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**Development**

Based on UNMIK Regulation No. 2001/19 dated on 13 September 2001 on the Executive Branch of Provisional Institution of Self Government in Kosovo article 1.3 point (d) article 5 related to the article 4 and article 10 on Kosovo Livestock Law No. 2004/39 dated on 14 October 2004

Minister of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development

Issues the following:

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 5/2008**  
**On snail breeding and their productions floatation**

**Article 1**

**Purpose**

By this Administrative Instruction shall be regulated the economic floatation of snails and specified conditions completed by the natural and legal persons dealing with the breeding, gathering of snails.

**Article 2**

**Definitions**

Regarding the aim of this administrative instruction, there are the following used meaning expressions:

**Helicoculture** – breeding of snails for the economic purposes,

**Gathering** – gathering of snails grown the biological maturity for the processing or for the circulation,

**Register** – data base for the breeding, gathering and floatation of snails.

**Original package** – package in a special covering which provide the originality and quality of the production up to the moment of the opening for the consume purpose or processing.

**Biological indicators** – taken of form, size and strength of cochlea under the type,  
**Lab control of snails** - Laboratory control of snails does 3 – 4 days after the cleaning of the snails.

### **Article 3**

#### **License**

(1) Ministry does the license of legal and natural persons dealing with the breeding and gathering of snails for economic purposes.

(2) License conditions for natural and legal person dealing with the breeding and gathering of snails for the economic purposes are specified under the Administrative Instruction No. 9/2004 on the license of the activity of food and non food industry and constructive as well and certification of the farming industry products.

### **Article 4**

Natural and legal persons for the licensing of breeding of snails should meet the following requirements:

- a) Requirements of the farm for breeding of the snails breeding,
- b) Evidence on the business registration,
- c) Evidence from the cadastre for the plot land surface of snails breeding,
- d) Compliance of veterinary inspection on the health episodic state and zoo hygienic conditions of location in which is raised the farm,
- e) Description of the technique – technology conditions for production: brief description of the breeding conditions, type of snails that are breed, food, undertaken measures for the prevention by the damagers, undertaken measures for the preservation of eco system, the way and the placement of the snails, as well and surface of the farm for snails breeding,
- f) Compliance from the inspection of preservation of the environmental of the balance of ecosystem and the ecosystem in general,
- g) Evidence on the origin of sapling snails,
- h) Evidence from autorised Institutes on the distance of 50m from the parcel of the snail breeding there is no surface area treated with the chemical preparations,
- i) Payment in the current account of Kosovo Consolidated Budget

### **Article 5**

#### **Protection areas**

(1) Ministry determines the conditions and protection measures that ought to be completed by the farms and dealing with the breeding of snails for the economic purposes.

(2) Conditions and protection measures that ought to be completed farms for breeding of snails defined to the annex that is the component part of this administrative instruction.

#### **Article 6**

##### **Evidence**

Natural and legal persons that are dealing with the breeding and gathering of snails should keep the records on quantity of snails gathered in a year and their types too.

#### **Article 7**

- (1) Evidence on quantity of the snails contents:
  - a) Designation of the grower/collector,
  - b) License personal number,
  - c) Address and permanent residence,
  - d) Date of collection and place of the collection,
  - e) Type of the snails,
  - f) Snails quantity,
  - g) Date of lab control of the snails.

(2) Evidence is the unique in conformity with the standards.

#### **Article 8**

##### **Keeping records for natural and legal persons**

(1) Ministry keeps the register of the natural and legal persons dealing with the breeding and collection of snails for the economic purposes.

- (2) Register keeps the following:
  - a) Natural and legal person's data,
  - b) Quantity and type of the produced snails or collected and
  - c) The place where the snails are exported.

#### **Article 9**

##### **Limitations**

It is prohibited the breeding and collection of snails near to the national parks, natural special reservations and /or spaces with the sciences – researches importance.

#### **Article 10**

For consume are used these types of snails: harlequin snails (*Helix aspersa*), snails of the mountain (*Helix lucorum*), vineyard snails (*Helix pomatina*) as well and grower.



## **Article 11**

### **Snails' floatation**

- (1) Snails that are being floated should:
  - a) have reached the biologist indicator;
  - b) be alive with the conch without being damaged and
  - c) be with the similar size,
- (2) Snails are put into live circulation or conservated, if such a thing is not intended otherwise by this administrative instruction.

## **Article 12**

### **Covering and packaging**

- (1) Covering for the packaging of snails should be:
  - a) Sustainable from the hits and sprains, purity and without aromatic residues. After any use the coverage should be cleaned, and to be disinfected with the suitable disinfection preparations,
  - b) such to enable the free circulation of water and spraying as well and
  - c) such to enable the airing and the circulation of the air.
- (2) Coverage for the package of snails should have the other features that may be required by the food safety control bodies and public health.

## **Article 13**

### **Transport**

- (1) Snails transport should be done in the net bags and plastic box, wood or from metal; the erosion does not touch that.
- (2) Transported means should be cleaned, disinfected and this fresh equipment to provide in the temperature of 4 - 8 °C

## **Article 14**

### **Content of the label and declaration**

- (1) Productions in the original packaging that are floated in the coverage and package material should be labeled.
- (2) Label should keep the following data:
  - a) Name of the production or indicator name of the production,
  - b) Name of the producer and address,
  - c) Place of the origin,
  - d) Serial number of the production,

- e) Content of production including also additives, which may be, constrain part of production. Collocation of production repressor should be done on basis of their weight (measure) in production,
  - f) Date of produce and sustainability term respectively the information: “may be used until the date” (for productions which have sustainability term up to three months, it is noted the date and month whereas for productions which have sustainability term more than three months as it is noted the month and year),
  - g) Production net weight ,
  - h) Instructions for conservation and storage conditions and
  - i) Instructions and usage manner.
- (3) The data should be clear, easily viewed, readable and not to be erased easily.
- (4) The label shall be written in official language of Kosovo

#### **Article 15**

If the production shall not be packed by producer, except the appointed conditions with article 14 of administrative instruction, the label should contain the following data as well:

- a) Designation and legal person residency or name and address of physic person who has packed the production and
- b) Packaging date.

#### **Article 16**

##### **Declaration content**

- (1) Snails floatation in not covered form, it is required the establishment of declaration with the data:
- a) for quantity and type of snails and conditions designated with article 14 of this Administrative Instruction,
  - b) data of exporter and place of export,
- (2) Declaration should be placed in a visibly place.

#### **Article 17**

##### **Supervision and inspection**

- (1) Supervision and inspection of production and collection is done by veterinary inspector.
- (2) Producer is obligated at any time when required by veterinary inspector to offer the required data.

**Article 18**

**Punitive provisions**

Non-implementation of this administrative instruction is sanctioned by provisions of article 25 (h), (j) and (k) and paragraph 2 and 3 of article 26 of law on Kosovo livestock No. 2004/33.

**Final provisions**

**Article 19**

This administrative instruction will enter into force upon its signature day.

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## **Annex**

According to article 4 point 2 farms for snails, breeding should fulfill the following conditions:

### **1. Surface selection**

Surface of land for snails breeding should fulfill these conditions:

- a) Land surface should not be close to the areas with flood potential,
- b) Land surface should be applicable and not to contain surface water,
- c) It should be designated the type of land and the content of heavy metals in the soil,
- d) Acidity, pH of land to be 5.8 -7.5, according to helikoculture type and
- e) Content of calcium assimilation in and should be from 1,5 – 2 %,

### **2.Preparation of the land**

Preparation of the land for helikoculture breeding:

- a) It should be provided enough moisture 75 – 80% according to helikoculture type,
- b) The circle of parcel surface ( eurohelix) should be placed in the depth up to 40cm, whereas the circle of special network for surface protection ( eurohelix) for snails cultivation should be placed in depths up to 10 cm
- c) Dimensions of square network of circle for snail protection should be 2.5 mm in the floor and 4 mm in the height,
- d) The height of circulation of the place for snail breeding should be up to 60 cm.
- e) It should be done the disinfection of the soil immediately after the preparation of parcel and
- f) Placement of snails may be done 60 days after soil disinfection and deratisation.

### **4. Protective measures**

For the protection of helikoculture should be undertaken the following measures:

- a) In case of invasion by insects, snails are allowed to be protected through the application of insecticides with the base on plant extracts or melathionina preparations with concentration from 3 – 5 %,
- b) Quicklime in the form of dust may be used as disinfectant material for the parcel where snails are placed and in crossings between parcels.
- c) For regular treatment with pesticides as preventive measure for prevention of diseases of the feeding stuff for snails is allowed the use of pesticides with the base from organo phosfor.
- d) It should be undertaken protective measures for protection by predatory. Protective equipment should be in the height from 60 – 90 cm. and
- e) The special network for surface protection ( eurohelix) should be 100 % from polietileni.