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Governance and system change



A case study:

Catalan Law 3/2020, on food loss and waste prevention

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food
of the Government of Catalonia



Generalitat de Catalunya
**Departament d'Agricultura,
Ramaderia, Pesca i Alimentació**



Strategy on FLW prevention:

Working for better use of food. Fighting against food loss and waste



1.

Knowledge
generation



2.

Awareness
raising



3.

FLW prevention
actions



4.

Regulation



5.

Governance



March 11th 2020: Law on Food Loss and Waste Prevention



Law 3/2020, of 11 March, on Food Loss and Wastage Prevention

202-00001/12

Adoption

Plenary Assembly of Parliament

Session 50, 04.03.2020, DSPC-P 89

Publication: BOPC 444; DOGC 8084, 13.03.2020

Preamble

Food wastage is a problem that has gained considerable importance over the last few years in both the political and social spheres. There has been a growth in social awareness regarding the need to fight against food loss and wastage generated along the food chain. The prevailing food production, transformation, distribution and consumption models are incapable of solving the world population's food security and sovereignty problems. Nearly nine hundred million people survive on a poor and insufficient diet, while a third of the first world's population suffers from obesity caused by excessive or inadequate food intake. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations estimates that a third of all the food produced in the world is lost or wasted.





Key aspects

- It has a **whole food supply chain approach**, including food companies and social entities from food production to hospitality industry.
- **Food losses in the primary sector are included** on the scope of the law

Food losses: “edible parts of the food that remain during the harvesting itself, whether reincorporated in the soil or used for on-site composting”



Food
production

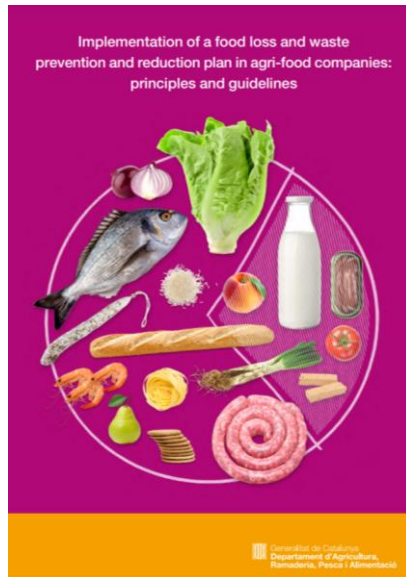
Agro-food
industry

Wholesalers
and retailers

Hotel,
restaurants
and catering
business

Key aspects

- Strong focus on **PREVENTION of food loss and waste** rather than in the redistribution of food surplus.



The obligations included in Law 3/2020 for food chain stakeholders are, among others:

- ✓ To have and implement a **food loss and waste prevention plan.**
- ✓ To **reduce, measure, and annually report** the quantity of food loss and waste
- ✓ To account for the food products that are intended for **free distribution or animal feed.**

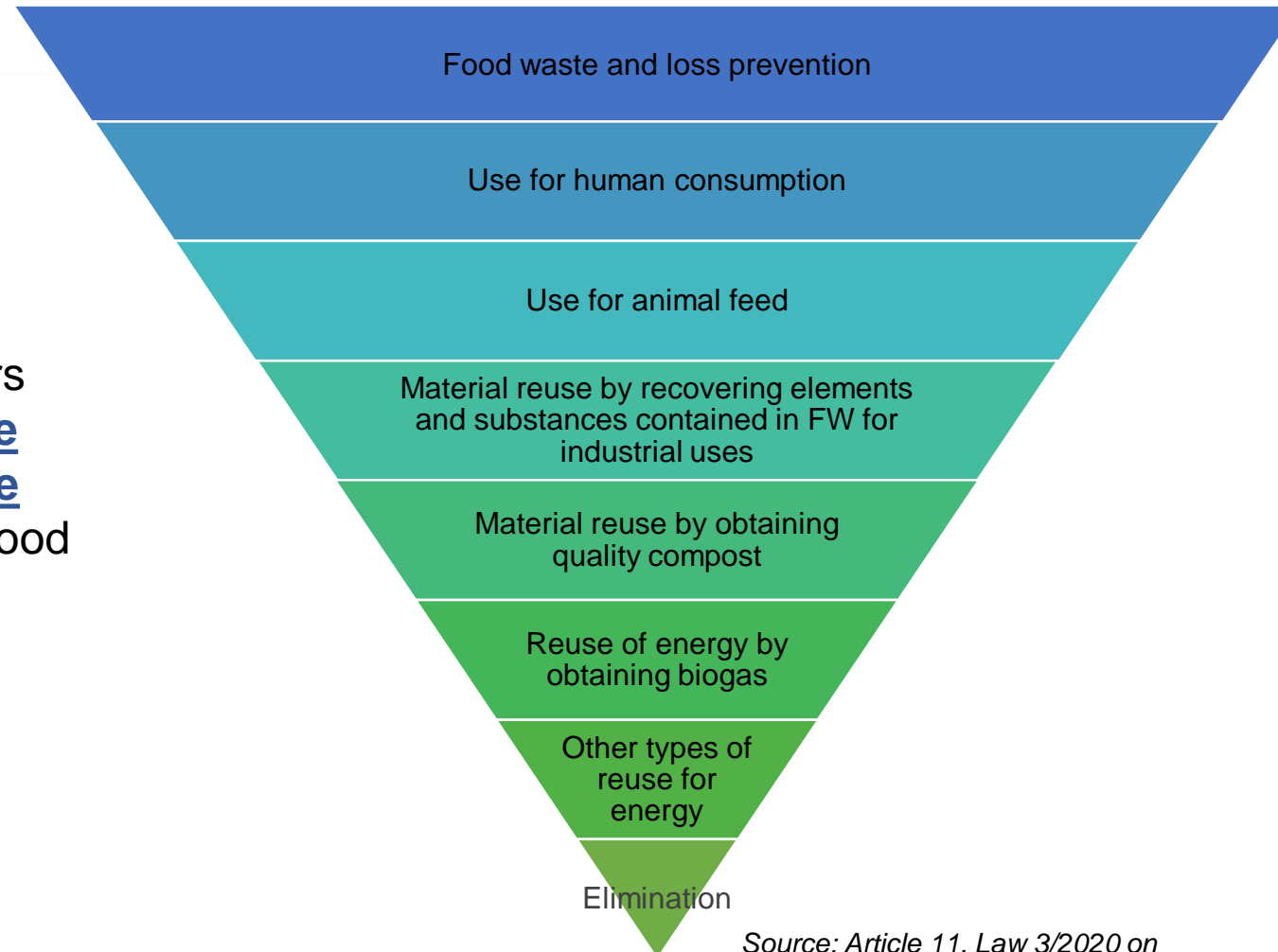


Source: [*Implementation of a food loss and waste prevention and reduction plan in agri-food companies: principles and guidelines*](#) (CREDA-UPC-IRTA & DARP, 2019)



Hierarchy of food priorities

- ✓ The food chain stakeholders must adopt the appropriate measures for applying the hierarchy of food uses to food loss and waste



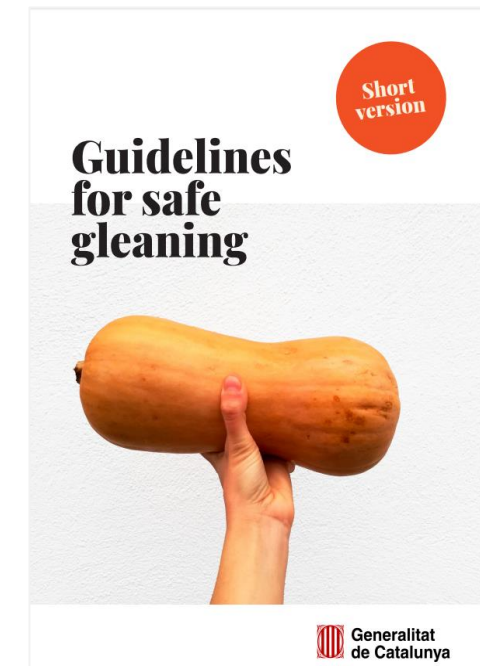
Source: Article 11, Law 3/2020 on Food Loss and Wastage Prevention





Gleaning

- ✓ Regulation of gleaning as a complementary and non-profit activity to reduce food losses in the primary production



Source: [Guidelines for safe gleaning](#)
Fundació Espigoladors &
Generalitat de Catalunya, 2020)





How does the Government work on the Law?

Consultations with the agri-food sector

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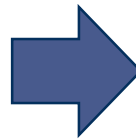
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**Consulta pública prèvia sobre el desenvolupament
de la Llei de prevenció de les pèrdues i el
malbaratament alimentaris**

Consulta pública prèvia a l'elaboració del Reglament de desenvolupament de la Llei 3/2020, de l'11 de març, de prevenció de les pèrdues i el malbaratament alimentaris

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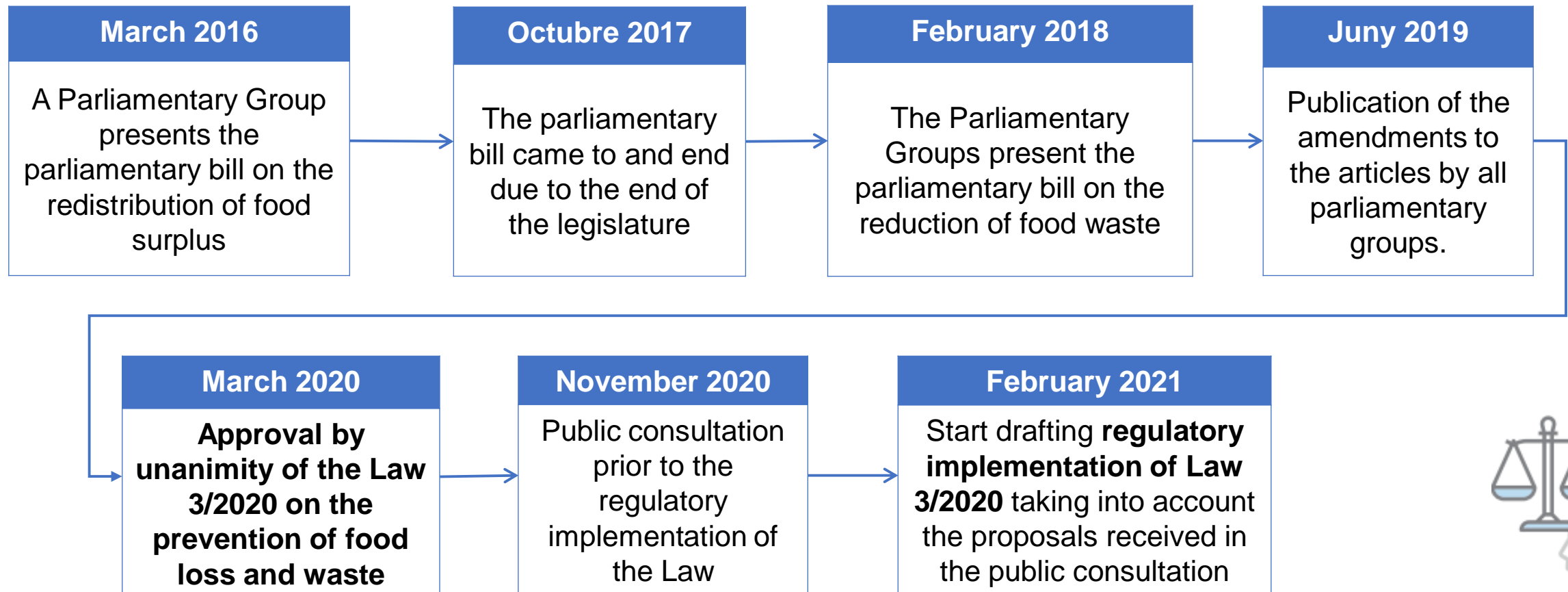
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