The Food Law in the Czech Republic and in Foreign Countries

The purpose of my thesis is to analyse and characterise the food law in the Czech Republic and in selected foreign countries. The thesis focuses on providing comprehensive view of the general part of food law but also discusses selected aspects of food law and related issues. The reason for my thesis is my long-term interest in the field of human nutrition. Therefore I intended to gain some knowledge of the legal framework of food.

My thesis is based on the approach of analysis and synthesis. I also use the linguistic, logical and historical method in my thesis. The comparative method is used in the two last chapters (Chapter Twelve and Thirteen) which deal with the comparison of food law in the Czech Republic and selected countries.

The text of my thesis is divided into chapters, subchapters and parts. The thesis is composed of fourteen chapters (including Preface - Chapter One, Introduction - Chapter Two and Conclusions - Chapter Fourteen). Chapter Three and Four are introductory and define the position of food law in the system of Czech law and also define basic terminology (food, food law) and outline relevant Czech, European and International sources of law.

Chapter Five explores the evolution of food legislation in the Czech Republic and in the European Union. The history of food law is mentioned to provide context and basis for better understanding of present food law.

Chapter Six and Seven are of great importance because they explicate legal basis of food legislation in the Czech Republic and in the European Union and provide comprehensive view of its general part.

Chapter Eight is dedicated to related issues. It concentrates on issues dealing with the legislation of the feed and manure because they also take part in the food chain and are able to endanger food safety.

Chapter Nine examines the ecological production which enables to produce the food of high quality without unfavorable influence on the environment, animals and plants.
Chapters Ten and Eleven focus on selected aspects of food law. It is the legislation of additives and (dietary) supplements. This topic was included in my thesis because I find it very interesting.

Finally Chapters Twelve and Thirteen compare food law in the Czech Republic, the French Republic and the Polish Republic.

Conclusions are drawn in the last chapter - Chapter Fourteen. Czech food law is of high quality and it ensures food safety at a very good level. For the future, as I see it, food law should focus on responding to the technological and research progress and also on regulation of food quality.