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# **Report Highlights:**

In 2009, Serbia adopted the current Law on Genetically Engineered Organisms (GEOs), which strictly prohibits the importation, production, or commercial growing of genetically engineered crops. After ten years, Serbia still has not implemented changes to this Law on GEOs that conforms to European Union (EU) regulations or the World Trade Organization (WTO) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement. In order to become a member of WTO Serbia needs to amend the current law. European Commission is also requiring from Serbia to amend the current law order to fulfill requirements for EU membership. Serbia prepared an amended Law on GEOs in May 2018, but this law was never submitted into the national approval process. There are no livestock clones or other GE animals (including fish, birds, insects, mammals) or GE genetics being used in commercial production in Serbia.

### **Executive Summary:**

In 2009, Serbia adopted the Law on Genetically Engineered Organisms ("GEOs") which strictly prohibits all imports, production, and commercial growing of genetically engineered (GE) crops or products containing GE traits. This law does not provide any mechanism to review applications, to cultivate, or sell GE products and represents one of the main obstacles to Serbia's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession process.

As a result of repeated interventions from the European Union (EU), the United States, and other WTO members during the last several years, Serbian trade and agriculture officials recognize the international trade issues caused by the restrictive 2009 agricultural biotechnology law. It is expected that, when adopted, the new amended "Law on GEOs" and other by-laws will be fully harmonized with EU Directive 2001/18/EC on Biotechnology and the Amendments to Directive 412/2015.

The EU Directive was used as a general framework in preparing the amended law in May of 2018. Namely, it would create a mechanism that would allow for a scientific risk assessment of applications to import or grow GE crops and products. The proposal would establish a general framework for regulating biotechnology and adopt several by-laws to cover the use of GE products in closed systems, the placement of GE products on the market, labeling and traceability, authorized laboratories, packaging, transportation, and other related issues. There also would be changes in terminology to the four existing by-laws.

There has been strong political resistance to make any changes to the current law. Until 2019, over 140 Serbian cities and municipalities have signed the so-called "Declaration on GEOs" calling for a ban on GE products in their municipalities. Serbia has also signed the "Danube Soya Association" declaration to promote non-GE soy cultivation and processing in the Danube region of Europe.

Several new civil society groups have appeared sponsoring anti-GE crop campaigns in the last few years. The number of public events and the level of media coverage dealing with the agricultural biotechnology issue have increased over the last 3-5 years. However, agricultural biotechnology remains extremely unpopular in Serbia - and it is this angle that is typically covered by the press. Several political organizations on the extremes of the political spectrum have also taken up the issue of genetic engineering, hoping to use it to fuel anti-EU and U.S. sentiments. Both the Green Party and right-wing groups have representatives in the Serbian Parliament and are very vocal opponents of lifting the current ban on GE products and crops. Serbia's agriculture experts believe that the country's competitive advantage is to provide high quality "natural" or "organic" products. Serbian politicians and the general public remain misinformed about GE products and view them as potentially dangerous.

There are no livestock clones or other GE animals (including fish, birds, insects, mammals) or GE genetics being used in commercial production in Serbia.

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# **CHAPTER 1: PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY**

# PART A: PRODUCTION AND TRADE

- a) PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT: In Serbia, there are no GE crops under development. While there is no mechanism to approve GE crops, there is a framework for doing research work, which is governed by a strict application and monitoring process. Although there are no GE field trials being conducted, in theory, permits for research work and contained use of biotech materials can be obtained from the Serbian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM) after the State's regulatory requirements have been met.
- b) COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION: Serbia does not commercially cultivate any GE crops. The area planted for non-GE soybeans in marketing year<sup>1</sup> (MY) 2019/20 was 230,000 hectares, about the same as in MY2018/19. Due to the excellent weather conditions, Serbia is having a record high soybean production season. With record high average yields in 2019 of 3.5 metric tons per hectare (usual average yield is 2.5 metric tons per hectare) total production of non-soybeans in MY2019/20 has reached the capacity of approximately 800,000 metric tons that is almost the same as 2018.
- c) EXPORTS: Serbia does not export GE crops. Serbia is only exporting non-GE crops (mostly corn and soybeans). For the last five years, Serbian soybean exporters have been able to secure official certificates from Serbian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM) that the "Law on GEOs" banning all commercial growing, trade, and transit of GE varieties in Serbia has been implemented. With this official confirmation, exporters have been able to secure a premium for their non-GE crops and be more competitive internationally. Several Serbian crushing facilities have long-term contracts with EU buyers to export non-GE soybeans and products. In 2019, MAFWM offered 4,000 dinars per hectare (USD 40 per hectare) of subsidies as direct payments for certified seeds and fertilizers to Serbian grain and oilseeds farmers. During MY2018/19, Serbia's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Marketing Year is September 1 through August 31.

soybean exports totaled 127,600 metric tons, 80 percent higher than last year (25,000 metric tons). This is all non-GE soybeans and products. Serbia mostly exports soybeans and products to EU countries such as Hungary, Austria, Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, and Romania. For the last several years, there has been increased demand for Serbian non-GE soybeans from Japan and South Korea.

- d) IMPORTS: In MY2018/19 Serbia imported 6,000 metric tons of non-GMO soybeans, that is much less than last year when imports were 167,000 metric tons due to small domestic crop. Imports of GE crops are not allowed. Prior to the adoption of the current "Law on GEOs" in 2009, Serbia imported soybean meal which contained approved Round-Up Ready soybeans. Imported quantities reached 70,000-100,000 metric tons annually, valued at USD 40-60 million.
- e) FOOD AID: Serbia is not a food aid recipient country, nor does it provide food aid for other countries.
- f) TRADE BARRIERS: The current "Law on GEOs" adopted in 2009 is a major trade barrier as it strictly prohibits all imports, production, and commercial growing of GE crops or products containing GE traits. The ban does not provide any mechanism for future products to be reviewed, as there is no transparent science-based risk assessment/approval process.

# **PART B: POLICY**

a) REGULATORY FRAMEWORK: The Serbian Parliament adopted the current "Law on GEOs" in May 2009. This law, which was published in the Official Gazette No.41/2009, went into effect on June 12, 2009 and it completely banned all trade and commercial cultivation of biotech products. The ban was adopted without a risk assessment being done based on a scientific review as required by the WTO, and the law does not provide any mechanism for future products to be reviewed as there is no transparent science-based risk assessment/approval process.

Reportedly, since 2010, the MAFWM has drafted several versions of a revised "Law on GEOs" that incorporates U.S. and EU suggestions to make it more WTO compliant. The latest version of revised "Law on GEOs" was prepared in May 2018 but has never been submitted through an approval process. The new draft law includes the creation of a mechanism for a risk assessment of applications to import or grow GE crops their products. It will establish the general framework for regulating biotechnology in Serbia. Additionally, there are ten new by-laws covering a variety of topics (see below). There will also be changes in terminology to the four existing by-laws (Rulebooks) that were adopted in 2002. These Rulebooks are still in effect, although some of the provisions are not in use under the 2009 law but will become active again once the law is amended.

The following are the Rulebooks that are still valid:

• Rulebook on "Contained use of genetically modified organisms," No.1244/1 issued November 13, 2002;

• Rulebook on "Regulation on the content and data of products derived from GEOs," No. 1669/1 issued December 15, 2002 (will be amended with new terminology after adoption of the new Law on GEOs);

• Rulebook on "Commercial release of 'GEOs' or products derived from same," No.1245/1 issued November 13, 2002 (not used due to the current Law on GEOs);

• Rulebook on "Deliberate release of biotech products into the environment," No.1246/1 issued November 13, 2002 (will be amended with the new terminology after adoption of the new Law on GEOs).

The newest version of the revised law is reviewed and approved by the Serbia's 18-member National Biosafety Council. The final version of the law needs to be approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Serbian Government and adopted by the National Parliament. MAFWM is at the same time drafting a number of necessary by-laws in accordance to the EU regulation. Once adopted, the MAFWM, is planning to implement the following ten by-laws:

- Regulation on the use of GEOs in closed systems;
- Regulation on deliberate release of GEOs into the environment;
- Regulation on the placing on the market of GEOs and products of GEOs;
- Regulation on labeling and traceability of GEOs and products of GEOs;
- Regulation on the content and data of the Register of GEOs and products of GEOs;
- Regulation on authorized laboratories;
- Regulation on confidential information;
- Regulation on the handling, packaging and transport of GEOs and GE products;
- Regulation on trans-border movement of GEOs and products of GEOs;
- Regulation on sampling of GEOs and products of GEOs;

The MAFWM is the competent authority responsible for all GE issues in Serbia. The Ministry deals with all contained use of "GEOs" and is the focal point for the Cartagena Protocol, Biosafety Clearing House, plant varieties registration and protection, genetic resources, and accreditation of laboratories. The Agriculture Ministry is also responsible for appointing members to the Biosafety Expert Council. Members are appointed for the period of five years. In 2017, the Biosafety Expert Council extended the terms of all current members to 2022.

In April 2017, the Serbian MAFWM, established a new Food Safety Risk Assessment Expert Council. The main coordinator of this council is a special adviser to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management. The Food Safety Council consists of 15 members, from scientists, representatives of consumer associations, representatives of academia, and the MAFWM. According to the Serbian Minister of Agriculture, this Food Safety Risk Assessment Expert Council will also be involved in the future process of amending and adopting the current "Law on GEOs."

The MAFWM supervises the application of the "Law on GEOs" and its subsequent regulations through a national inspectorate. It manages all phytosanitary inspectorates and quality control of food and feed production. It also is responsible for financing research projects in the fields of agriculture and the protection of plant genetic resources.

While there is no mechanism to approve GE crops for import or cultivation, there is a framework for doing research work. The current law regulates only conditions for contained use, research activities, and field trials of biotech products under the strict control of the state. There is a strict and detailed application process for obtaining a permit for GE research. The application must provide all the necessary data on the biotech event or biotech crop and stipulate parameters for safety procedures and measures. All applications must be submitted to the MAFWM for review and approval. Risk assessments are evaluated by the Biosafety Expert Council, which is composed of representatives from scientific research institutions in the fields of agriculture, ecological, and biological science. The applicant must submit any renewal requests to the MAFWM six months prior to the expiry<sup>2</sup> of the original approval.

- b) APPROVALS: There are no GE products approved for import or for cultivation and there are no applications for research.
- c) STACKED OR PYRAMIDED EVENT APPROVALS: There is no mechanism for approving stacked or pyramided events or products. Furthermore, it is expected that with amendments to the current "Law on GEOs," each GE event would have to be approved individually.
- d) FIELD TESTING: Currently there are no GE field trials being conducted. The application for fieldtesting must be submitted to MAFWM for review and approval. Risk assessments are evaluated by the Biosafety Expert Council. The application must provide all the necessary data on the biotech event or biotech crop and stipulate the safety procedure parameters and measures.
- e) INNOVATIVE BIOTECHNOLOGIES: Serbia has not determined the regulatory status of innovative biotechnologies (such as genome editing) in plants or plant products. Through amending the current restrictive "Law on GEOs," Serbia will most probably cover this topic with a separate Rulebook.
- f) COEXISTENCE: Serbia does not have a coexistence policy; it has a strict ban on planting GE crops. However, a coexistence policy is incorporated into amendments that are being considered to the current "Law on GEOs."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Products are approved for five years, upon which the renewal is required.

- g) LABELLING AND TRACEABILITY: Under the current "Law on GEOs," labeling and traceability are not defined. Once the law is amended, the MAFWM plans to adopt a separate regulation on the labeling and traceability of GEOs and products of GEOs, per EU regulations.
- h) MONITORING AND TESTING: The responsibility for monitoring and testing of GE food, feed, and seeds falls under MAFWM, as defined by the "Law on GEOs." Serbia's phytosanitary inspectors are instructed to carry out surveillance of possible unauthorized imports of GE crops or products at the border and the internal inspectors from the MAFWM control what is planted in the fields. The phytosanitary inspectors use "Reveal for CP4" test strips to test for Roundup Ready<sup>TM</sup> soybeans and apply herbicides to small test areas in soybean fields to determine if any illegal GE soybeans have been planted.

Annually, the Serbian Phytosanitary Inspectorate of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Plant Protection Directorate is inspecting approximately 1,500 plots or somewhere between 50-60 hectares of land with soybeans. The Directorate inspects approximately 300 soybean fields each year and of those samples detects between 50-70 fields as GE. The largest number of GE soybean plots were located in parts of Mačva, South Bačka and Srem (Vojvodina). The GE soybeans are always destroyed or removed from the field and the farmers were fined according to the current "Law on GEOs" with 30,000-50,000 dinars (USD 290-490), while companies are fined with charges of 500,000 to 3 million dinars (USD 4,900 – 30,000) for deliberate release into the environment without obtaining approval.

Every imported shipment of corn and soybean is inspected by the phytosanitary inspection for the presence of GE products. Depending of the size of the domestic Serbian crop, imports of these crops may be needed (like in 2018). Any imported corn or soy must be non-GMO.

The MAFWM works with the following four accredited laboratories for the testing of "GEOs":

SP Laboratory Address: Industrijska Zona bb, Becej Phone: +381 21 453 191 Web page: www.victoriagroup.rs

Laboratory for Seed Testing Address: 30 Maksima Gorkog, Novi Sad Phone: +381 21 421 248 Web page: <u>www.nsseme.com</u>

A Bio Tech Lab Address: Vojvode Putnika bb, Sremska Kamenica Phone: + 381 21 489 3661 Web page: www.abiotechlab.com

Institute for Molecular Genetics and Genetics Engineering Address: Vojvode Stepe 444a, Belgrade Phone: +381 11 3975 744 Fax: + 381 11 3975808 Web page: <u>http://www.imgge.bg.ac.rs</u>

- i) LOW LEVEL PRESENCE (LLP) POLICY: According to the Serbian "Law on GEOs" adopted in 2009 agriculture products of non-animal origin are not considered "GEOs" if the presence of "GEOs" fall under the 0.9% threshold of "GEOs" and impurities of "GEOs." Seed and reproductive material are not considered "GEOs" if they contain up to 0.1% threshold of genetically engineered organisms and impurities of "GEOs."
- j) ADDITIONAL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS: N/A
- k) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR): Although Serbia is not yet a WTO member, the legal regime for IPR protection has improved substantially in recent years as Serbia has revised laws to meet the WTO's Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) standards. The TRIPS Agreement is a multilateral WTO Agreement and, as such, applicable to all 147 members of the WTO. It is also binding for every country that accedes to the WTO. The agreement's general obligations require countries to apply the principles of national treatment (same treatment of foreign title holders and domestic title holders) and most favored nation treatment (same treatment of foreign title holders regardless of their country of origin). TRIPS set minimum standards of protection with respect to all forms of intellectual property: copyright, trademarks and service marks, geographical indications, industrial designs, patents, layout designs of integrated circuits, and trade secrets. IPR in Serbia are treated in a series of laws, as follows: The Law on Copyright and Related Rights (2009), The Law on Patents (2004), The Law on Trademarks (2009) and the Law on Geographical Indications (2010).
- CARTAGENA PROTOCOL RATIFICATION: Serbia is a party to the Convention on Biological Diversity, ratified in 2002, and ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety <u>https://bch.cbd.int/protocol</u> in 2006. According to Serbia's obligations under the protocol, it must create a Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) consisting of a national database keeping record of all biotech trials, production, and trade activities in the country for all Living Modified Organisms (LMOs).
- m) INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND FORUMS: Serbia is currently a member of CODEX Alimentarius, the European Plant Protection Organization (EPPO), the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), the International Union for the Protection of the new Varieties of Plants (UPOV), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the European Cooperative Program for Crop Genetic Resources Networks (ECP/GR), and is a signatory of the Aarhus Convention and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). Serbia often speaks out about genetic engineering at international forums but with negative connotation.

Serbia is trying to accede to the European Union. According to the 2019 European Commission report on Serbia's progress in the EU accession process, it was stated that Serbia had limited progress in the area of Chapter 30: External relations. The EU has a common trade and commercial policy towards third countries, based on multilateral and bilateral agreements and autonomous measures. Some progress was made in the external relation during the reporting period, but the capacity to pursue key challenges in trade policy needs to be strengthened further. European Commission is suggesting to Serbia that in the coming year, Serbia should complete its World Trade Organization (WTO) accession by adopting an amended law on genetically modified organisms and complete remaining bilateral market access negotiations and strengthen administrative capacity in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications for dealing with trade with the EU, CEFTA and WTO accession. Serbia will not be able to become a full EU member before changing current GE law that does not conform to EU regulations or the WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement.

n) RELATED ISSUES: The current "Law on GEOs" adopted in 2009 is a major trade barrier as it strictly prohibits all imports, production, and commercial growing of GE crops or products containing GEOs. The ban was adopted without a risk assessment being done based on scientific review as required by the WTO and the law does not provide any mechanism for future products to be reviewed, as there is no transparent science-based risk assessment/approval process.

# **PART C: Marketing**

a) PUBLIC/PRIVATE OPINIONS: Serbian politicians and the general public remain misinformed about GE products and view them as potentially dangerous. Public opinion is generally negative towards biotechnology as there have not been any systematic attempts by the government to educate consumers. The media consistently choose to reinforce negative perceptions rather than report on technological advances. The issue has proven to be too politically charged, so much so that even politicians in favor of innovation do not take a public stance. Grain farmer and trader organizations are not united on the issue, as there is both an import and export interest involved. Serbian researchers are well educated and are not anti-agricultural biotechnology but are not active in passing these messages to the general public. Serbian livestock and poultry farmers know that with the adoption of the 2009 "Law on GEOs," Serbia blocked all GE soybean meal imports for cattle feed resulting in a significant increase in feed prices. Livestock farmers and cattle feed producers are eager to buy EU approved GE soybean meal from Argentina, Brazil or the United States to reduce input costs. However, Serbian consumers continue to reject biotechnology publicly in the erroneous belief that domestic production is effectively "organic and natural."

A significant number of city mayors in Serbia have adopted a "Declaration on 'GEOs" and designated their territories as GE-free. Also, during the last few years, several new civil society groups have appeared sponsoring anti-GE crop campaigns. The number of public events and the level of media coverage on the agricultural biotechnology issue have increased over the last 5 years. As a result, GE products remain extremely unpopular in Serbia, and it is this angle that is typically

covered by the press. Several political organizations on the extremes of the political spectrum have also taken up the GE issue, hoping to use it to fuel anti-EU and anti-U.S. sentiments. Both the Green Party and right-wing groups are vocal opponents. Additionally, as members of the National Parliament, these groups are against the lifting the current ban on products from agricultural biotechnology.

Serbia is officially supporting the Danube Soya Association. The Danube Soya Association <a href="http://www.donausoja.org/en-en">http://www.donausoja.org/en-en</a> is an international non-profit association based in Vienna, Austria. This association was founded in 2012 and its main members are farmers, agricultural traders, feed companies, major retailers, honorary members, food and feed processors/producers/distributors/retailors, institutes, laboratories, universities, and green organizations. The association's intention is to promote sustained non-GE soybean cultivation in Europe. It opened a representational office in Serbia <a href="http://www.donausoja.org/en/about-us/the-association/team-and-offices/office-serbia">http://www.donausoja.org/en/about-us/the-association/team-and-offices/office-serbia</a> and is active in organizing different events. The purpose of the activities in Serbia is to promote the production of non-GE varieties of soybeans to the Serbian Farmers Associations and to encourage production in accordance with the "GE Free" standards.

On June 19, the National Convention on the EU (an EU funded non-governmental organization), which represents the European Movement in Serbia, organized a Workshop on agriculture chapters 11, 12 and 13 of the EU acquis with the topic "Regulating production and trade of GEs in Serbia." Participants of the workshop on GE were Serbian scientists, biologists, environmental protection experts, members of different NGOs, representatives of the Serbian Government, EU Delegation, and U.S. Embassy in Serbia. The main message from the workshop was that current "Law on GEOs" in Serbia does not function and it must be changed and harmonized with the international standards. It was also discussed that media and general public must be provided with better information and that media should base its reporting on credible information obtained from reliable sources.

b) MARKET ACCEPTANCE: Serbian agricultural experts believe that Serbia's competitive advantage depends on seeking a premium for high quality "natural" or "organic" products rather than competing on volume. Thus, there is a concern about the potential market consequences of adopting pro-agricultural biotechnology policies. Additionally, there is a strong bias against GE products as being "unnatural." Over the past several years, the profile of the issue has been raised and it is now a topic for debate amongst politicians, scientists, farmers, and industry representatives as well as the media. Generally, there appears to be a negative attitude towards the acceptance of GE crops in most social media outlets, although consumer awareness of GE products and public discussion of biotechnology related issues are limited. The MAFWM is keen to promote Serbia's non-GE and organic production and has done little to dispel any misinformation about agricultural biotechnology and EU approved GE events.

FAS Belgrade is not aware of any market studies regarding the acceptance of GE imports or GE production.

# **CHAPTER 2: ANIMAL BIOTECHNOLOGY**

# PART D: PRODUCTION AND TRADE

- a) PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT: According to the Serbian MAFWM, no applications have been submitted to conduct research for producing GE animals or cloned animals.
- b) COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION: There are no livestock clones or GE animals (including fish, birds, insects, mammals) or GE genetics being used in commercial production in Serbia.
- c) EXPORTS: Not applicable as Serbia does not produce GE animals, livestock clones, or products from these animals, including genetics (semen and embryos).
- d) IMPORTS: It is unknown whether genetic material produced with modern biotechnology techniques is being imported. It is also unknown whether products from offspring of cloned animals are being imported.
- e) TRADE BARRIERS: No country-specific legislation.

### PART E: POLICY

- a) REGULATORY FRAMEWORK: There are no laws or regulations covering animal biotechnology nor do they appear to be envisioned in the amendments to the "Law on GEOs" that is currently being considered. The institutions listed under Plant Biotechnology have the same responsibilities relating to Animal Biotechnology.
- b) APPROVALS: There are no approvals of GE animals for use or import.
- c) INNOVATIVE BIOTECHNOLOGIES: Currently Serbia has no regulation that addresses innovative biotechnologies in animals.
- d) LABELING AND TRACEABILITY: There are no regulations in Serbia on the traceability and labeling of livestock clones, GE animals and their products (including genetics), and/or their offspring.
- e) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR): Serbia currently has no legislation that would address intellectual property rights for animal biotechnologies. Please see Plant Biotechnology Chapter for other details.
- f) INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND FORUMS: Serbia is a member of Codex Alimentarius (Codex) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). Serbia is not discussing any GE animals and their products on expert forums.

### g) RELATED ISSUES: N/A

### PART F: MARKETING

- a) PUBLIC/PRIVATE OPINIONS: Generally unfavorable. The Serbian public is not provided with even basic information on this topic.
- b) MARKET ACCEPTANCE/STUDIES: With current public perceptions about biotechnology, it is likely that animal biotechnology would have a difficult time with market acceptance. FAS Belgrade is not aware of any market studies regarding the acceptance of GE animals.

### **APPENDIX 1: RELEVANT REFERENCES**

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### Serbian Ministry of Environmental Protection

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Ruze Jovanovica 27a, 11160 Belgrade, Serbia Phone: ++ 381 11 2861080 E-mail: <u>office@sepa.gov.rs</u> Web page: <u>http://www.sepa.gov.rs/</u> (in Serbian)

#### **Consumer Protection Reporter/APOS**

E-mail: apos@apos.org.rs Web page: http://apos.rs/#about-us (in Serbian)

#### National Association for Consumer Protection

E-mail: <u>pravnitim@nops.org.rs</u> Web page: <u>http://www.nops.org.rs</u> (in Serbian)

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### **Attachments:**

No Attachments