



STATUTE

OF THE POLISH PIEROGI ORGANIZATION PIEROGI.ORG®

Chapter I - General Provisions

§1. Name and nature of activity

1. The Polish Pierogi Organization PIEROGI.ORG®, hereinafter referred to as the "Organization", is a nationwide and international industry initiative whose purpose is to promote Polish culinary culture.
2. The activities of the Organization include, in particular:
 - pierogi,
 - Polish vineyards and wine culture,
 - artisan producers of regional products.
3. The Organization integrates the community of pierogi restaurants, vineyards, producers, creators, enthusiasts, and individuals engaged in the promotion of Polish food products.
4. The Organization uses the full name: Polish Pierogi Organization PIEROGI.ORG®, the abbreviation PIEROGI.ORG®, as well as registered trademarks.
5. The activities of the Organization are commercial and industry-oriented in nature, based on the principles of reliability, quality, transparency, and responsibility.

§2. Registered office and scope of activity

1. The registered office of the Organization is Pabianice, Poland.
2. The area of activity of the Organization covers the Republic of Poland and other countries worldwide.
3. The Organization may conduct activities domestically and abroad, in cooperation with Polish and foreign partners.



§3. Values

The Organization operates based on the following values:

- authenticity,
- tradition,
- quality,
- craftsmanship,
- responsibility,
- community and hospitality.

Chapter II - Mission and objectives

§4. Mission

The mission of the Polish Pierogi Organization PIEROGI.ORG® is to promote Polish culinary culture through pierogi, Polish wine, and artisan regional products as carriers of identity, tradition, knowledge, and conscious practice.

§5. Objectives of activity

The objectives of the Organization include, in particular:

1. Promoting pierogi as the culinary hallmark of Poland.
2. Promoting Polish wineries, wine culture, and enotourism.
3. Promoting artisan producers of Polish regional food.
4. Creating and maintaining guides to pierogi restaurants, vineyards, and producers in Poland and abroad.
5. Documenting regional recipes and culinary traditions.
6. Operating a certification and licensing system.
7. Organizing training sessions, events, festivals, and industry initiatives.
8. Conducting advisory, publishing, marketing, and educational activities.
9. Implementing the "Follow the Stork" programme.
10. Promoting Polish culinary brands and gastronomic venues abroad.

Chapter III - Economic activity, assets, and finances

§6. Scope of economic activity

The Organization conducts income-generating activities consistent with its objectives, including in particular:

- certification and licensing,
- sale of licenses to use trademarks,
- audits, training, and certification projects,
- advertising, marketing and PR activities,
- publishing and multimedia activities,
- sale of publications, maps, and gadgets,
- consulting and advisory activities,
- commercial cooperation with industry partners.

§7. Assets and sources of revenue

1. The assets of the Organization consist of financial resources, intellectual property rights, trademarks, equipment, and other assets acquired in accordance with the law.
2. Sources of revenue include, in particular:
 - certification and licensing fees,
 - income from advisory and training services,
 - revenues from industry events,
 - sale of publications, maps, and promotional materials,
 - sponsorship and partnership cooperation.

§8. Financial principles

1. The Organization operates on a commercial basis and may generate profit.
2. Profit is allocated to the development of activities, brand promotion, and statutory purposes.
3. The Organization maintains accounting records in accordance with applicable legal regulations.

Chapter IV - Organizational structure

§9. Bodies of the Organization

The bodies of the Organization are:

1. President of the Organization,
2. Program Council,
3. Regional Coordinators,
4. PIEROGI.ORG® Inspectors.

§10. President of the Organization

1. The President directs the activities of the Organization and represents it externally.
2. The President makes decisions in all matters not reserved for other bodies.
3. The President appoints and dismisses members of the Program Council, Coordinators, and Inspectors.

§11. Program Council

1. The Program Council performs an advisory and consultative function.
2. The Council may recommend the granting or withdrawal of a certificate.
3. The rules of operation of the Council are defined by regulations approved by the President.

Chapter V - Certification and licensing

§12. Nature of certification

1. Certification PIEROGI.ORG® is voluntary and commercial in nature.
2. The certificate confirms consistency between the declared manner of work and its implementation in practice.
3. Certification is not comparative in nature and does not serve to assess tastes, styles, or traditions.
4. The basis of certification is the principle declaration → execution.

§12a. Certification documents

1. A prerequisite for entering the certification process is the submission of a written declaration constituting the point of reference for the certification process.
2. Details of certification are defined in the Certification System Rules of the PIEROGI.ORG® and implementing documents published by the Organization.

§12b. PIEROGI.ORG® Inspector

1. A PIEROGI.ORG® Inspector is a person authorized to observe and document consistency between declaration and practice.
2. The certificate and the license do not constitute a transfer of rights to the trademarks.
3. The Inspector acts as a witness of quality, using the language of PIEROGI.ORG® certification.

§12c. License

1. The certificate entitles the holder to temporarily use the PIEROGI.ORG® mark under the terms specified in the license agreement.
2. The certificate and the license do not constitute a transfer of rights to the trademarks.
3. The Organization reserves the right to withdraw the certificate in the event of loss of consistency between declaration and practice.

§12d. Certificate limits

1. The Organization may introduce annual limits on the number of PIEROGI.ORG® certificates issued in a given calendar year.
2. The limits referred to in §1 may apply to all certifications or to specific categories (in particular: pierogi restaurants, individuals, producers, vineyards, other entities).
3. Information on applicable limits, application periods, and the rules for their application is made publicly available via the official website of the Organization and its communication channels on social media.
4. The introduction of certificate limits does not constitute a restriction of the right to apply for certification in subsequent periods and does not give rise to any claims against the Organization.

Chapter VI - PIEROGI.ORG® Community®

§13. Community

1. The PIEROGI.ORG® community consists of users, creators, and enthusiasts.
2. The community is based on a system of discovery and recommendations, without point-based ratings.
3. The rules of participation are defined by internal regulations.

Chapter VII - Symbols and identification

§14. Logo and name

The logo and the name PIEROGI.ORG® constitute protected trademarks and may be used exclusively with the consent of the Organization or on the basis of a license agreement.

§15. Stork symbol

The stork symbol is an element of the "Follow the Stork" programme and is subject to separate regulations.

Chapter VIII - Amendments and termination of activity

§16. Amendments to the statute

Amendments to the statute are introduced by the President of the Organization and take effect as of the date of their announcement.

§17. Termination of activity

In the event of termination of the Organization's activities, its assets and intellectual property rights remain the property of the Founder.

Chapter IX - Legal provisions and protection

§18. Legal basis of operation

The Organization operates on the basis of the provisions of the Civil Code and other regulations applicable to entrepreneurs and is not an association or a foundation.

§19. Data protection and website

Detailed rules concerning data processing, use of the website, and protection of intellectual property are set out in the current documents published on the Organization's website.

PIEROGI.ORG® certification is declarative and informational in nature and does not constitute an evaluation of product or service quality nor an assumption of liability by the Organization.

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