

# Bulgarian Policies related to (Invasive) Alien Species

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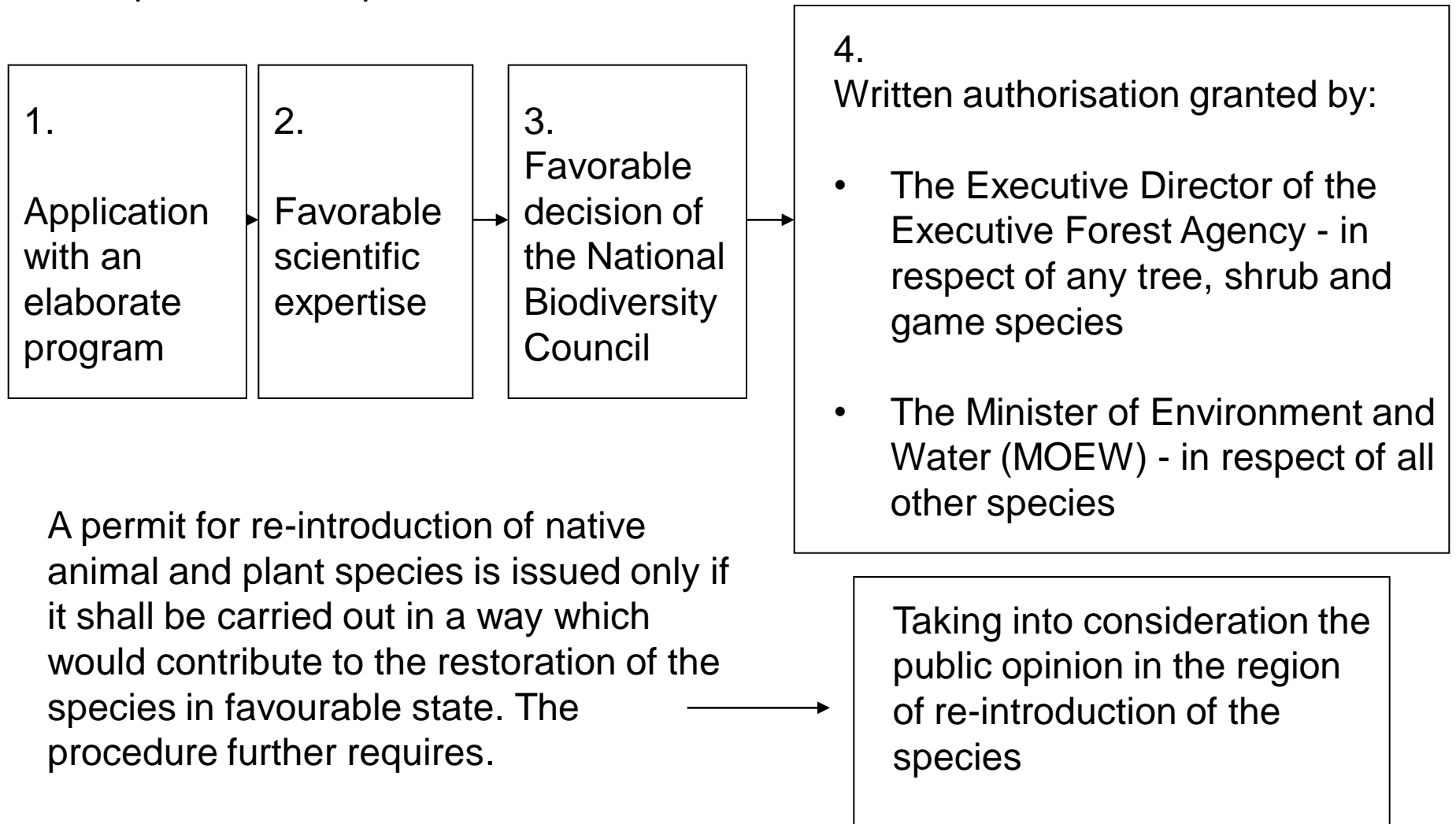
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| <p><b>The Biological Diversity Act (2002)</b></p> <p><b>Regulation № 4/ 08.07.2003</b> on the conditions and procedure for issue of permits for release of alien plant and animal species into the environment or re-introduction of native plant and animal species.</p> <p><b>Regulation № 14/ 27.10.2005</b> on the conditions for issue of permits for release of alien tree, shrub and game species into the natural environment or re-introduction of native tree, shrub and game species considering the public opinion in the region of re-introduction</p> <p><b>Decree of Council of Ministers for foreign trade regime of R. Bulgaria № 233/2001</b></p> | <p>Provides on:<br/>Release into the natural environment, as well as import for the purpose of breeding and raising of alien animal, plant and fungi species, incl. subspecies and varieties</p> <p>- Re-introduction of native animal and plant species</p> <p>Regulates trade with specimens of species included in the appendixes A, B, C, and D of the WTR</p> | <p>Animal, plant and fungi species incl. subspecies and varieties/</p> <p>Intentional release into the natural environment;<br/>Import; Trade</p> | <p><b>EU Birds Directive</b></p> <p><b>EU Habitats Directive</b></p> <p><b>Wildlife Trade Regulation (WTR)</b></p> |

A permit for the release to the environment, as well as import for the purpose of breeding and raising of alien animal and plant species, can be issued only if it is provided that this is not detrimental to any natural habitats in the native range or to any native species and populations of wild flora and fauna.

The procedure requires:



A permit for re-introduction of native animal and plant species is issued only if it shall be carried out in a way which would contribute to the restoration of the species in favourable state. The procedure further requires.

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| <p><b>Protected Areas Act<br/>(1998)</b></p> <p>MOEW</p>   | <p>Stipulates that release of plant and animal species that are alien to the region is prohibited in national and natural parks.</p> | <p>Animal and plant species/<br/><br/>Intentional release into the environment</p> | <p><b>EU Birds Directive</b></p> <p><b>EU Habitats Directive</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Plant Protection Act (1997)</b></p> <p><b>Regulation No. 1 on Phytosanitary Control</b><br/>(State Gazette No. 82/17.07.1998, amend. 2010)<br/>And many other specific Regulations on pest control</p> <p>Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (MAF)</p> | <p>Provides for phytosanitary control of plants, plant products, soils and growing medium, packages, containers, agricultural machinery, etc., associated with plants, as well as protection of plants and plant products from harmful organisms and diseases</p> | <p>Animals, plants and pathogens harmful for the plants or plant products/<br/><br/>Import, export and transit transportation;<br/>Production, transportation and trade on the territory of the country</p> | <p><b>Plant Health Directive (2000/29/EC)</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Veterinary Medical Act (2006)</b></p> <p><b>Regulation № 1/ 22.05.1990</b> of Ministry of Agriculture and Food for border veterinary control and quarantine</p> <p>Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (MAF)</p> | <p>Provides for the veterinary medical control at the import, export and transit transportation in the country of animals (for breeding, raising, pets, zoos, circuses), animal products, embryos, ova, semen, cell cultures, fodder, fodder mixtures, vitamin and mineral premixes, etc.</p> | <p>Animal and bird parasites and other transmissible diseases incl. zoonoses/</p> <p>Import, export and transit transportation in the country</p> | <p><b>EU Animal Health Regime</b></p> <p><b>European Convention for the protection of animals during international transport, 13.XII.1968</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Genetically Modified Organisms Act (2005)</b></p> <p><b>Regulation No. 211/04.10.2005</b> on contained use of GMOs</p> <p><b>Regulation No. 212/04.10.2005</b> on deliberate release into the environment and placing on the market of GMOs</p> <p>MOEW</p> | <p>Stipulates that deliberate release of GMOs into the environment is not permitted in protected areas and Natura 2000 sites, incl. 30 km buffer zones, near areas with traditional agriculture and beekeeping, etc.</p> <p>Provides on the procedures for issue of permits for import, export and transit transportation of GMOs in the country</p> | <p>GMOs/<br/><br/>Deliberate release into the environment;<br/>Trade;<br/>Import, export and transit transportation in the country</p> | <p><b>Council Directive 2001/18/EC</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Water Act (2000)</b></p> <p><b>Regulation № 5/23.04.2007</b> on water monitoring</p> <p><b>Regulation № 13/02.04.2007</b> on characterization of surface waters</p> <p><b>Regulation from 30.11.2010</b> on protection of the marine environment, etc.</p> <p>MOEW – ExEA, River Basin Directorates (investigative monitoring programs, programmes of measures)</p> | <p>IAS (origin, history of introduction, distribution and abundance) are included as criteria for the assessment of biological impact on the marine environment</p> | <p><b>Water Framework Directive</b></p> <p><b>Marine Strategy Framework Directive</b></p> |



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| <p><b>Council Regulation 708/2007<br/>on the use of alien and locally<br/>absent species in aquaculture</b></p> <p>MOEW</p> | <p>Provides for<br/>assessment of risks<br/>associated with<br/>intentional<br/>introductions of<br/>aquaculture<br/>organisms and<br/>associated non-<br/>target species</p> | <p>Aquatic organisms and<br/>GMOs</p> <p>Does not cover<br/>translocations within the<br/>country except if there is a<br/>risk to the environment,<br/>nor to pet-shops, garden<br/>centres or aquaria where<br/>there is no contact with<br/>EU waters.</p> |