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Regulations Governing the Certification Mark

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Preamble

Gastronomy plays a significant role in preserving cultural identity. The gastronomic sector is not merely an economic activity but also a bearer of cultural heritage, reflecting traditions, knowledge, experience, and quality standards.

Georgian culinary aesthetics represent a centuries-old cultural and social phenomenon, distinguished by unique flavors, preparation techniques, and dining traditions. Together, these elements provide a valuable foundation for the development of contemporary Georgian gastronomic practices and serve as a basis for establishing high standards of quality and authenticity. Alongside the international promotion of Georgian gastronomy, instances of distortion, misinterpretation, and devaluation of Georgian culinary identity are becoming increasingly prevalent.

In contemporary gastronomy, particular importance is attached to the quality of products and services, authenticity, technical execution, and customer experience. These factors determine the actual standard of an establishment and its position in the market.

The "GOBY THE LIST - THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY" system is founded on Georgian culinary traditions and gastronomic practices as the basis for establishing its standards and aims to evaluate and promote excellence in gastronomic performance.

Furthermore, this standard constitutes a methodological and quality assessment system and does not imply certification or verification of the geographical origin of goods or services.

Article 1. General Provisions

1.1. These Regulations establish the rules governing the use, granting, monitoring, revocation, and protection of the following certification mark:

- GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY

  Georgian transliteration: "გობი ზე ლისტ ზე გლობალ სტანდარდ ფორ აუთენთიქ ჯორჯიან გასტრონომი"

Color: Platinum

1.2. The certification mark serves as an indicator of quality and conformity and may be used by certified entities that have successfully completed the prescribed assessment procedure and whose compliance with the standards established under these Regulations has been verified.

1.3. The objectives of the certification mark are to:

a) Establish a unified, reliable, and transparent system for assessing gastronomic quality;
b) Provide consumers with reliable information;
c) Encourage continuous improvement in quality;
d) Ensure transparent and fair differentiation among certified establishments;
e) Promote the establishment of high professional standards within the Georgian gastronomic sector.

1.4. The certification mark does not constitute an indication of the geographical origin of any product or service and does not certify or otherwise verify geographical origin.

1.5. The certification mark may be used exclusively in accordance with these Regulations and the official visual identity standards approved by the owner of the certification mark.

Article 2. Definitions

For the purposes of these Regulations, the terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in Annex No. 1.

Article 3. Owner of the Certification Mark

3.1. The owner of the certification mark is:

- **Full Legal Name**: GOBY Hospitality LLC
- **Legal Form:** Limited Liability Company
- **Identification Number:** 405866228
- **Registered Address:** 20/31 Sofrom Mgaloblishvili Street, Tbilisi, Georgia
- **Email:** info.gobyhospitality@gmail.com

3.2. The owner of the certification mark hereby declares and confirms that:

a) It does not manufacture or supply goods and/or services of the same category as those for which protection of the certification mark is sought;
b) It operates impartially and in accordance with the principles of transparency and non-discrimination.

Article 4. Representation of the Certification Mark

4.1. The certification mark governed by these Regulations is the combined word and figurative mark depicted below.



4.2. Any modification or alteration of the certification mark in any form is strictly prohibited. The certification mark certifies solely that the respective certified entity has met the established criteria at the time of assessment and throughout the validity period of its authorization to use the mark.

4.3. The protection afforded to the certification mark extends exclusively to the services listed below, which fall within the scope of the certification mark:

- **List of Services under the Nice International Classification**

Description of Services	**Class**
Café services	43
Cafeteria services	43
Canteen services	43

Restaurant services	43

Article 5. Right to Use the Certification Mark

5.1. The right to use the certification mark may be granted to any legal or natural person operating food service establishments and gastronomic venues, provided that they comply with the standards established by the owner of the certification mark and the requirements of these Regulations.

5.2. The procedure for obtaining the certification mark is subject to a fee. The owner of the certification mark shall establish the applicable fees and payment procedures, which shall cover, among other things, the costs associated with granting the certification mark and monitoring its use. Any interested or already certified entity shall be required to enter into a Certification Mark Use Agreement with the owner of the certification mark and pay the applicable fee.

5.3. The right to use the certification mark shall be granted exclusively to a person who cumulatively satisfies all of the following conditions:

a) Submits a complete application;
b) Successfully undergoes the assessment procedure established by the owner of the certification mark;
c) Obtains confirmation from the owner of the certification mark that the established standards have been met;
d) Agrees to comply with these Regulations and the Certification Mark Use Agreement;
e) Enters into a Certification Mark Use Agreement with the owner of the certification mark;
f) Pays the applicable fee.

5.4. The right to use the certification mark shall arise only upon the adoption of the relevant decision by the owner of the certification mark and the execution of the Certification Mark Use Agreement. Persons authorized to use the certification mark shall not be entitled to transfer such right to third parties or grant any licenses or permissions of any kind in relation to its use.

5.5. The use of the certification mark shall be restricted to the specific gastronomic or food service establishment for which it was granted. The right to use the certification mark

shall also be limited to the validity period established at the time of its granting and shall remain conditional upon continuous compliance with the applicable conditions of use.

5.6. A certified entity shall be entitled to display and use the certification mark:

a) On the exterior façade of the establishment;
b) Within the interior premises of the establishment;
c) On menus;
d) On its website;
e) On social media pages;
f) In advertising and promotional materials.

5.7. The use of the certification mark shall at all times correspond to the certification level awarded, the validity period of the authorization to use the mark, and the official visual standards applicable to the certification mark.

5.8. The use of the certification mark in any context that implies that the certification extends to other categories not actually covered by the certification is strictly prohibited.

Article 6. Organizational Structure

6.1. The owner of the certification mark shall have the authority to make final decisions on all matters relating to the GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY certification mark. The owner shall serve as the primary point of contact for all interested parties, particularly applicants and already certified entities. The owner shall coordinate and administer the certification mark granting process.

6.2. The owner of the certification mark shall maintain a register of certified entities (and their respective establishments) and publish a list thereof on its official website, if available.

6.3. The owner of the certification mark shall coordinate the inspection and certification processes, be authorized to monitor the use of the certification mark, and impose sanctions in cases of violations of the certification mark requirements and/or these Regulations.

Article 7. Assessment System and Restaurant Categorization Rules

7.1. The certification process is based on an independent, objective, and multi-tiered assessment model. Assessments shall be conducted through a specialized body established by the owner of the certification mark, namely the Academy of Auditors. The Academy of Auditors shall constitute a group of independent experts, whose composition shall be determined in accordance with the following structure:

a) Professional Experts

- Chefs
- Sommeliers
- Gastronomy researchers and historians
- Professionals from other relevant fields

b) Industry Analysts

- Food industry journalists
- Critics
- Media representatives

c) Representatives of the Younger Generation

- Gastronomy bloggers
- Digital content creators
- Analysts of contemporary urban culture

7.2. Members of the Academy of Auditors shall be required to comply with the Rules of Impartiality and Ethics of the Academy of Auditors, attached to these Regulations as Annex No. 3.

7.3. Assessments shall be conducted through anonymous visits, whereby the auditor's identity remains undisclosed, the establishment's services are evaluated under actual operating conditions, and visits are carried out without prior notice. This approach ensures objectivity and allows assessments to be based on genuine customer experiences.

7.4. The audit process shall comprise the following stages:

a) Anonymous visit;
b) Tasting and service evaluation;

c) Allocation of scores in accordance with the established 100-point assessment system;
d) Preparation of an assessment report.

Each stage of the audit process must be documented in writing. Where more than one auditor participates in the assessment, the final score shall be calculated as the arithmetic mean of their individual scores. The owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to verify the assessments and, where necessary, commission an additional audit. The final score shall serve as the basis for certification.

7.5. To ensure fairness in the assessment process and preserve the diversity and creative freedom of different gastronomic concepts, restaurants shall be assessed within three distinct categories. Such categorization shall not alter the substantive basis of the assessment.

a) Traditional Restaurant

Emphasis shall be placed on the preservation of historical and cultural heritage. This category encompasses:

- Adherence to traditional recipes;
- A classical and culturally authentic setting;
- Incorporation of Georgian polyphonic music;
- Traditional table-setting practices, including the use of the Blue Supra (traditional Georgian blue tablecloth).

b) Contemporary / Signature Restaurant

Emphasis shall be placed on innovation within the framework of culinary tradition. This category encompasses:

- Preparation of dishes using contemporary culinary techniques;
- Visual and textural innovation;
- A contemporary musical environment and minimalist atmosphere.

c) Urban Dukani (Urban Tavern)

Emphasis shall be placed on everyday dining culture and urban energy. This category encompasses:

- A limited yet high-quality menu;

- Alternative music;
- An informal and vibrant atmosphere.

Article 8. Assessment Criteria and Standards

8.1. The specific allocation of points and the assessment procedures shall be determined in accordance with Annex No. 2 - Assessment Methodology.

Article 9. Submission of Applications

9.1. An interested party shall submit a written application to the owner of the certification mark.

9.2. The application shall contain, at a minimum, the following information and documentation:

a) The applicant's identification details and legal name;
b) The name and address of the establishment;
c) Website address and email address;
d) Description of the applicant's business activities;
e) Brief description of the menu, products, and/or gastronomic concept;
f) Confirmation of acceptance of these Regulations;
g) Proof of payment of the applicable fee;
h) Signature of an authorized representative.

9.3. The owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to request additional information or documentation from the applicant.

9.4. Where an application is incomplete, the applicant shall be granted a period not exceeding five (5) calendar days to remedy the identified deficiencies. If the applicant fails to remedy such deficiencies within the prescribed period, the application may be left without consideration, and any fees already paid shall be non-refundable.

Article 10. Assessment Procedure

10.1. The assessment shall be conducted by the owner of the certification mark through the Academy of Auditors established by it, in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Regulations. For the assessment of a particular applicant, the Academy of Auditors may be composed of at least three (3) members, whose composition shall be determined by the owner of the certification mark.

10.2. Upon completion of the assessment, an assessment report shall be prepared, containing the following information:

a) The scores awarded and the reasoning provided by the respective member(s) of the Academy of Auditors justifying the allocation of such scores;
b) The date on which the assessment visit was conducted.

10.3. The final decision shall be made by the owner of the certification mark based on the total number of points awarded. Where the applicant achieves the required score, the owner shall grant the corresponding certification mark. Where the score is insufficient, the owner shall issue a decision refusing certification. The decision shall be made within nine (9) months from the date of registration of the application. The applicant shall be notified of the decision. The owner of the certification mark may engage an independent third party to participate in the score calculation process.

Article 11. Validity Period of the Right to Use the Certification Mark

11.1. The right to use the certification mark shall be granted for a specified period, ordinarily twelve (12) months, unless otherwise provided in the relevant certification decision.

11.2. Upon expiration of the validity period of the right to use the certification mark, the certified entity shall immediately cease all use of the certification mark.

Article 12. Reassessment and Certification Level Upgrade

12.1. One of the primary objectives of the GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY system is to encourage continuous improvement and progress.

12.2. A certified entity shall be entitled, at any time and upon payment of the applicable fee, to request:

a) Reassessment;
b) Renewal of the validity period of the right to use the certification mark.

12.3. Reassessment shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established under these Regulations. A request for reassessment shall not automatically entitle the certified entity to an upgrade of its certification level.

Article 13. Fees

13.1. The owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to establish the following fees:

a) Application fee;
b) Monthly certification mark service fee;
c) Reassessment fee;
d) Expedited procedure fee;
e) Additional costs associated with monitoring.

13.2. Payment of the applicable fee shall not automatically entitle the applicant to obtain the certification mark; it shall solely entitle the applicant to undergo the assessment procedure.

Article 14. Monitoring and Supervision

14.1. The certification mark shall be used by the certified entity at its own responsibility. The owner of the certification mark shall conduct general market monitoring and supervise compliance with the conditions governing the use of the certification mark.

14.2. The owner of the certification mark shall be entitled, at any time, to verify compliance with the certification mark criteria through compliance inspections and, where necessary, take appropriate measures, including the imposition of sanctions, to ensure compliance with the applicable conditions of use.

14.3. Certified entities shall, upon request, provide all information necessary for monitoring and verifying compliance with the applicable criteria. Certified entities shall

also be required to promptly notify the owner of the certification mark of any material changes in their business activities.

14.4. Based on the results of monitoring, the owner of the certification mark may:

a) Confirm compliance with the applicable requirements;
b) Issue a warning;
c) Require the rectification of identified deficiencies;
d) Suspend the right to use the certification mark;
e) Prohibit the use of the certification mark.

14.5. A certified entity shall immediately cease using the certification mark if:

a) The validity period of the certification mark has expired;
b) The owner of the certification mark has suspended the right to use the certification mark;
c) The certification mark has been revoked;
d) The certified entity's right to use the certification mark has been revoked or prohibited.

Article 15. Violations and Sanctions

15.1. In the event of a violation of these Regulations, the owner of the certification mark may impose sanctions on certified entities. Such sanctions may include:

a) Issuance of a written warning;
b) Granting a specified period for the rectification of identified deficiencies;
c) Temporary suspension of the right to use the certification mark;
d) Revocation or prohibition of the right to use the certification mark;
e) Imposition of monetary penalties;
f) Claims for compensation for damages.

15.2. In the event of revocation or prohibition of the right to use the certification mark, or the cancellation of the certification mark itself, the certified entity shall, immediately remove the certification mark from all physical and digital materials and cease making any reference to the certification mark.

Article 16. Confidentiality and Data Processing

16.1. Commercial and operational information obtained during the assessment process shall be treated as confidential, except for information whose disclosure is necessary to ensure transparency.

16.2. The owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to process data relating to applications, assessments, monitoring, and the certification register for certification purposes.

16.3. The certified entity agrees that its information, the certification mark awarded to it, and the validity status of its certification may be made publicly available.

Article 17. Limitation of Liability

17.1. The granting of the certification mark shall not constitute any guarantee by the owner of the certification mark regarding the activities or operations of the certified entity. The certification mark solely confirms that the certified entity satisfied the criteria established under these Regulations at the time of assessment and during the validity period of the certification mark.

17.2. The owner of the certification mark shall not be held liable for any damages or losses, whether arising from contractual liability, tortious liability, or any other legal grounds, in connection with the activities of certified entities, the services provided by them, or the products manufactured or supplied by them. The granting of the certification mark shall not constitute any form of guarantee, recommendation, endorsement, or assumption of liability towards third parties and shall not, under any circumstances, serve as a basis for establishing any form of liability on the part of the owner of the certification mark.

Article 18. Protection of Rights in the Certification Mark

18.1. The right to initiate legal proceedings in connection with any infringement of the certification mark shall belong exclusively to the owner of the certification mark.

18.2. Where the owner of the certification mark fails to take appropriate measures against an infringement of the certification mark, a person authorized to use the certification mark shall be entitled, subject to the prior written consent of the owner of the certification mark, to initiate legal proceedings against such infringement at its own expense. The

owner of the certification mark may refuse to grant such consent only on reasonable and substantial grounds.

18.3. Where a person authorized to use the certification mark initiates legal proceedings in accordance with Article 18.2 of these Regulations, such person shall be required to obtain the prior written consent of the owner of the certification mark before entering into any settlement agreement or other arrangement intended to resolve the dispute.

18.4. Persons authorized to use the certification mark shall be required to immediately notify the owner of the certification mark of any suspected or confirmed infringement of the certification mark.

18.5. The right to claim compensation for damages arising from an infringement of the certification mark shall belong exclusively to the owner of the certification mark, including where a person authorized to use the certification mark initiates legal proceedings against such infringement with the consent of the owner of the certification mark. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of the owner of the certification mark to assign claims for damages or any other claims arising therefrom to third parties.

Article 19. Separate Agreement

In addition to these Regulations, the owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to enter into a separate Certification Mark Use Agreement with a certified entity, determine the terms and conditions thereof, and establish additional rules governing the use of the certification mark.

Article 20. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Regulations shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Georgia. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with these Regulations shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts of Georgia.

Article 21. Final Provisions

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their approval by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti). These Regulations may be amended in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the legislation of Georgia.

The following Annexes shall constitute an integral part of these Regulations:

- Annex No. 1 – Definitions;
- Annex No. 2 – Assessment Methodology;
- Annex No. 3 – Rules of Impartiality and Ethics of the Academy of Auditors.

Annex No. 1 – Definitions

Term	Definition
Close Relative	A parent, adoptive parent, child, foster child, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild, sister, brother, niece, nephew, uncle, aunt, or spouse.
Interested Party or Applicant	A natural or legal person who submits an application to the owner of the certification mark for the granting of the certification mark in accordance with the procedures established under these Regulations.
Regulations	The Regulations Governing the Certification Mark, developed by GOBY Hospitality LLC (Identification No. 405866228).
Validity Period of the Right to Use the Mark	The period determined by the owner of the certification mark through an individual decision concerning a certified subject, during which such subject is authorized to use the certification mark.
Certification Mark or Mark	"GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY", which certifies compliance with the requirements established under these Regulations.
"GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY" System	A multi-tiered assessment model under which interested parties may be granted the certification mark specified in these Regulations.
Owner of the Certification Mark	The person identified in Article 3.1 of these Regulations.
Certified Entity or Person Authorized to Use the Certification Mark	A person or establishment that has successfully completed the multi-tiered assessment model and has been granted the right to use the certification mark by its owner.
Multi-Tiered Assessment Model	An assessment model based on the allocation of scores and evaluation results.

Monitoring	Supervision and verification of the use of the certification mark and compliance with the applicable standards, as provided for under these Regulations.
Reassessment	A repeated assessment procedure conducted for the purpose of obtaining the same or a higher certification level.

Annex No. 2 – Assessment Methodology and Standards

I. Culinary Authenticity, Taste and Aroma (Maximum 40 Points)

Subcategory	Criterion (Points)	Description
Recipes and History	Traditional Accuracy (0–15)	Adherence to Georgian recipes, accuracy of preparation techniques, and authenticity of ingredients.
Taste and Aroma	Sensory Quality (0–15)	Balance of flavors, depth of aroma, and appropriateness of texture.
Innovation	Innovation Within Tradition (0–10)	Contemporary interpretation while preserving Georgian culinary identity.

II. Atmosphere, Concept and Aesthetics (Maximum 20 Points)

Subcategory	Criterion (Points)	Description
Space and Design	Interior Identity (0–10)	Design consistent with the establishment's concept and appropriate incorporation of national elements.
Visual Presentation	Table Setting (0–10)	Presentation of dishes, aesthetics of tableware, and attention to details.

III. Product Quality and Menu Philosophy (Maximum 20 Points)

Subcategory	Criterion (Points)	Description
Product	Ingredient Quality (0–10)	Composition, freshness, and quality of ingredients.
Menu Structure	Concept and Synergy (0–10)	Menu structure, wine pairing compatibility, and conceptual coherence.

IV. Hospitality, Knowledge and Communication (Maximum 20 Points)

Subcategory	Criterion (Points)	Description
Service	Professionalism (0–10)	Speed of service, ethics, and hospitality.
Cultural Communication	Storytelling (0–10)	Ability to communicate the background, cultural significance, and history of dishes.

V. Overall Assessment

Assessment Category	Maximum Points
Culinary Authenticity, Taste and Aroma	40
Atmosphere, Concept and Aesthetics	20
Product Quality and Menu Philosophy	20
Hospitality, Knowledge and Communication	20
Total	100

VI. Score Conversion – GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY System

Score (%)	Assessment Result	Certification Mark	Visual Representation of the Certification Mark

90–100	Highest Rating	GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY	GOBY THE LIST THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR AUTHENTIC GEORGIAN GASTRONOMY
70–89	Requirements Not Met	Certification Mark Not Granted	-
50–69	Requirements Not Met	Certification Mark Not Granted	-
0–49	Requirements Not Met	Certification Mark Not Granted	-

Annex No. 3 – Rules of Impartiality and Ethics of the Academy of Auditors

Rules of Impartiality and Ethics of the Academy of Auditors

1. General Provisions

1.1. This document establishes the ethical standards, principles of impartiality, rules for preventing conflicts of interest and confidentiality requirements applicable to members of the Academy of Auditors.

1.2. The purpose of this document is to ensure the independence, objectivity and reliability of the certification process.

1.3. These Rules shall be binding upon all members of the Academy of Auditors.

1.4. Prior to conducting any assessment, each member of the Academy of Auditors shall be required to confirm in writing that they have read and understood these Rules and undertake to comply with them.

1.5. The owner of the certification mark may additionally establish a standardized form for such written confirmation.

1.6. Members of the Academy of Auditors shall be selected and appointed to the Academy by the owner of the certification mark, subject to the prior written consent of the respective individual.

2. Principles of Independence and Impartiality

2.1. Each member of the Academy of Auditors shall conduct assessments objectively, in good faith, and in accordance with the principles of professional independence.

2.2. Members of the Academy of Auditors shall be prohibited from acting on the basis of personal interests, commercial influence, friendships, family relationships, or any other improper motives during the assessment process.

2.3. Each member of the Academy of Auditors shall refrain from any action that may influence the outcome of an assessment, undermine the credibility of the assessment process, damage the reputation of the certification mark, or create a perception of bias among third parties.

2.4. During the assessment process, the following actions shall be strictly prohibited: Accepting gifts, benefits, discounts, or any other advantages, making advance promises regarding assessment results, attempting to improperly influence the outcome of an assessment, using the certification mark for personal commercial purposes.

2.5. Membership in the Academy of Auditors shall be restricted to individuals who have reached the age of majority and possess a high level of professional reputation, ethical standards, and integrity, and whose professional activities and experience enable them to ensure the independence, objectivity and reliability of the assessment process.

2.6. The activities of members of the Academy of Auditors may be remunerated or performed on a voluntary, unpaid basis. The form and conditions of remuneration shall be determined by the owner of the certification mark in a manner that does not compromise the independence, impartiality, or objectivity of the assessment process.

2.7. Membership in the Academy of Auditors shall constitute independent and voluntary professional participation in the Academy and shall not, by itself, establish any employment, agency, representative, or partnership relationship with the owner of the certification mark, unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing between the parties.

3. Conflict of Interest

3.1. A member of the Academy of Auditors shall be required to immediately disclose any existing conflict of interest or any risk of such a conflict arising.

3.2. A conflict of interest shall be deemed to exist where an auditor has any of the following relationships or interests in relation to an interested party or its registered director and/or partner:

a) A financial interest;
b) A direct or indirect commercial relationship;
c) An employment, consultancy, or representative relationship;
d) A partnership or co-ownership interest;
e) A close relative relationship;
f) Any other circumstance that may affect the auditor's impartiality.

3.3. In the event of a conflict of interest, the auditor shall not participate in the assessment of the relevant establishment. The auditor shall be required to disclose the conflict of interest to the owner of the certification mark.

3.4. Where there are reasonable grounds to suspect a conflict of interest, the owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to replace the respective member of the Academy of Auditors.

4. Confidentiality

4.1. Members of the Academy of Auditors shall be required to maintain the confidentiality of all information obtained during the assessment process.

4.2. The following actions shall be strictly prohibited: Premature disclosure of assessment results; Disclosure or transfer of internal documentation to third parties; Use of information obtained about an establishment for personal or commercial purposes.

4.3. The obligation of confidentiality shall remain in effect even after the termination of membership in the Academy of Auditors or the completion of participation in a particular assessment.

5. Professional Ethics

5.1. Members of the Academy of Auditors shall be required to act in good faith, adhere to professional standards, respect cultural diversity and different gastronomic concepts, and refrain from any discriminatory, offensive, or unethical conduct.

5.2. Members of the Academy of Auditors shall be prohibited from making public statements that may influence an ongoing assessment, damage the reputation or credibility of the certification mark, or create a perception of a conflict of interest or bias.

6. Preservation of Anonymity

6.1. Auditors shall be required to adhere to the principle of anonymous assessment and shall not disclose their identity during the assessment process.

6.2. Auditors shall be prohibited from: Providing advance notice or information regarding an assessment visit; Using their status as auditors to obtain preferential

treatment or special service conditions; Artificially altering or manipulating the assessment process.

7. Violations of the Rules and Sanctions

7.1. In the event of a violation of these Rules, the owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to impose the following measures:

- Issuance of a warning;
- Removal from a specific assessment;
- Temporary suspension of membership in the Academy of Auditors;
- Expulsion from the Academy of Auditors;
- Any other appropriate measures.

7.2. A serious or repeated violation of these Rules may constitute grounds for termination of membership in the Academy of Auditors.

8. Final Provisions

8.1. These Rules shall be approved by the owner of the certification mark.

8.2. Membership in the Academy of Auditors shall be voluntary. A member shall be entitled to withdraw from the Academy of Auditors at any time by providing written notice. The owner of the certification mark shall be entitled to terminate an individual's membership in the Academy of Auditors at any time.

8.3. The owner of the certification mark shall have the authority to amend these Rules.

8.4. These Rules shall constitute an integral part of the certification system and shall apply to all members of the Academy of Auditors.