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KOSOVO NATIONAL LAW ON THE MARKET ORGANISATION FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS 2023

- The Kosovo National Agricultural Market Law 2023 regulates the organization of the market for agricultural products:
 - the criteria, function, establishment, and recognition of producer organizations,
 - for determining the competent authority for product conformity checks in accordance with **marketing standards**,
 - the framework for the introduction of school schemes,
 - conditions of geographical indications for primary production.

KOSOVO NATIONAL LAW ON THE MARKET ORGANISATION FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

❑ This draft Law in full harmony with the EU Regulation (EU) **No. 1308/2013** of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common market organisation (CMO) amended by the Regulation (EU) 2021/20117 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the **date 2 December 2021**

❑ Draft **Law on Market Organization for Agricultural Products**, was approved in of the Government of Kosovo, with the Decision No.02/130 date: 22.02.2023.

❑ According to MAFRD's forecasts, until April this year, this law will be processed in the Assembly of Kosovo for approval.

❑ After the approval of the law, MAFRD will immediately work on the development of administrative instructions – 5 AU

1. Regulation (EU) **No. 1308/2013** of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common market organisation amended by the Regulation (EU) 2021/20117 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the date 2 December 2021;
2. Regulation delegated by the Commission (EU) 2017/891 of the date 13 March 2017 that amend the Regulations (EU) No. 1308/2013, 1306/2013, 543/2011, amended by the Regulation as delegated by the Commission (EU) 2021/2245 of the date 12 October
3. Applicable Commission's regulation (EU) 2017/892 of the date 13 March 2017 establishing the rules for the implementation of the Regulation (EU) No. 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council related to the sectors of fruits and vegetables with the Applicable Commission's regulation (EU) 2018/1146 of the date 7 June 2018;
4. Applicable Commission's Regulation (EU) No. 543/2011 of June 2011 establishing rules detailed for the implementation of the Regulation of the Council (EC) No. 1234/2007 related to the sectors of fruits and vegetables and processed vegetables with the applicable regulation of the commission (EU) 2021/1926 date 5 November 2021
5. Applicable Commission's Regulation (EU) 2017/39 of the date 3 November 2016 on the rules for the implementation of the Regulation (BAE) No. 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council related to the assistance of the Union for the supply with fruits and vegetables, bananas and milk in the educational institutions amended by the Applicable Commission's regulation (EU) 2022/246 of the date 13 December 2021;
6. Regulation delegated by the Commission (EU) 2017/40 of the date 3 November 2016 that supplement the Regulation (EU) No.1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council related to the assistance of the Union for the supply with fruits and vegetables, bananas and milk in the educational institutions and amendment of the Regulation (EU) No. 907/2014 amended by the regulation delegated by the Commission (EU) 2022/245 of the date 13 December 2021;
7. Regulation (EU) 2021/2117 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the date 2 December 2021 amended by the Regulation (EU) No1308/2013, (EU) No. 1151/2012, (EU) No. 251/2014 and (EU) No. 228/2013;
8. Regulation (EU) No. 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the date 21 November 2012 on the schemes of the quality for agricultural products and food amended by the Regulation (EU) 2021/2117 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021. A

KOSOVO NATIONAL LAW ON THE MARKET ORGANISATION FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

is comprised of the following main contents:

Article 1 Purpose

Article 2 Scope

Article 3 Definitions

Article 4 Market organization-

Article 5 Criteria for producer organisations

Article 6 Recognition of producer organisations

Article 7 Operational Programmes

Article 8 Operational funds

Article 9 Marketing standard

Article 10 Labelling requirements

Article 11 Register of trader

Article 12 Conformity checks

Article 13 Certificate of conformity

Article 14 School schemes

Article 15 Geographical indicators

Article 16 Offense sanction with a fine

Article 17 The incomes that derive from the implementation of this law

Article 18 Sub legal acts

Article 19 Inspection supervision

Article 20 Application of other laws

Article 21 Entry into force

The Kosovo National Agricultural Market Law 2023

□ The organisation of the Kosovo National Agricultural Market , in accordance with the provisions of this law, applies to :

- **Fruit and vegetables**
- **Potatoes**
- **Milk and its products for school schemes**
- **Apples for school schemes**
- **Cereals**
- **Wine**

Marketing Standards/ 1

- ❑ The MAFRD is the **Competent Authority** responsible for coordination and contacts in the areas covered by marketing standards
- ❑ The **Coordinating Authority** is responsible for coordinating the system of **conformity checks**, contacts with other countries and the European Commission for issues of marketing standards and conformity checks
- ❑ The **Food and Veterinary Agency** is the inspection body responsible for checks, in order to provide conformity with the marketing standards

Marketing Standards/2

- ❑ The rules for the conditions under which fresh fruit, vegetables and potatoes are imported to Kosovo, exported or re – exported from Kosovo is considered to have an equal level of conformity with Kosovo’s national marketing standards

- ❑ Marketing standards are applied at the stage of export and import of products

- ❑ For the domestic market, the minimum quality specifications, as specified in the international standards of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, apply at all stages of marketing

- ❑ The implemented national marketing standards in Kosovo apply to the following products:
 - **apples; pears; plums; berries; table grape; strawberry; nuts; potatoes; sweet peppers; tomatoes; cabbage; watermelons; onions; citrus fruits; cucumber; kiwis**

Marketing Standards/3

- ❑ Producer, trader, owner, or anyone who has in possession the products of the fruit and vegetable sector covered by the marketing standards must not display these products, offer them for sale, deliver them or market them in any manner other than in accordance with those standards and shall be responsible for ensuring such conformity
- ❑ The MAFRD shall determine the specific rules for trading fresh fruit and vegetables for import and export and the list of products with Administrative Instruction
- ❑ The MAFRD shall determine the inspection procedures with Administrative Instruction.

Marketing Standards/4

- ❑ Further provisions in the Law are dealing with

- **Labelling requirements**
- **Register of traders**
- **Conformity checks**
- **Certificate of conformity**

Kosovo Work Plan for implementation of marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetable 2023/2024

After the approval of the **Law on the market organization for agricultural products** MAFRD will immediately work on the development of administrative instructions.

These administrative instructions, measures, regulations, will take place during the calendar year 2023/2024.

- 1)Administrative Instruction- -on Market standards for fresh fruits and vegetables**
- 2)Administrative Instruction- -on inspection and control at all stages of traded agricultural products, both before and after placing on the market**
- 3)Administrative Instruction- on the organization of producers producers' organizations*
- 4)Administrative Instruction- - on geographical indications*
- 5) Administrative Instruction-on agricultural cooperatives*

Marketing Standards/5

Further Work-Plan for 2023 within the MAFRD and with involved institutions:

- ❑ Determination of the classification criteria, technical descriptions

- ❑ Promotion, Awareness Campaign, Creation of Guidelines based in the international standards of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe 's marketing standards through brochures, leaflets, media

- ❑ Information will be placed on different institutions web pages (MAFRD, Chamber of Commerce, F&V associations)

- ❑ Information and education of producers, traders and professionals on the proper classification of produced/marketed fresh fruit and vegetables and monitoring of the quality standards



Thank you for your attention!