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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION (MAFRD) - NO. 03/2025¹
ON BREEDING, TRADING OF INDIGENOUS ANIMALS, CHARACTERISTICS AND
METHOD OF MAINTAINING THE LIST OF INDIGENOUS BREEDS OF FARM
ANIMALS

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Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development,

Pursuant to article 58 paragraph 5, of the Law No. 04/L-191 on Livestock (Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo No. 25/8 July 2013), in accordance with article 11 paragraph, sub paragraph 1.5 of the Law No. 08/L-117 on the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo No. 34/18 November 2022) as well as article 9 paragraph 2 of the Regulation (GRK) - No. 17/2024 on Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (Official Gazette 21.06.2024),

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**Article 1
Purpose**

The present Administrative Instruction shall define the responsibilities of the Ministry for the ways of breeding, trading, characteristics and the method of maintaining the list of indigenous breeds of farm animals.

**Article 2
Scope**

The provisions of this Administrative Instruction are applicable to all relevant institutions and parties involved in the methods of breeding, trading the characteristics and the way of maintaining the list of indigenous breeds, the protection of indigenous breeds, the responsibilities of preserving genetic, reserves, trading and exploitation of biological material for reproduction of indigenous animals.

**Article 3
Definitions**

1. Used expressions in this administrative instruction have the following meaning:

1.1. **Genetic resources** – means genetic material with the value and potentials defined;

1.2. **List of endangered animals** – means the official list of indigenous animal species in danger of extinction, based on the criteria of the World Center for Nature Conservation;

1.3. **Genetic material** – means any material from a living or non – living organism, containing the functional units of heredity;

1.4. **Ex-situ conservation** – means the management measures necessary for the conservation of species and their genetic resources outside their ecosystems or natural habitats;

1.5. **In-situ conservation** – means the management measures necessary for the conservation of species and their genetic resources outside their ecosystems and habitats;

1.6. **Indigenous breed** – means farm animals proven with phenotypic and genotypic properties which are unique and original within the borders of the Republic of Kosovo, which contain at least 75- 80% of the genetic potential of the same breed;

1.7. **Genetic reserves** – means the minimum number of farm animals of both sexes, sperm, eggs and embryos that are kept in storage, to ensure genetic continuity for each particular breed;

1.8. **Genetic bank** – means the environment where racial material is stored and kept under control to maintain biodiversity for farm animals;

1.9. **National Endangered Indigenous Species List** – means the list of animals that are qualified as dangerous for disappearance;

1.10. **Reconstruction** – means the reconstruction of breeds from material which contains the DNA of the species of that breed;

1.11. **Ministry** - means the responsible Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development.

2. Other expressions used in this administrative instruction have the same meaning as defined by Law No. 04/L – 191 on Livestock;

Article 4

The Ministry is the competent and responsible authority to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of indigenous breeds.

Article 5 Responsibilities of the Ministry

1. The Ministry responsible for protection and conservation of indigenous breeds of farm animals as follows:

1.1. approves the list of indigenous breeds described by scientific research institutions;

1.2. approves the list of endangered indigenous breeds;

1.3. regulates the exploitation of indigenous breeds in a sustainable manner;

1.4. ensures the ways and activities of breeding indigenous breeds, and

1.5. maintains the database on indigenous breeds of farm animals, farmers breeding indigenous farm animals and their circulation.

2. The Ministry is responsible for the classification, population status of indigenous breeds of farm animals such as:

- 2.1. The normal status should be declared when the population of indigenous breeds of farm animals is not in danger of extinction, can reproduce without genetic loss and there are no obvious changes in the size of the population;
 - 2.2. Vulnerable status must be declared when the population of indigenous breeds of farm animals is endangered and for the same, precautionary measures must be taken to prevent further reduction of the population;
 - 2.3. Uncertain status should be declared when the population of indigenous breeds of farm animals means that the number of breeding animals is decreasing and in the coming years the problems will increase;
 - 2.4. Endangered status should be declared when the population of indigenous breeds of farm animals is in danger of extinction because its effective population size is insufficient to prevent genetic loss in future generations. An increase in the rate of inbreeding – crossbreeding within the blood is inevitable and threatens the vitality of the animals, and there is a real risk of losing racial properties;
 - 2.5. The critical status must be declared when the population of indigenous breeds of farm animals is in endangered status and indicates that the population is close to extinction.
 - 2.6. The Ministry for the classification and population status of indigenous breeds of farm animals as Status: normal, vulnerable, insecure, endangered and Critical Status is based on the standards according to the recommendations of the World Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) defined in Annex No. 1 of this Administrative Instruction.
3. The Republic of Kosovo cooperates with states and international organization for the preservation of indigenous breeds for:
 - 3.1. joint programs and cross – border cooperation;
 - 3.2. coping with emergency situations and
 - 3.3. fulfillment of obligations from international treaties.

Article 6

Ways of preserving genetic reserves

1. Preservation of the genetic reserves of farm animals is done by any of the following methods:
 - 1.1. *In Situ*, conservation of farm animals through breeding in farm conditions including extensive farm breeding conditions;
 - 1.2. *Ex Situ*, the preservation of farm animals through breeding in off – farm conditions that can be:

1.2.1. *In Vivo*, conservation of farm animals through breeding in zoos, nature parks and scientific research institutes;

1.2.2. *In Vitro*, preservation through conservation of: embryos, spermatozoa, fertilized, egg cells, DNA somatic cells and other biological material that can serve for the reconstruction of the farm animal.

Article 7 **List of indigenous breeds**

1. The list of indigenous breeds of animals in the Republic of Kosovo consists of the following breeds:

1.1. Cattle: Illyrian Busha of Sharri, of Dukagjini and Indigenous Buffalos;

1.2. Sheep breeds: Sharri sheep, Bardhoka sheep, Kosovo sheep and Balusha sheep;

1.3. Dog: Illyrian Deltari; and

1.4. Poultry: Rooster sing long.

Article 8 **The minimum number of genetic reserves for heads of indigenous breeds**

1. The minimum number of genetic reserves for the heads of indigenous breeds of farm animals defined in Article 7 of this Administrative Instruction should be as follows:

1.1. Cattle from 300 heads for which type of breed;

1.2. Sheep from 1000 heads for each breed;

1.3. Dog: Illyrian Deltari, 100 heads, and

1.4. Poultry: chickens of the breed Rooster sing long 300 roosters.

2. From the number of heads according to sub – paragraphs 1.2 and 1.4 of these articles, male heads by race must be represented by a minimum of 10% (ten) of the population size.

Article 9 **The minimum number of genetic reserves for seed, egg cells and embryos**

1. According to the breed, the minimum number of genetic reserves for seed, egg cells and embryos as a genetic reserve should be as follows:

1.1. Seed:

1.1.1. Cattle 500 doses of seed and egg cells or embryos. Seed must be obtained from at

least (5) five bulls;

1.1.2. Sheep 500 doses of seed and egg cells or embryos. Seed must be obtained from at least (5) five rams;

1.1.3. Illyrian Deltari 500 doses of seed and egg cells or embryos. Seed must be obtained from at least (5) five dogs, and

1.1.4. Rooster sing long 300 eggs per hatch from at least 20 roosters.

2. The genetic reserves as in paragraph 1 of this article must be stored and treated according to the technical and technological requirements for seeds, egg cells and embryos.

Article 10

Funding the protection of indigenous breeds

1. The Ministry provided funding for the conservation of indigenous breeds according to Article 9 of this Administrative Instruction, which determines the minimum number of genetic reserves for the heads of indigenous breeds.

2. The method of financing is regulated by a special decision from the Minister.

Article 11

Determining the degree of danger for indigenous leaders

1. The Ministry, according to the request of stakeholders: associations of breeders, breeding farmers, scientific research institutions and public institutions, engages experts from: scientific research institutions, veterinary services and associations for bred conservation and improvement and in harmony with international treaties, deals with drawing up the plan for the conservation of indigenous breeds of farm animals which are endangered.

2. Indigenous breeds whose number of female heads for reproduction in the population is less than:

2.1. Cattle 750 heads;

2.2. Sheep 2,000 heads;

2.3. Dog Illyrian Deltari 500 heads, and

2.4. Rooster sing long 300 roosters

Article 12

Changing the national list of indigenous endangered breed

1. The Ministry, with the proposal of scientific research institutions, the Livestock Council and in harmony with international treaties, can change the national list for indigenous endangered breeds of farm animals by decision.

2. National List from paragraph 1 of this article shall be prepared in accordance with the Law on the Use Languages

Article 13
Conservation of endangered indigenous breeds

1. The Ministry must have a special program for the preservation of indigenous endangered breeds of farm animals according to Article 11 of this Administrative Instruction, in case of danger or state of emergency.
2. The Ministry must take into consideration the recommendation of international organizations for the conservation of genetic resources biodiversity and scientific, research institutions during the preparation and revision of programs according to paragraph 1 of this article.

Article 14
Conservation of genetic resources abroad

According to international norms, the Ministry decides on the amount of biological material and its type which can be stored in banks licensed for the preservation of genetic resources abroad.

Article 15
Trading of biological material for reproduction of indigenous breeds

1. Animal breeders for indigenous breeds can trade male and female heads of indigenous breeds only with the approval of the Ministry, if the number of traded animals reaches the number according to article 11, of this Administrative Instruction.
2. The request for trading animals of indigenous breeds must be submitted at least 10 (ten) days before the trading date according to paragraph 1 of this article.
3. For the trading of indigenous breed animals, the data for the seller and the buyer must be stored according to the legislation in force for the identification and registration of animals.

Article 16
The use of biological material for the reproduction of indigenous breeds

1. The Ministry by special decision regulates the use of biological material for reproduction such as: animals, seeds, egg cells and embryos, including their use for scientific purposes.
2. The identification of biological material for the reproduction of indigenous animals is done according to national legislation and international treaties.
3. The storage and transportation of biological material for the reproduction of indigenous breeds is done according to the legislation in force for the reproduction of farm animals.

Article 17
Gene bank for indigenous breeds

1. The Ministry by special decision regulates the creation, responsibilities and management of the Gene Bank for indigenous breeds.
2. Management of the Gene Bank for indigenous breeds is done according to international treaties.
3. The Ministry, with the achievement of technical capacities and human resources determines the procedures for the creation and management of the gene bank for egg cells and embryos of indigenous farm animals.

Article 18
Registers of farms breeding native animals

1. The Ministry establishes and maintains the Registers of farms that breed indigenous animals. The registers must be made public according to the legislation in force.
2. Associations of farmers that breed indigenous breeds by special decision may take responsibility for maintaining the Registers of farms that breed indigenous animals.
3. The Minister establishes and maintains the Genealogical Book for indigenous breeds.

Article 19
Prohibitions

Any form of trading of biological material for the reproduction of indigenous animals without approval by the Ministry is prohibited.

Article 20
Consolidation of heads and biological material for reproduction of indigenous animals

1. The Ministry, within a period of two (2) years, must consolidate the heads and biological material for the reproduction of native animals according to the National List of Native Animal Breeds and the National List of Endangered Native Farm Animal Breeds which are endangered.
2. The Ministry, according to Article 11, paragraph 2, of this Administrative Instruction, decides on priority in the consolidation of heads and biological material for reproduction of indigenous animals that are assessed as endangered.

Article 21

An integral part of this Administrative Instruction is Appendix 1: Classification of status of the population of indigenous breeds of farm animals.

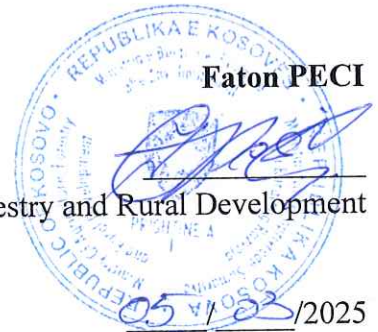
Article 22
Inapplicable

Inapplicability of this Administrative Instruction is sanctioned according to Article 75 of Law No. 04/L-191 on Livestock (Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo No. 25/8 July 2013).

Article 23
Entry into force

This Administrative Instruction shall enter into force seven (7) days after the Publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development



APPENDIX 1: CLASSIFICATION OF POPULATION STATUS OF INDIGENOUS BREEDS OF FARM ANIMALS

Normal status, vulnerable status, uncertain status, endangered status and critical status based on the recommendations of the World Food and Agriculture Organization

Status	Number of breeding heads	Effective medium size evaluated of the population				
		5:1	10:1	Rap m/f 30:1	50:1	1000:1
Normal	> 10 000	33 333	18 181	6 201	3 921	195
Uncertain	5-10 000	5000	2 727	930	588	30
Vulnerable	1-5 000	1666	909	309	196	10
Endangered	100-1000	333	182	65	39	
Critical	<100	33	18	7	4	-