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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: *International Legal and Regulatory Aspects of Computer Crimes in the Food Security System*

Recommendation:

Accept as it is
Accept after minor revision.....
Accept after major revision
Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		■		
Techn. Quality	■			
Clarity		■		
Significance		■		

Reviewer Name: Dr Feroze Ahmad

Detailed Reviewer's Report

The manuscript offers a timely and conceptually relevant discussion on the intersection of computer crime regulation and food security, though several aspects require refinement prior to publication. The abstract and summary (lines 3–18) appropriately introduce the importance of unified international legal norms, but they would benefit from more explicit articulation of the research gap and specific contributions of the study. The introduction (lines 21–30) convincingly highlights the transnational nature of cybercrime; however, the link to food security remains largely implicit and should be strengthened through concrete examples. The methods section (lines 32–37) is described in general terms, yet lacks sufficient detail regarding data sources, case selection, or analytical procedures, which limits reproducibility. The results section (lines 39–145) provides a thorough historical and institutional overview of international legal instruments, particularly OECD initiatives (lines 42–55) and the Budapest Convention (lines 83–105), but remains predominantly descriptive and would benefit from deeper critical analysis regarding their effectiveness specifically in protecting food security systems. The discussion on limitations of the Convention (lines 106–112) is relevant, though underdeveloped and could be expanded to include examples of jurisdictional conflicts or enforcement failures. The conclusions (lines 147–162) correctly emphasize the insufficiency of current legal measures in addressing cybersecurity in food supply chains, yet they would be strengthened by more concrete policy recommendations.

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Overall, the manuscript is thematically significant but requires clearer methodological grounding, stronger analytical depth, and a more explicit integration of food security into the legal discourse.