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**Reduction of Salt in Bread and Baked Goods**

Dear Sir or Madam!

In October of the past year in the context of our general assembly in Brussels we have agreed about continuing our successful resistance against the unreasonable adjustment intentions of the European Commission regarding salt in bread - and baking goods also in the year 2010. In the meantime national baker federations developed different positions regarding a clear reduction of the salt content in bread and baking goods.

This line, which is not required by the European Commission at all is suitable to weaken our common CEBP position opposite the EU Parliament and the European Commission sensitively. All so far of the European Commission of given arguments about the alleged injurious to healthiness of salt in bread and baking goods go wrongly, because the human salt admission over bread in Central Europe amounts to provable at the most 30% of the daily total admission, in most cases however less. Wrong calculation fundamentals are based on the just as wrong basic condition of the completely superelevated pro head consumption data for example in Germany. There it is maintained again and again that each inhabitant from the newborn child to the old man consumes annually 84 kg bread and baking goods. This number is pure invention; actually the consumption is approximately 58 - 62 kg. If one subordinates this realistic view, the amount of the salt quantity absorbed by the daily bread sinks significantly. By the way it is not to be seen at all, why of all things one of the most steeped in tradition food – bread – gets into the focus of the health-political transmission consciousness of the European Commission, while the salt intake with other meals particular in restaurants, but also in the household can be arranged naturally also in the future individually.

Our CEBP will follow its strictly rejecting position to the salt reduction in bread and baking goods also in the future on the European level. We achieved our past success in the defense of the European planning intentions especially because we could bring forward and represent the unanimous view of our member federations as megaphone of the European baker and confectioner handicraft. We ask all our member federations urgently to represent seriously the common adverse attitude of our CEBP opposite to the national governments and to convey us the applicable statement as possible till 8 February 2010 because we would drive through a board meeting in Brussels on 10 February of the yearly.

Kind regards

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