
FOOD & BEVERAGE

For many years, BEITEN BURKHARDT has advised companies active in the food and beverage industry and in agribusiness. We cover the special features of this diverse sector, advising on both national and EU law.

Our expertise is correspondingly wide-ranging and spans from labour law, competition law, and questions related to companies and associations, to all aspects of public law including subsidies and environmental law. The broad spectrum of our expertise sets us apart and allows us to provide comprehensive and integrated legal advice, even on interdisciplinary issues.

We support our food and beverage industry clients in particular in the following areas.

Labour law

- Individual labour law
- Works constitution law
- Collective bargaining law
- Restructuring, with or without redundancies
- Transaction-related labour law
- Insolvency and labour law
- International labour law, secondment
- Occupational pensions

Intellectual property

- Unfair competition and unfair advertising (e.g. health claims)
- Antitrust and merger control
- Trademark advice and support, IP litigation, IP strategies, drafting agreements
- Distribution law

Corporate law

- Establishment and organisation of companies and joint ventures
- Corporate governance and ongoing corporate law advice
- Corporate litigation, corporate law disputes
- Transformation law and law of groups
- Mergers and acquisitions

Food and nutrition law, agriculture law

- Product safety and food and feed law (LFGB), including labelling, food safety and hygiene law
- Law applicable to food producing facilities and products, including special approval proceedings (e.g. for food additives, novel foods and health claims)
- State aid and subsidies
- Product liability law and official measures, such as product recalls and RAPEX notifications

Customs and tax law

- Corporate tax law and tax accounting law
- Turnover and other transaction taxes, including customs procedures
- Tax proceedings, in and out of court
- Structuring options under non-profit law
- Law of foundations

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