

# Local Produce of Budjak

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## Cimișlia Fruits Quality Certificate

### REGULATION

#### Regulation Of the Quality Certification Cimișlia Fruits Incubator.

Regulation created under project *Fruits from Budjak: from the farmer to the table. Polish practices and European Union legislation supporting local development based on high-quality agriculture and processing of local products*

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Cimişlia Fruits Quality Certificate is awarded as part of the project: Fruits from Budjak: from the farmer to the table. Polish practices and European Union legislation supporting local development based on high-quality agriculture and processing of local products. The project is co-financed from the state budget as part of the Polish development cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland.

Farmers can apply for obtaining the Cimişlia Fruits Quality Certificate, which is awarded by the Board of the Cimişlia Fruits Incubator. The first Board is appointed - when the Incubator is established - by the Mayor of Cimişlia and the Mayor of Ryńsk - partners in the project: Fruits from Budjak: from the farmer to the table. Polish practices and European Union legislation supporting local development based on high-quality agriculture and processing of local products. The Board establishes its rules of operation, including decision-making procedures and the manner of representation of its members. The Board appoints a person responsible for the Incubator and establishes the scope and price list of services provided by the Incubator.

The Cimişlia Fruits Quality Certificate confirms that the product is reliable, is of high quality, designed and created based on specific standards. After the Certificate is awarded, the farmer will also get a Product Quality Mark - an individual QR code that informs that the product complies with the Regulations. Anyone who receives the Product Quality Mark will be able to print it and mark its individual products.



## **Cimișlia Fruits Quality Certificate Regulation**

### **General rules**

1. Cimișlia Fruits Quality Certificate is issued upon request and is valid for two years from issue.
2. The decision on issuing the certificate is made by the Board of the Cimișlia Fruits Incubator.
3. Certificates can be issued upon request of the individual farmer, farming business, or an institution that cultivates crops or produces food that meets the requirements.
4. The application must be submitted on a form. The application form is available on the Incubator's website.

### **Quality Certificate Requirements**

5. Certificate can be issued for unprocessed or processed food.
6. A certificate can be issued if the crops are grown locally, on the territory of Cimișlia District (Raionul Cimișlia).
7. In case of processed foods processing must take place on the territory of Cimișlia District (Raionul Cimișlia). Additional ingredients, a maximum 25% of the composition of the final product can be sourced outside of Cimișlia District (Raionul Cimișlia).
8. If materials for the production of a given product are not available in Cimișlia District (Raionul Cimișlia) (e.g., due to the appropriate quality or quantity), they may come from neighboring districts.



9. The producer must have been producing the product for at least three years counting backwards from the date of application.
10. Usege of any artificial additives/colouring/taste enhancers to the product will result in refusal to issue certificate.
11. Fertilizers and products used for pest prevention and control used in the growth of crops has to meet requirements for organic food growth.
12. Preservation of the product has to be done without preservatives, pasteurization and drying or smoking are allowed.

### **Certification audit**

13. By filing a request for Cimişlia Fruits Quality Certificate producer agrees to a possible certification audit.
14. Incubator's Board (or a person designated by) carries out a certification audit if it is necessary to verify the information contained in the application form.
15. The audit may take the form of verification of documentation, on-site visits, or taking product samples.
16. Audit can be carried out after the application was filed. The audit may also be carried out while the certificate is valid.
17. The audit is carried out at a time and place agreed upon with the manufacturer.
18. The inability to reach an agreement as to the place, date, or method of conducting the audit may result in a refusal to issue a certificate.

### **Using the certificate**

19. Producer may use the certificate in their marketing activities.



20. Certificate can only be used in relation to the products that went through the certification process. It is forbidden to promote uncertified products with the certificate – even if producer got certification for another products.
21. Violation of those rules may result in revokation of certificate.

### **Certificate revocation**

22. Certificate can be revoked with the decision of the Board of the Cimişlia Fruits Incubator. The council makes a decision ex officio or upon request.
23. Certificate can be revoked when:
- a. producer is violating the rules of using the certificate;
  - b. producer had changed the product and it no longer meets Quality Certificate Requirements
  - c. Audit carried out while the certificate was valid found a violation of the rules
  - d. in other justified cases.

### **Final provisions**

24. The regulations come into force on the day of announcement. The announcement is made on the website of the Cimişlia Fruits Incubator.
25. Regulations may be modified by a resolution of the Board of the Cimişlia Fruits Incubator.

