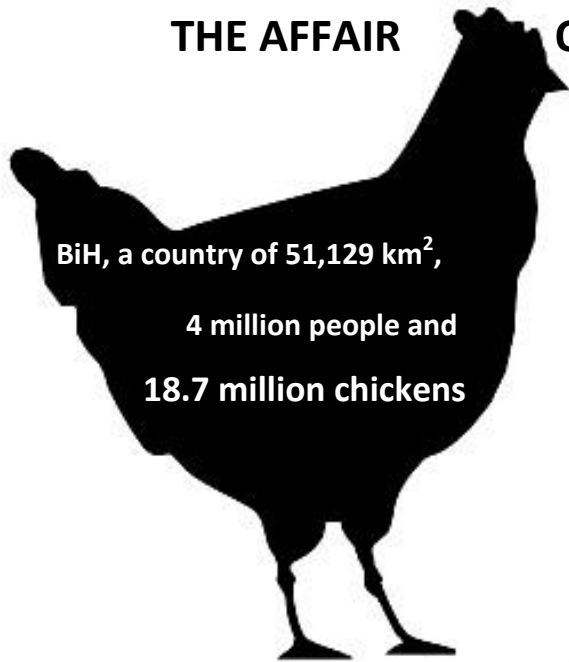


THE AFFAIR

OF BOSNIAN CHICKEN: WELFARE FACT SHEET



Four of BiH's agricultural sectors export is currently worth **30 million Euros**. The Poultry industry is one of the main subsectors with an enormous growth potential.

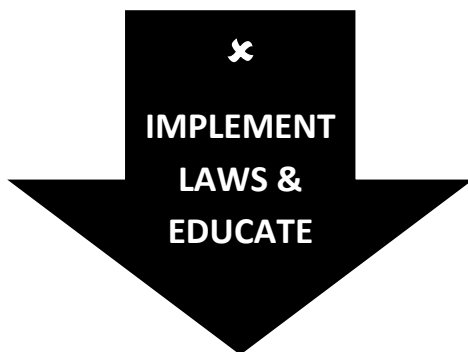
In the last 3 years, the value of existing chicken meat export to Croatia only rose to **3.5 million Euros** but this revenue is in danger of **being lost** on 1 January 2013.

Why?



- 2009 saw the unanimous adoption of an **animal welfare (AW) law** in BiH's Parliament, before adopting much more basic legislation such as the Hygiene Package and legislation listed in the **Road Map**.
- The law was followed by the adoption of **11 bylaws**.
- The animal welfare issue in BiH was proclaimed **harmonized** with the EU – yet **another EU check box successfully ticked off**.

BUT



- **Administrative chaos:** overlapping competencies of competent administrative bodies, no real central competent authority, lack of coordination.
- Lack of AW inspectors: only **1 AW inspector** in all of BiH.
- **Absence of AW knowledge** and misunderstanding of laws.
- AW is **secondary to food safety**, although it should be an upgrade of both safety and quality of products of animal origin.



How to AVOID it?

Immediately implement the **Road Map**, and

- 1) IMPLEMENT** existing AW laws and bylaws
- 2) EMPLOY** more AW inspectors
- 3) EDUCATE** public & private sector and consumers