

LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS OF AGROECOLOGICAL PRODUCTION

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ABSTRACT:

The Republic of Moldova has an enormous potential of exploiting the ecological agricultural and genetic modified food products. Consumers, especially of EU market, have demanded both the conformity of products in regard to harmless effects and additional requirements for the quality.

In this view, in the RM the Law on ecological agri-food products, 6 Governmental Decisions, 5 Presidential Decrees, 1 Ministerial Order and several standards were passed. The basic principles of ecological agrifood production have been proposed for adoption.

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- achievement of a balanced agriecosystem, lasting and diversified which assures the protection of natural recourses, health and consumers life;

- prohibition of using pollution technologies of any type, restrictive regulation of synthesis chemical substances and agricultural practices potentially destructive;
- protection and growth diversity by selection of crops types and species, as well as the methods of growing animals which can contribute to the harmonization of ecological agrifood products with natural limits of soil;
- achievement of production structure and of balanced crops rotation, within the principal role is to have soils and breeds with a high grade of adaptation and genetically resistance heightened to diseases and pests;
- application of some modern technologies, both for plant crops, and for animals breeding, to satisfy species requirements, soils and breeds;
- continuous maintenance and improvement of natural fruitfulness of soil, as well as the integration of plants cultivation with animals breeding;
- achievement of the emplacement mechanisms in space of an ecologic agriculture which ensures a balanced and durable agro ecosystem and make possible structure of geographical configuration to stimulate the natural processes of self-purification and the soil revitalizing, decreasing concentration of effluents in soil and to avoid passing these effluents from soil into plants, in waters and atmosphere, keeping under control the pollution sources;
 - carrying on voluntary principles of undertaker activities in the ecological agrifood products domain;

Competence authority for ecological agrifood products is designated the Ministry of Agriculture which posses the following duties:

- draw up policies in the ecological agrifood products domain and ensures their implementation;
- elaborates and presents to Government approbation standard papers which regulate producing, treatment, packing, labeling, certification, import, export and commercialization of ecological agrifood products;
- keeps evidence of the economic agents who are involved in the domain as entrepreneurs;
- makes state control on respecting the standard papers in the domain and records totally all the segments of balanced and sustainable agri ecosystem;
- draws up and approves criterions of authorization of inspection organisms and certification;
- authorizes and keeps the evidence of inspection organisms and certification accredited and authorized;
- supervises, in common with credentials organisms, the activity of inspection organisms and certification accredited and authorized;
- proposes to credibility organism the suspension of accreditation and (or) the withdrawal of credit certification in case of which is found out the infringement| of normative acts in force by organisms inspection and authorized certification;
- draws up Nomenclature of ecological agrifood products, whose processing can be organized adequate autochthonous agropedoclimatic conditions;
- coordinates the activity of national standards dealing with ecological agrifood products;
- elaborates projects of normative acts harmonized with European and International settlements in the field;

- elaborates and ensures the implementation of national Program regarding ecological agrifood products;
- participates in international collaboration in this very field;
- trains economic agents physical and juridical persons within the organized special courses in ecologic agrifood production;

Methods of ecological agrifood products used in obtaining of products should carry out the following conditions:

- respecting ecological agrifood principles;
- non-using of fertilizers and improvers of soil, pesticides, fodder materials, growth promoters, ingredients for food cooking, of substances using in animals food, of products for cleaning and stores disinfecting and shelters for animals and other substances, expecting those admitted in ecological agrofood products;
- using of seeds and (or) vegetative planting material, obtained through methods of ecological products;
- neutralization of genetic modified organisms and derived of those, expecting products for veterinary medicine.

For base principles of ecological agrifood products are proposed the following:

- excluding of any polluted technology;
- achievement of production structures and balanced crop rotation, as a part of the principal role to hold races, species and sorts with high adaptation;
- continue standing and improvement of natural fertilization of soil;
- integration of animal breeding in the system of growing plants and plant produces;
- economical usage of conventional energetic resources and replacing them in larger measure through rational using of secondary re-equipped products;
- application of some technologies both for plant crops, and for animal breeding, which can satisfy the request of species, sorts and races.

Label of ecological agrifood products performs in accordance with stipulations fixed by the normative acts. Label or accompanied papers (for bulk goods) should indicate obligatory the following:

- a) name and address of producer and processor;
- b) name of product, including the method of used ecological production;
- c) name and the inspection code organism and accredited and authorized certification;
- d) preservation conditions;
- e) minimum shelf life;
- f) ban of storing in the same space of ecological products beside other products.

Labels should include national brand of ecological agrifood products, register in accordance with legislative stipulations in force, emitted and applied according to normative acts, indicating that respective product is in accordance with rules of ecological agrifood products.

Inspection and certification of ecological agrifood product has to be made by the organisms of inspection and authorized certification by the competent authority in base of accreditation given by the accreditation organism in the established way. At

code of agrifood products and of sowing material and ecological plant crops will be assigned a sign (figure) to design their statute of ecologic product.

Litigations regarding producing, processing, labeling, preservation and marketing of ecological agrifood products will solve in competent judicial instances, foreseen by the legislation.

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