



COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Project

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**FOR the provision of basic food groups, which are produced in the territory of the
Republic of Bulgaria, at the stores part of retail chains**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
HAS DECLARED :**

Art. 1. (1) Commercial outlets, which are self-service retail chains, retailers of food and non-food items, and which have outlets in more than three administrative districts throughout the country, are obliged to create distinguished places where to offer milk and dairy products from Bulgarian raw milk; fish and fish products; fresh meat and eggs meeting the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin; honey; fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables produced by regional producers. These places should have sufficient area to expose and sell the food products in question, and should be appropriately labeled and marked, so that it is clear that the products offered are regional production.

(2) In addition to the products that are described in par. 1, other food products produced by regional producers may also be offered at these distinguished areas.

(3) Regional producers are producers or groups/organisations of producers, who exercise their business within the territory of the administrative district in which the relevant commercial

establishment is located or in the territory of a neighbouring adjacent administrative district and those who:

1. are registered in accordance with Art. 7 of the Agricultural Producers Support Act
2. own a production site, registered in accordance with Art. 12 of the Food Act.

The adjacent area of the administrative districts of Sofia-city and Sofia-district, are the districts bordering Sofia-district, as well as the district of Plovdiv.

(4) The food products under par. 1 and 2 are to be purchased directly from the regional producers, who are not required to make any payments in connection with the offering of the products for sale.

(5) The payment for the purchased food products under par. 1 and 2 shall be made within 14 days of their submission by the regional manufacturers to the merchants.

Art. 2. (1) In the commercial outlets described under Art. 1, par. 1, it is obligatory to be offered milk and milk products made entirely from Bulgarian raw milk in the enterprises of group 12, section IX of the National Electronic Register of BFSA, at the production sites for production and wholesale and retail trade of food of animal and non-animal origin.

(2) The quantities of milk and milk products under Art. 1, par 1, which are produced by regional producers and the quantities under par. 1, which are produced entirely from Bulgarian raw milk offered at the premises of the store, may not be less than 90 per cent of the total range of milk and dairy products offered at the store.

FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 1. The decree is accepted on the grounds of Art. 6, par. 2 of the Law on Normative Acts and in relation to the Law on Measures and Actions during the State of Emergency, announced by a decision of the National Assembly on March 13, 2020.

§ 2. The commercial centers as per art. 1, par. 1 shall comply with this decree within 14 days of its adoption.

§ 3. The Bulgarian Food Safety Agency is responsible for controlling the implementation of the decree. In exercising its control powers, the Executive Director of the BFSA issues orders.

§ 4. The Decree shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette and shall be applied until 31.12.2020.

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