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**X. PRESERVATION OF GENETIC RESERVE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS  
AND LIVESTOCK BIODIVERSITY**

**Preservation of genetic reserve of domestic animals**

**Article 67.**

Genetic reserve of domestic animals include individual races, strains and lines of farm animals. Genetic reserve of domestic animals are kept in mind the minimum number of domestic animals, the dose of semen, ova and embryos.

The Minister shall prescribe a List of genetic reserves of domestic animals, as well as a way of preserving genetic reserves from paragraph 1 this article.

Funds for the preservation of genetic reserves of domestic animals shall be provided in the budget of the Republic of Serbia.

**The program of preservation livestock biodiversity.**

**Article 68.**

Preservation of livestock biodiversity is carried out in accordance with the Program of livestock biodiversity, which will enacte by the Minister for a period of five years.

Program under paragraph 1, this article, includes evaluating the situation in terms of livestock biodiversity, as follows:

1) preservation of all breeds of domestic animals that are grown in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, especially the preservation of indigenous breeds of domestic animals;

2) preservation of breeds of domestic animals beyond the environment in which they arise (ex-situ conservation), or in the environment they were created (in-situ conservation) for each breed of domestic animals;

3) establishment and operation of gene banks in livestock;

4) fulfillment of international obligations;

5) increased public awareness of the importance of livestock biodiversity;

6) linking with other programs from agriculture.

Program under paragraph 1 this article shall be determined by the amount of funds to implement the program, the method for allocating funds, as well as subjects in livestock that will be administered.

**Autochthonous breeds**

**Article 69.**

Autochthonous breeds of domestic animals are under special state care.

List of indigenous breeds of domestic animals and endangered native breeds determine the Minister.

The Ministry secures the name and indigenous breed of domestic animals in accordance with the ratified international treaties and agreements.

Autochthonous breeds of domestic animals are entered in the Register of indigenous breeds of domestic animals, kept by the Ministry.

Registration in the Register of indigenous breeds of domestic animals is done at the request of owners of domestic animals.

The Minister shall issue a decision on registration of indigenous breeds of domestic animals within two months from the date of application.

Decision of the Minister on registration under paragraph 6 this article is final and against it may be brought in court.

Register of indigenous breeds of domestic animals are kept in electronic form and may be linked with other databases and registers kept by the Ministry.

The Minister shall prescribe the requirements in terms of breeding and trade of indigenous breeds of domestic animals, as well as the content and methods for keeping of Register of indigenous breeds of farm animals.

### **Especially preservation of biodiversity bee races *Apis mellifera carnica***

#### **Article 70.**

In order to preserve biodiversity bees *Apis mellifera carnica* in the territory of Republic of Serbia is not allowed breeding and trade with breeding material from other races of bees.

### **Special measures in livestock in emergencies**

#### **Article 71.**

In case of emergency or of imminent threat of war or natural or other disasters that threaten the preservation of the minimum number of breeding material needed for reproduction of domestic animals, or if it is to a large extent affected the biodiversity of domestic animals in the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry may order specific measures to prevent endangerment of domestic animals, such as:

- 1) prohibition on the trade of domestic animals;
- 2) prohibition of the slaughtering of domestic animals.