

Research project IZS VE 17/12

Ethnic food and food safety: microbiological issues, adverse reactions, fraud and risk perception by the final consumer

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The project focuses on the assessment and management of health and hygiene issues in the field of ethnic food, and risk perception by the final consumer.

The main objectives of project are:

- to study the health issues (mainly about allergies and microbiological) associated with the ethnic catering;
- to evaluate the risk of food fraud associated with the marketing of non national products;
- to verify the correspondence with the legal requirements of the food products provided to consumers;
- to contribute to definition of microbiological limits for catering, with particular reference to ethnic catering;
- to propose to food operators management strategies for prevention and control of problems encountered to protect their professionalism;
- to know the risk perception by consumers against new foods that do not belong to our food tradition;
- to promote appropriate behaviour by consumers;
- to protect the final consumers.