

Summary

The topic of this thesis is Food Law in the Czech Republic and Abroad. The purpose of the thesis is to introduce food law of the Czech Republic and England, with an emphasis on EU food law. As this field is very broad, only basic attributes and some interesting parts and issues of food law may be covered. The thesis is divided into seven chapters. In the first chapter relevant legal sources are introduced. Food law is regulated by many rules. Generally, these sources may be divided into primary and secondary legislation both at national and EU level. Furthermore, some important international aspects of food law are laid down as well. The second chapter simply is to present legal definitions of essential terms within the scope of Czech and EU law. The third chapter is crucial one for following chapters as it establishes most of general principles in environmental law as well as principles specifically applicable in the field of food law. It is often referred to these principles later in the thesis. Furthermore, this chapter also contains an introduction of the European Safety Food Authority and the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed as well as many ways of national control of food safety. Next chapter deals with food labelling and packaging. It is described which legal conditions have to be fulfilled by food producers in order to allow their products to be admissible on food market. Additionally, these requirements are explained in a way what meanings have for consumers. Finally, an issue of labelling language in Czech regulation is raised. Chapter five provides an introduction of food additives in the aspect of their necessity in food production as well as their effects on human body. In the chapter six some specific schemes guaranteeing quality of products under EU law are discussed. Moreover, some Czech national indications are to be laid down. Finally, in chapter seven, the United Kingdom is briefly introduced as a member state of the EU and its constitutional principles. Then main legal regulation of food law in England is to be presented and compared with Czech regulation. However, EU law provides sufficient framework in the area of food law therefore Czech and English food law are very similar. In conclusion, it is considered a direction of food law in the EU and also outlined suitable amendments to current regulation of food law.