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PROGRAMME

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Presentations by institutional representatives on the country/territory achievement in 2023 and work plan for implementation of marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetables in 2024/2025

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LAW NO. 08/L-218

ON THE MARKET ORGANISATION FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo;

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo,

Adopts:

LAW ON THE MARKET ORGANISATION FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

KOSOVO NATIONAL LAW ON THE MARKET ORGANISATION FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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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

Article 4 Market Organisation

□ The organisation of the market, in accordance with the provisions of Kosovo National Law no. 08/1-218 from 9/January/2024 applies to agricultural products, food, wines as follows:

- 1.1. fruit and vegetables;
- 1.2. processed potatoes;
- 1.3. cereals;
- 1.4. wines.

Article 9 Marketing standards

- **The MAFRD is the Competent Authority**, and is 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 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 are applied at the stage of export and import of these 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 marketing standards implemented in Kosovo are national standards approved according to the international standards of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe that are used internationally by governments, producers, traders, importers, exporters and international organizations.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables – Standards for the domestic market

- <https://unece.org/trade/wp7/FFV-Standards>

❑ STANDARD LAYOUT FOR UNECE STANDARDS ON FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES 2023 EDITION:

- ❑ The present revised Standard layout for United Nations Economic Commission for Europe standards on fresh fruit and vegetables is based on document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2023/15 adopted by the Working Party at its seventy-eighth session.
- ❑ The holder/seller of products may not display such products or offer them for sale, or deliver or market them in any manner other than in conformity with this standard. The holder/seller shall be responsible for observing such conformity.

Specific rules for trading fresh fruit and vegetables

- ❑ The 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, by a sub legal act, (Administrative Instruction), determine the specific rules for trading fresh fruit and vegetables for import and export and the list of products from paragraph 6 of this Article.
- ❑ The MAFRD shall, by a sub legal act, (Administrative Instruction), determine the inspection procedures defined in this article.

Kosovo Work Plan for implementation of marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetable 2024/2025

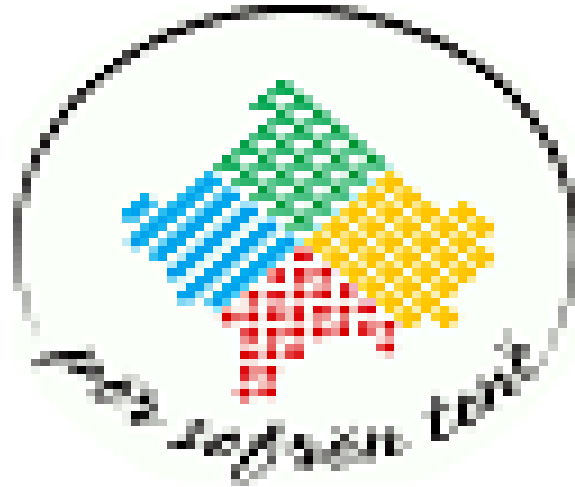
- 1) Administrative Instruction- on Marketing standards for fresh fruits and vegetables**
- 2) Administrative Instruction- on inspection and control at all stages of traded agricultural products, both before and after placing on the market**
- 3) Administrative Instruction- on the organization of producers'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

Marketing Standards and Quality Schemes

- ❑ The adoption of marketing standards is expected to select the marketable production, thus expelling from the market the production that does not meet the minimum quality requirements.
- ❑ There is a strong need to implement marketing standards, which will help to boost export and domestic trade capacity and have high relevance and coherence with the evolving conditions of Kosovo regarding agricultural production and marketing.
- ❑ This option gives good preconditions for the functioning of producer organisations in fruit, vegetables, and potatoes sectors.

Equal level of conformity

- Taking into consideration the specific characteristics of trade between Kosovo and other countries and the special character of the fresh fruits and vegetables sector, the rules for the conditions under which fresh fruit, vegetables and potatoes are imported, exported or re-exported (inward processing) from Kosovo is considered to have an equal level of conformity with the marketing standards of Kosovo.
- There is a strong potential for increasing of fruit, vegetables, and potatoes production in Kosovo, and by adopting the marketing standards and introduction of the conformity checks followed by issuance of conformity certificates for fruit and vegetables achievement of the international acceptance with fruit and vegetables of Kosovo on the market will be much easier.



Thank you for your attention!