
 Main activities and responsibilities: Implementation of legislation in fields of General Food Hygiene and Public Health.

Dates: 01 September 1998 – 30 of May 1999
 Position: Sales Director
 Name and address of employer: Dimela AS, Emajõe 1a, Tartu, Estonia.
 Main activities and responsibilities: Sale of veterinary medicines, surgical equipment, coordination of sales activities.

Dates: 01 March 1995 – 30 August 1998
 Position: Senior Veterinary Officer
 Name and address of employer: Veterinary and Food Board, Väike-Paala 3, 11415 Tallinn, Estonia.
 Main activities and responsibilities: Inspection and supervision of Food Business Operators.

Dates: 01 September 1992 – 28 February 1995
 Position: Assistant Professor/lecturer
 Name and address of employer: Estonian Agricultural University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kreutzwaldi 62, Tartu, Estonia
 Main activities and responsibilities: Teaching Laboratory Diagnostics.

Education and training:

1. 01 September 1987 – 23 June 1992, Estonian Agricultural University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Qualification – Veterinary Surgeon.
2. 01 September 1993 -01 February 1995, College of Veterinary Medicine in Helsinki, Finland. Postgraduate studies on Food and Environmental Hygiene and Food Technology.
3. 11 September 1997 – 05 October 1997, United States Department of Agriculture, The Texas A&M University System (USA). International courses “Animal Health and Food Safety; Veterinary Medicine and International Trade”.
4. February 1998, World Trade Organisation Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Training on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreements.
5. 31 March 1998 – 02 April 1998, The Institute of Food Science and Engineering, Texas A&M University (USA), International course “Food Safety. Developing and Implementation of HACCP Plans in Meat Industries”.
6. February 2000, European Commission, DG SANCO and DG ENLARGEMENT, training on General Organisation and functioning of EU Internal Market for Accession Countries.
7. 05 September 2005 – 11 January 2006, Centre Culturel et de Cooperation Linguistique de Tallinn, French language, National Classification A1.1.

International experience:

1. From 2000 to 2011 – National Contact Point for UN FAO Codex Alimentarius commission.
2. From 2004 to 2011 and from 2019 to 2021 – Member of the Advisory Forum of the European Food Safety Agency.
3. From 2000 to 2011 – Member of Nordic/Baltic Ministerial Committee of Senior Officials on Food Safety.
4. October 2009 in Tallinn - International seminar for Armenia, Georgia, Belorussia, Azerbaijan, Russia "International Trade, World Trade Organization - Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures". Lecture "Animal Health, Food Safety and Plant Health requirements for Import to the EU Single Market"
5. November 2009, Ankara, Turkey - In relation with cooperation agreement between Estonian and Turkey's Ministries of Agriculture consultations and seminar "EU negotiations on Chapter "Agriculture". Lectures: Official Food Control Systems,

Overview of Estonian negotiations on Food Safety, Food Safety Risk Analysis and Traceability Systems.

6. March – April 2010, Tbilisi, Georgia – International short Term Senior Expert, Georgian-European Policy and Legal Advice Centre (GEPLAC) Phase VI-GAP, Advice on the Food Safety Strategy.
7. June – July 2010, Tbilisi, Georgia – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Georgia. International Consultant to conduct capacity needs assessment and to provide recommendations to the National Service for Food Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection.
8. May – June 2011, Tbilisi, Georgia – International Short-Term Expert, Georgian-European Policy and Legal Advice Centre (GEPLAC) Phase VII, Analysis of the draft “Code on Food/Feed Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection” and an assessment of the compliance thereof with the Comprehensive Strategy and Legislative Approximation Program in Food Safety.
9. February 2012, Tbilisi, Georgia – International Short-Term Expert, Georgian-European Policy and Legal Advice Centre (GEPLAC) Phase VII, Assistance in preparation of SPS Vertical Directives Approximation Programme.
10. October 2012, Tallinn, Estonia – Lectures on Food Safety, Animal Health and Veterinary Organisation, training for Armenian, Moldovan and Georgian officials organised by the Estonian Centre of Eastern Partnership in co-operation with the Estonian School of Diplomacy, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).
11. December 2012 – current, Tbilisi, Georgia - International Expert of Comprehensive Institutional Capacity Building Development Program, with financial aid of European Commission for the development of Food Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection fields in Georgia.

Languages skills:

Mother tongue:	Estonian	
English:	Listening –	Proficient user
	Reading -	Proficient user
	Spoken interaction -	Proficient user
	Spoken production -	Proficient user
	Writing -	Independent user
Finnish	Listening –	Independent user
	Reading -	Independent user
	Spoken interaction -	Independent user

	Spoken production -	Independent user
	Writing -	Basic user
Russian	Listening –	Proficient user
	Reading -	Proficient user
	Spoken interaction -	Proficient user
	Spoken production -	Proficient user
	Writing -	Independent user
French	Listening –	Basic user
	Reading -	Basic user
	Spoken interaction -	Basic user
	Spoken production -	Basic user
	Writing -	Basic user

Other skills:

Computer user skills – experienced user of Windows, Office, Internet Explorer etc. Driver Licenses – BC.