

The GVH and the NÉBIH have entered into a cooperation agreement

11 May 2021, Budapest – The Hungarian Competition Authority (GVH) and the National Food Chain Safety Office of Hungary (NÉBIH) are tightening their professional cooperation. By signing a cooperation agreement, the two organisations intend to increase the efficiency of the work they jointly perform in the interest of small producers and consumers.

Csaba Balázs RIGÓ, President of the GVH, and Márton ORAVECZ, President of the NÉBIH, signed a cooperation agreement concerning the efficient future cooperation of the two organisations. The applicable legislation requires the GVH and the NÉBIH to perform closely related duties primarily in connection with the protection of agricultural and food industry suppliers, as well as the suppliers of undertakings with significant market power. In addition, the two authorities combine their forces against unfair advertising practices related to food products as well. The primary goal of the agreement is to facilitate the efficient performance of these shared tasks and lay out a framework for regular and fast information exchange between the parties. Furthermore, the authorities are going to strive to mutually support the professional activities of one another even beyond the cooperation required by the applicable legislation.

‘Ensuring fair competition for consumers on the food market and preventing abuse against the suppliers of undertakings with significant market power in every sector are essential duties. This is due to the fact that these factors play a significant role in ensuring the competitiveness of market players in the Hungarian economy as well as the protection of consumer interests. Therefore, this more efficient and closer professional cooperation of our organisations is going to benefit every citizen of our country’ stated Csaba Balázs RIGÓ, President of the GVH.

‘At the NÉBIH, we have always considered it an especially important goal to make sure that the economic relationships between players on the food market are maintained in an organised manner. So much so, that this topic was included and emphasised even in our Food Chain Safety Strategy approved in 2013. It is essential that all market players engaged in fair activities are able to enter and participate on the market, thus minimising the disadvantages arising from differences in power. Cooperation between our organisations and the sharing of experiences may open new opportunities for our work aimed at ensuring the above’ emphasised Márton ORAVECZ, President of the NÉBIH.

The cooperation agreement is available on the website of the GVH:

https://gvh.hu/gvh/egyuttmukodesi_megallapodasok/4240_hu_egyuttmukodesi_megallapodasok.

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