



## CERTIFICATION SYSTEM RULES OF THE POLISH PIEROGI ORGANIZATION PIEROGI.ORG®

Pierogi have value.

A value that arises from hands, decisions, and experience.

Over generations, pierogi have changed,  
moving from kitchen to kitchen,  
from region to region,  
from home to the world.

Today, this diversity is present and alive.

The Polish Pierogi Organization PIEROGI.ORG® was established to notice, name, and confirm this diversity.

We believe that diversity is a strength.

We believe that quality deserves recognition.

We believe that conscious and responsible work should be visible.

Therefore, we speak about Pierogi using the language of honesty, process, and coherence.

### THE IDEA OF THE PIEROGI.ORG CERTIFICATE

The PIEROGI.ORG® Certificate confirms that the declared method of work  
is carried out in a conscious, coherent, and responsible manner.



## SEVEN GUIDELINES OF THE PIEROGI.ORG® CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

1. Language of Quality
2. Declared Identity
3. Three Dimensions of Craft
4. Responsibility of Decisions
5. Five Principles of PIEROGI.ORG® Practice
6. The Role of the PIEROGI.ORG® Inspector
7. The DNA of PIEROGI.ORG® Certification

### 1. LANGUAGE OF QUALITY

At PIEROGI.ORG®, language is a way of thinking about quality.  
It serves to organize reality and to describe the relationship between intention and execution.

Quality becomes legible when it can be described in a conscious and precise manner.

The foundations of communication are:

declaration - a defined intention,

observation - a careful look at what is being carried out,

description - naming the relationship between the declaration and the actual execution.

This language directs attention to the process, organizes experience,  
and enables a shared understanding of quality beyond taste and style.

At PIEROGI.ORG®, speaking about Pierogi means thinking about them in terms of responsibility.

## 2. DECLARED IDENTITY

The point of reference is a well-made Pierogi within the framework of one's own declaration.

PIEROGI.ORG® certification is based on a clear and conscious definition of intention.

The declaration constitutes the starting point for the entire certification process and gives meaning to all subsequent stages of assessment.

Each declaration:

- defines the character of the product,
- describes the adopted style or profile,
- organizes the production process,
- sets the criteria of coherence.

The declaration creates a shared plane of understanding between the person or place applying for certification and the PIEROGI.ORG® inspector.

Within the certification process, the following are verified:

- consistency between what is being carried out and the declared profile,
- consistency of the applied solutions,
- clarity of the decisions leading to what has been achieved.

Each person or entity applying for the PIEROGI.ORG® Certificate submits their own declaration, which constitutes the basis for further certification verification.

This principle applies directly to Pierogi and, at the same time, is binding in the certification of Wineries and Producers of artisanal products covered by the PIEROGI.ORG® system.

The declaration gives products their identity and makes it possible to understand quality as a relationship between intention and execution.

PIEROGI.ORG® Certificate does not constitute a transfer of rights or an exclusive license to the trademark. It may be withdrawn in the event of a loss of coherence between the declaration and practice.

### 3. THREE DIMENSIONS OF CRAFT

We certify people who create places.

PIEROGI.ORG® certification encompasses three interrelated dimensions which together allow quality to be understood in a complete and honest way.

Each of these dimensions brings a distinct perspective, and their combination creates a holistic picture of craftsmanship.

#### I. PRODUCT - Pierogi as the result of work

This dimension focuses on the pierogi in the form in which they reach the recipient.

It includes:

- awareness of decisions being made,
- the relationship between dough and filling,
- the method of processing leading to the form of serving,
- the integrity of the pierogi,
- the character of the achieved result within the declared style.

The product shows how decisions and processes materialize in the form of Pierogi.

#### II. PROCESS - The way of creation

This dimension concerns the path that Pierogi follow from intention to realization.

It includes:

- awareness of decisions being made,
- control of key stages,
- repeatability of actions,
- clarity of applied solutions.

The process reveals the level of understanding of one's own craft and the ability to maintain quality over time.

### III. ATTITUDE - The person and the place

This dimension refers to the relationship between the creator, the product, and the recipient.

It includes:

- responsibility for quality,
- attitude toward the product and the work,
- readiness for dialogue and for explaining one's own decisions,
- continuity of practice.

Attitude gives pierogi context and meaning and determines the credibility of the entire process.

The Three Dimensions of Pierogi Assessment create a shared space in which quality becomes visible, understandable, and verifiable.

Each of them is equally important. Together, they describe craftsmanship as a whole.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITY OF DECISIONS

Responsibility means assuming responsibility for the entirety of one's own practice.

It concerns how product, process, and attitude result from the decisions made and remain in a coherent relationship with one another.

The declaration gives products their identity and defines the framework of responsibility for what is carried out in practice.

Certification confirms that:

- the product is the result of conscious decisions,
- the process is conducted in a controlled and repeatable manner,
- the creator's attitude remains coherent with the declared method of work.

Responsibility makes it possible to understand quality as a relationship between intention and execution across all three dimensions of assessment.

## 5. FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PIEROGI.ORG® PRACTICE

The Five Principles of PIEROGI.ORG® practice describe the attitude toward the product and the work.

They constitute a common point of reference for Pierogi, Wineries, and Producers of artisanal products.

Each principle answers one fundamental question about quality.

### I. AWARENESS

*I know what I do and why I do it*

Awareness means understanding one's own decisions.

It concerns the choice of ingredients, technique, proportions, time, and method of work.

A conscious person is able to:

- describe their way of working,
- explain the adopted solutions,
- indicate what constitutes the essence of their product.

Awareness gives meaning to the process and forms the foundation of every declaration.

### II. REPEATABILITY

*quality is not an accident*

Repeatability means stability of results over time.

It concerns the ability to maintain the character of the product in subsequent realizations.

Repeatability demonstrates:

- control over the process,
- maturity of the craft,
- predictability of quality for the recipient.

Thanks to repeatability, quality becomes recognizable.

### III. RESPECT

*for the product, the process, and the recipient*

Respect is expressed through attentiveness.

It concerns the raw material, the work, the time, and the person who reaches for the product.

Respect means:

- attention to detail,
- honesty toward the recipient,
- consistency in action.

Respect builds relationships and gives craftsmanship a cultural dimension.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITY

*I can say what is mine*

Responsibility means awareness of one's own influence on the result.

It concerns the decisions that shape the product and its character.

A responsible person is able to:

- indicate which elements result from their decisions,
- explain changes and differences in the product,
- relate the realization to their own declaration.

Responsibility ensures that decisions have an author, the result has an explanation, and quality remains legible to the recipient.

### V. CONTINUITY

*it is a practice, not a one-time result*

Continuity means the presence of quality over time.

It concerns regularity of action and maintenance of standards.

Continuity demonstrates:

- durability of attitude,
- rootedness of craftsmanship,
- a long-term approach to quality.

Thanks to continuity, quality becomes a practice rather than a single event.



## 6. THE ROLE OF THE PIEROGI.ORG® INSPECTOR

The PIEROGI.ORG® Inspector fulfills the role of a witness to quality.

Their task is careful observation and confirmation of coherence between the declaration and what is carried out in practice.

The Inspector:

- refers to the submitted declaration,
- observes the product, process, and attitude,
- describes their observations w języku certyfikacji PIEROGI.ORG®.

The Inspector acts on the basis of:

- the principle declaration → execution,
- the Three Dimensions of Pierogi Assessment,
- the Five Principles of PIEROGI.ORG® Practice.

### PRINCIPLES OF THE ROLE

The Inspector never:

- judges taste,
- compares styles or traditions,
- evaluates work in terms of good / bad.

The Inspector always:

- shows respect for people and their work,
- uses precise descriptive language,
- documents coherence between declaration and execution.

The role of the PIEROGI.ORG® Inspector protects diversity, strengthens honesty, and ensures the credibility of certification.



## 7. THE DNA OF PIEROGI.ORG® CERTIFICATION

The DNA of PIEROGI.ORG® describes a cultural attitude.  
It constitutes a common foundation for all activities covered by certification.

The DNA of PIEROGI.ORG®:

Declaration - I say how I work

Process - I know how it is created

Coherence - what is carried out corresponds to the declaration

Awareness - decisions have meanings

Respect - the product, the work, and the recipient matter

Continuity - quality endures over time

This DNA is shared by all areas covered by the PIEROGI.ORG® system  
and constitutes a permanent point of reference for certification.

The PIEROGI.ORG® certification is declarative and informational in nature.  
It does not constitute an evaluation of product or service quality, nor does it confirm their level, safety, or compliance with food law regulations.

The Polish Pierogi Organization PIEROGI.ORG® assumes no liability for products, services, or the effects of consumer decisions made on the basis of the certificate.

Withdrawal of the certificate may take place after the Entity has been informed and given an opportunity to provide explanations.

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