

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55744

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

Recommendation:

Accept after minor revision.....

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

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Reviewer's Comment

This manuscript examines the international legal and regulatory framework governing computer crimes with specific reference to their implications for food security systems. By tracing developments from OECD initiatives to Council of Europe instruments and United Nations congresses, the paper highlights the growing transnational nature of cybercrime and the need for harmonised legal responses. The topic is timely and relevant, especially given the increasing digitisation of food supply chains and the vulnerability of agri-food systems to cyber threats. The manuscript contributes by bringing together legal history and policy analysis in a domain that remains underexplored.

Substantive Focus and Contribution

The overview of key international instruments, including the OECD reports, the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime, and UN declarations, is accurate and well organised. The identification of legal gaps, regional bias, and the absence of a universally accepted UN convention is a useful critical insight. The attempt to link cybercrime regulation with food security governance is conceptually important and aligns with broader concerns about national resilience and SDG 2 (Zero Hunger).

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However, the connection between computer crime frameworks and concrete food security risks remains largely implicit. A brief section illustrating how cyberattacks affect food supply chains, agricultural data systems, or logistics would strengthen the applied relevance of the argument.

Methodology and Structure

The use of historical, empirical, and analytical methods is appropriate for a legal-policy study. The methods section is clear but somewhat generic. Clarifying how sources were selected and how the “culturomic approach” was operationalised would improve methodological transparency. Structurally, the manuscript is coherent, though some sections read as descriptive listings of instruments rather than analytical discussion.

Clarity, Style, and Presentation

The manuscript is written in a formal academic tone and is generally clear. Minor language editing would improve fluency, and some paragraphs could be tightened to avoid repetition. The reference list is relevant, though standardisation of formatting is needed. The abstract and summary sections overlap and could be merged for conciseness.

Final Recommendation

This is a relevant and conceptually promising paper that addresses an important intersection between cybercrime regulation and food security. With minor revisions focusing on strengthening the food security linkage, tightening analysis, and improving stylistic clarity, the manuscript will be suitable for publication.

Decision: Accepted with minor revisions.