

Republic of Latvia

Cabinet
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Hygiene Requirements for the Primary Production of Products of Plant Origin and Direct Supply in Small Quantities to a Final Consumer

*Issued pursuant to
Section 8, Paragraph ten of the
Law On the Supervision of the Handling of Food*

1. This Regulation prescribes hygiene requirements for the primary production of products of plant origin and direct supply of products of primary production in small quantities to a final consumer or retail undertaking, which directly supply the end user, as well as the amount of the referred to supply.
2. This Regulation shall apply to the producer of products of cultivated plant origin, gatherers of wild berries, fruit, nuts, mushrooms and plants and collectors of birch and maple sap (hereinafter – product producer) in accordance with the requirements Article 1, Clause 1, Sub-clause „a” of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs (hereinafter - European Parliament and Council Regulation No 852/2004).
3. The amount of the products of plant origin that the product producer may supply directly in a calendar year is specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
4. A product producer shall provide an accounting of the amount of directly supplied products in a calendar year, documenting information regarding the name of the product, amount, place where it was obtained, and when, biocides and plant protection products used, as well as, at the request of an official of the Food and Veterinary Service (hereinafter – Service) present the accounting documents.
5. A retail food undertaking, on accepting products for distribution, shall register information regarding the name of the product, amount, place where it was obtained, date of supply, as well as the following:
 - 5.1. name of the product producer, registration number of the undertaking and address – for a legal person;
 - 5.2. given name, surname, personal identity number and address of the product producer - for a natural person.
6. The observance of the requirements of this Regulation shall be controlled by the Service at the place of distribution of products.
7. A producer of products of cultivated plant origin:
 - 7.1. shall keep equipment, containers and boxes clean and, if necessary, clean and disinfect them;
 - 7.2. shall ensure the cleanliness of the products of cultivated plant origin during gathering, storage and transportation;

7.3. shall not allow contamination resulting from animals and pests of products of cultivated plant origin during gathering, storage and transportation;

7.4. shall ensure the correct use of plant protection products and biocides;

7.5. shall store and deal with waste and hazardous substances in such a way, as not to allow contamination of products of cultivated plant origin.

8. Wild berries, fruit, nuts, mushrooms and plants shall be gathered in clean packaging and protected from pollution during gathering, storage and transportation in accordance with Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 of 8 February 1993 laying down Community procedures for contaminants in food and Article 2, Clause 1, Sub-clause “f” of European Parliament and Council Regulation No 852/2004.

9. Birch and maple sap within the meaning of this Regulation is fresh unpasteurised sap which may have added raisins, pieces of plants, various spices, sugar and honey.

10. Birch and maple sap shall be sold in a buyer’s containers or – at the request of the buyer – in disposable packaging complying with regulatory enactments regarding the mandatory harmless requirements for materials and objects that come into contact with food.

11. The following information shall be at the point of sale of birch and maple sap:

11.1. the indication „Birch sap” or „Maple sap”;

11.2. the expiry date for the birch and maple sap (“Use by”);

11.3. name or given name, surname and address of the product producer.

12. Birch and maple sap shall be packed in disposable packaging or in clean glass containers complying with regulatory enactments regarding the mandatory harmless requirements for materials and objects that come into contact with food.

13. The trade name “Birch sap” or “Maple sap”, added components, volume, the expiry date (“Use by”), storage instructions, name or given name, surname and address of the product producer shall be indicated on the label.

14. It is prohibited to gather wild berries, fruit, nuts, mushrooms, plants, birch and maple sap in territories situated in the close vicinity of sources of contamination (for example, in protection zones along streets, motorways, railways, all types of sanitary protection zones, in forests in the administrative territory of cities) and may create a risk of food contamination.

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**Amount of Products of Plant Origin that
the Product Producer may Supply Directly in a Calendar Year**

No	Name of product	Amount (kg)
1.	Leafy vegetables	500
2.	Root vegetables	3000
3.	Potatoes	5000
4.	Fruits	3000
5.	Legumes	1000
6.	Berries	2000
7.	Cultivated mushrooms	300
8.	Herbs	1000
9.	Cabbage	5000
10.	Cauliflower	800
11.	Broccoli	200
12.	Pumpkins	1000
13.	Marrows	300
14.	Cucumbers	300
15.	Onions	500
16.	Garlic	100
17.	Tomatoes	300
18.	Wild berries	600
19.	Wild nuts and fruit	600
20.	Wild mushrooms	600
21.	Wild plants	300
22.	Birch and maple sap	300
23.	Sweetcorn	2000

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