

# MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

## ORDER

### AMENDING ORDER OF THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE OF 20 MAY 2022 NO. 3D-351 APPROVING THE RULES ON THE NATIONAL FOOD QUALITY SYSTEM AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDERS OF THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

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Rules on the National Food Quality System approved by Order No 3D-351 of the Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania of 20 May 2022 approving the rules of the National Food Quality System and repealing certain orders of the Minister for Agriculture shall be amended as follows:

1. The title of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

**“SPECIFICATION FOR CEREAL PRODUCTS, BREAD, PASTRY WARES, PASTRY PRODUCTS AND PASTA PRODUCED UNDER THE NATIONAL FOOD QUALITY SCHEME”.**

2. Paragraph 1 of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

“The specification for cereal products, bread, pastry wares, pastry products and pasta produced under the national food quality scheme (hereinafter referred to as the “specification”) shall apply to farms and establishments (hereinafter referred to as the “operator”) producing cereals, processing and marketing cereals, processed products thereof (hereinafter referred to as “NQP cereal products”), as well as bread, pastry wares, pastry products and pasta produced in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Regulations, and the bodies carrying out certification and supervision in accordance with the Regulations.”

3. Paragraph 2 of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

“2. The specification regulates the minimum requirements and quality characteristics for the primary production of cereals, as well as products processed from these and bread, pastry wares, pastry products and pasta.

4. Paragraph 3 of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

“3. The operator must keep records of sales of the NQP cereal products, bread, pastry wares, pastry products and pasta, showing the quantities of the NQP cereal products, bread, pastry wares, pastry products and pasta produced and sold, and submit annual data to the certification body. If the operator is unable to provide this data from their accounting documents, they shall complete and submit to the certification body Table 2 “List of products produced under the national food quality scheme” referred to in Annex 10 to the Rules.”

5. The title of Chapter IV of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER IV  
SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR NQP BREAD, PASTRY WARES, PASTRY  
PRODUCTS AND PASTA”.**

6. Paragraph 12 of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

“12. NQP bread, pastry wares, pastry products and pasta can be certified and labelled as NQP if in their production at least 50 % of all ingredients of the mixture is made up of the NQP products (e.g. NQP flour, NQP eggs, NQP milk, etc.) or certified materials of organic farming regulations approved by Order No. 375 of the Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania of 28 December 2000 “Approving the Organic Agricultural Rules”. This must be documented.”

7. Paragraph 13 of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

“13. In the manufacture of the NQP bread, pastry wares and pastry products, it is prohibited to use:”.

8. The title of Chapter V of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER V  
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CEREAL PRODUCTS AND BREAD, PASTRY,  
FLOUR CONFECTIONERY AND PASTA TO BE LABELLED AS “QUALITY”.”**

9. Paragraph 18 of Annex 2 is amended to read as follows:

“18. At least 70 % of the ingredients used in the production of NQP bread, pastry, flour confectionery and pasta must be certified either by the label “Quality” or in accordance with the Organic Agricultural Rules approved by Order No 375 of the Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania of 28 December 2000 “On the Approval of the Rules on Organic Agriculture”, and this must be documented.”

10. Paragraph 12 of Annex 3 is amended to read as follows:

“12. Animal treatment and disease prevention. Antibiotic substances may be administered to animals only for the purpose of treatment or infection control, only after being prescribed by a veterinarian and used in a targeted manner (appropriate dosage, rational route of administration) and keeping and storing the registration of records of treatment of animals, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/4 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the manufacture, marketing and use of medicated feed, amending Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC (Text with EEA relevance).”

11. Paragraph 7 of Annex 5 is amended to read as follows:

“7. Antibiotic substances may be administered to animals only for the purpose of treatment or infection control, only after being prescribed by a veterinarian and used in a targeted manner

(appropriate dosage, rational route of administration) and keeping and storing the registration of records of treatment of animals, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/4 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the manufacture, marketing and use of medicated feed, amending Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC (Text with EEA relevance)."

12. Paragraph 9 of Annex 6 is amended to read as follows:

"9. The requirements set out in points 4 to 7 of this specification must be complied with when cultivating NQP fruit and/or vegetables in indoor garden soil."

13. The title of Chapter V of Annex 6 is amended to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER V  
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN-AIR GARDEN SOIL PRODUCTION TO BE  
LABELLED AS "QUALITY".**

14. Annex 6 is supplemented with Chapter VI and paragraphs 27 to 31 respectively:

**"CHAPTER VI  
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INDOOR SOIL PRODUCTION TO BE  
LABELLED AS "QUALITY"**

27. When NQP fruit and/or vegetables are cultivated in indoor soil, taking into account the growing conditions for each species, a phytosanitary break of at least 4 days must be ensured, calculated from the end of the previous cultivation cycle, when all plant residues of the NQP fruit and/or vegetables of that cultivation cycle are removed from the greenhouse until the start of sowing/planting of the new NQP fruit and/or vegetable cycle.

28. The nitrate content may not exceed 200 mg/kg for each cultivation cycle of gherkins and/or cucumbers cultivated in indoor soil, and 100 mg/kg for tomatoes. Nitrate tests must be carried out before gherkins and/or cucumbers and tomatoes are placed on the market. The frequency of laboratory tests must be provided for in the self-monitoring programmes of operators, taking into account the production quantities, the volume and the cultivation cycles of the vegetables.

29. Greenhouses, equipment and other inventory must be disinfected at least after each NQP fruit and/or vegetable cultivation cycle.

30. Each year, a new substrate must be used to cultivate the NQP fruit and/or vegetables. If during the NQP fruit and/or vegetable cultivation year the last cultivation cycle moves to the following calendar year, the substrate must be replaced only after the end of this NQP fruit and/or vegetable cultivation cycle.

31. Fertilisation of the NQP fruit and/or vegetables grown in indoor soil must be carried out in accordance with the established fertilisation plan, corresponding with the growing stages of the plants and the needs for nutritional substances."

15. Sub-paragraph 7.2 of Annex 7 is amended to read as follows:

“7.2. Under the conditions defined in paragraph 2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2465/2023.”

Minister of Agriculture: