

Guria Fruits

Fruits Quality Certificate Regulation Of the Quality Certification

This document outlines and provides evidence of the excellence of the products available under the **Quality Certification of Guria Fruits Incubator**. These products are unique and locally sourced; this form aims to demonstrate their high quality.

The issuance of the certificate is contingent upon the approval of the Director of the Guria Fruits Incubator.

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Guria Fruits Incubator shall have a Board established by Mayors of Tarczyn and Chokhatauri, as Municipalities cooperate in the implementation of the project. Mayors shall appoint members of the first Board.

One of the roles of the Board of the Incubator will be awarding Quality Certificate to food producers and farmers who shall be able to apply for them. This regulation regulates the application process as well as the necessary conditions that must be met for the Quality Certificate to be awarded.

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.

Guria Fruits Quality Certificate is a confirmation of the product quality and reliability of the food producer involved in the farming raw products or processing them. All those meeting the requirements and applying for the Quality Certificate shall receive



the right to use it (i.e. by marking their products or printing the sign and information on the labels).

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General rules

1. Guria Fruits Quality Certificate shall be issued upon application.
2. The application can be submitted by the individual farmer, farming business, or an institution or other entity that cultivates crops or produces food that meets the requirements.
3. The application shall be submitted on a form available on the Incubator's website.
4. The decision on issuing the certificate shall be made by the Board of the Guria Fruits Incubator.



Quality Certificate Requirements

5. Certificate is issued for the food products made from the crops or other raw products that are cultivated locally: on the territory of Guria Municipality.
6. The Applicant should be involved in the production of the product or a major ingredient of the product for at least two years (counting backwards from the date of application).
7. Certificate can be issued for both processed or unprocessed (raw) food.
8. In case of processed foods a major part of the processing must take place on the territory of Guria Municipality. Additional ingredients, a maximum of 35% of the final mass of the product can be procured from outside of Guria Municipality.
9. If materials for the production of a given product are not available in Guria Municipality (e.g., due to the appropriate quality or quantity), they may come from neighbouring Municipalities.
10. Use of any artificial additives that are enhancers of colour or taste to the product will result in a refusal to issue the certificate.
11. Growth of crops shall meet requirements for organic food growth. It applies to products certified both as a raw product as well as ingredients of the processed product.
12. Preservation of the product shall be done without additional preservatives. Other methods such as adding natural ingredients or pasteurization as well as drying or smoking are permitted and shall not block the issuance of the certificate.



Certification audit

13. Filing an application for Quality Certificate is considered as a consent to certification audit that may be carried out by the Board of the Incubator or an authorized person.
14. Audit can be carried out after the application. When justified the audit may also be carried out while the certificate is valid.
15. Incubator's Board (or a person designated by) carries out a certification audit by verification of documentation, on-site visits, taking product samples, or by other necessary and reasonable actions.
16. The audit shall be conducted at a place and time selected in consultation with the Applicant. The lack of an agreement as to the place, date, method, or other key details of the audit can lead to the rejection of the application.

Using the certificate

17. Producer may use the certificate in their promotional, marketing and visual identity operations. Certificates can only be used in the operations related to the products that went through the application and certification process.
18. Violation of the rule above may result in the revocation of the certificate. Revocation shall be conducted by the Board of the Incubator.



Certificate revocation

19. Certificate can be revoked in justified case with the decision of the Board of the Guria Fruits Incubator.
20. Certificate can be revoked when:
- a. violated the rules of using the certificate;
 - b. Applicant modified the product and as a result of the modification it no longer meets the Certificate Requirements;
 - c. Other violation of the rules were found;
 - d. in other justified cases.
21. The council decides to revoke the Certificate ex officio or upon request.

Final provisions

22. Regulation may be amended by a resolution of the Board of the Guria Fruits Incubator. While amending the Board of the Guria Fruits Incubator shall decide on the application of new regulations to the evaluation of previously issued certificates.
23. The regulation (and any amendments thereto) are effective as of the day of announcement on the website of the Guria Fruits Incubator.

