



The Complete Statute of the Archducal House of Duckionary

Promulgated by the signature of His Royal Highness Archduke Arthur I of Duckionary, to supersede all other statutes and laws of the Archducal House as of 12 May 2023, with subsequent amendments and supplements.

Introduction

The Archducal House of Duckionary is governed by statutes and traditions. In accordance with the command of His Royal Highness and all modern requirements, these ground rules, promulgated by the hands of Archduke Arthur I, Sovereign Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary, by the Grace of God Archduke of Duckionary, Duke of Panagua, Duke of Arcanus, Sultan of Smolkanistan, Princely Count of Biberland, Count of Sandfield, Count of Kozel, Count of Lipinsula and Grand Master of the Order of Knights of Duckionary come into force on 12 May 2023. This document shall receive its validity and force at the moment of signing by the hand of the Archduke. Our family traditions include and will always include the Catholic Christian faith, which will serve as a guiding principle in all future decisions. While respecting the individual's freedom of faith and conscience, all dynastic members of the family will belong to the Catholic Christian rite. We ask God to protect our Archducal Family, our country and our Church.

Chapter I - The Archducal Family of Duckionary

Article 1 - Characteristics and Members

- 1) The Archducal House of Duckionary is an autonomous family community founded and organized on the basis of the provisions of the Dynastic Statute currently in force. It consists only of members by birth or of members by marriage, as specified in this document.
- 2) The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary is the de jure and de facto sovereign, according to all current practices and conventions, as far as the authority over the Archducal House of Duckionary is concerned at any time. Immediately after the death of the Head of the Duckionary Archducal

House, without any subsequent proclamation, the heir apparent or the presumptive heir, depending on who is alive at that moment and who is first in the line of succession, shall receive from that moment on the title and designation of Archduke or Archduchess, regardless of the position of the family as a ruling or non-ruling dynasty and regardless of whether or not they later decide to use such title or designation.

3) If the presumptive heir is the first successor, but an heir to the throne who is yet unborn is expected, the presumptive heir shall assume the role of regent until birth, but may not change, modify, or interpret the provisions of these rules, with the exceptions listed below.

If the hereditary presumptive is the first successor, but a yet unborn heir is expected, the hereditary presumptive shall assume the role of Regent until birth, but cannot change, modify or interpret the provisions of these Rules, except as set forth below. A minor heir at the time of succession to the head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall have a regent who shall serve until the head of the Archducal House of Duckionary comes of age, but such regent and/or the head of the Archducal House of Duckionary may not change, alter, or interpret the provisions of these house rules or others during the minor's term except as hereinafter provided. The Regent shall be appointed and may be removed by the dynastic members of the Archducal House of Duckionary through the Council of the Archducal Family.

4) The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary may not, under any circumstances, change, modify or interpret the provisions of these Regulations until he is twenty years old.

5) The dynastic successors of Archduke Arthur I of Duckionary are heirs to the throne of the Archducal House of Duckionary, and the present successors are recognized solely by these Rules and are listed herein. They will be the only dynastic successors until others based on future births are added by amendment or appendix to these or any other future basic rules of the Archducal House of Duckionary. All princesses by birth of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall cease to be members of the Archducal House of Duckionary at the time of marriage and shall receive the title and designation of their spouse unless their continuance in the Archducal House of Duckionary is recognized, either by these rules or, in the future, by addition as an amendment or appendix to these or other future rules of the Archducal House of Duckionary. No successor of a female member of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall become a member of the Archducal

Family of Duckionary by birth unless these House Rules or a future document of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary recognizes such admission.

7) The wife of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall receive the title and designation of Archduchess for the duration of her marriage and her widowhood if the Head of the Archducal House dies before her. The wife of a female Head of the Archducal House has no rank, privilege or title by right, but receives these ad personam by decision of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary. The wife of a Prince of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall bear the title and designation of Princess for the duration of her marriage and widowhood only if the marriage has been recognised by the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary. Spouses or Princesses whose marriage is annulled or dissolved by divorce shall lose all ranks, titles and privileges at the time of dissolution of the marriage, while a widowed spouse who remarries shall retain his title and rank ad personam, these not being transferable to his future wife or children from a previous or future marriage.

Membership of the Archducal House of Duckionary is a free choice and on attaining majority any member may renounce this right at any time at which time all titles, ranks and privileges of that member of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall cease. Such renunciation may be made only by a written declaration presented to the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary, who shall present the declaration to the Council of the Archducal Family, and it shall take effect thirty days after presentation to the Council of the Archducal Family, unless the applicant has not withdrawn his application by that time.

9) Renunciation of membership of the Archducal House of Duckionary removes the former member of the Archducal House of Duckionary forever from the line of succession but does not affect the status, titles and ranks of his successors and heirs.

10) No person born in the first place as a member of a foreign royal or princely house may enter the succession of the Archducal House of Duckionary and enjoy any other dynastic privilege without exception.

Article 2 – Titles of the Members of the Archducal House

1) The current Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary is:

His Royal Highness Archduke Arthur Constantin de Tourneau

3) In so far as in future generations the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary is male, a future consort of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall bear the title, designation and rank and given name of:

4) The current Heir of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary is:
Anette Caroline de Tourneau

7) In the case of a woman who is Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary, her spouse shall be given the title "His Serene Highness Duke of Duckionary" (ad personam), a title, rank and designation which shall take precedence over any other title, Duckionary or foreign, which she may bear, for the duration of the marriage and only for the lifetime of her spouse, and only as long as she remains Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.

Members of the Archducal House of Duckionary may not accept foreign titles, orders and decorations without the written permission of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary. Such foreign awards may only be accepted ad personam and shall be returned at any time if so ordered by the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary. No foreign award may precede Duckionary ranks and decorations.

8) Children or consorts of members of the Archducal Family of Duckionary who do not bear a noble title are not members of the Archducal Family of Duckionary, but members of the extended family and Archducal Household. A complete list of the extended family is contained in the Genealogical Register of the Archducal Family of Duckionary.

Article 3 – Citizenship and residence

1) All members of the Archducal House of Duckionary are citizens of Duckionary or must take steps to become so.

- 2) A widowed archduchess or spouse has the right to reside for the rest of her life in one of the Archducal Residences designated by the head of the Archducal House, but this right does not extend to her former or future spouses or her children from a former or future marriage after their death.
- 3) At present Palais Archiducal is the working residence of the Archduke and the Archducal Family. Decisions affecting the Archducal Residences may be revoked or modified by the Head of the Family at any time.

Article 4 – Pedigree of the Archducal Family of Duckionary and Personal Status

- 1) The Secretariat of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall keep a register of all living members of the Archducal House, the Genealogical Register of the Archducal House of Duckionary. The Head of the House of His Royal Highness is authorized and obliged to keep the Register correct and in good order.
- 2) The principles of Duckionary personal status law are applicable to the extent necessary for the application of this regulation. The keeping of the Register will enable the order of succession of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary to be clearly recorded at all times.
- 3) All members of the Archducal House shall be obliged to immediately inform the Secretariat of the Head of the Archducal House of any event or circumstance that requires an annotation or modification of the register kept by the Secretariat. All records shall be submitted as soon as possible as they become available.
- 4) All records prepared by the Secretariat shall be prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.
- 5) The register may be consulted by members of the Archducal House of Duckionary and other persons with the consent of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary and within the limits of the consent given.
- 6) The use of literary and artistic pseudonyms is permitted, provided that the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary has authorized such use in writing; however, such authorization is and shall remain revocable.

Article 5 – Adoption and illegitimate children

- 1) Adoptions by a member of the Archducal Family do not require the consent of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary. However, under the new conditions of the Constitution of Duckionary, the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary cannot prevent an adoption.
- 2) However, if a member of the Archducal House of Duckionary wishes to adopt a person outside the family, he/she must notify the Head of the Archducal House before completing the procedures. Adoption within the family does not alter the order of succession of the Head of the Archducal House.
- 3) Adoption cannot confer on the adopted person any title, designation or privilege of the adopter in relation to membership of the Archducal Family and Dynasty or succession.
- 4) No child of a member of the Duckionary Archducal Family born of a legally recognised marriage or of a marriage subsequently declared void or unlawful shall be a member of the Duckionary Archducal Family.

Article 6 – Age of majority

The age of majority of members of the Archducal Family of Duckionary shall be governed by the provisions of Duckonian law.

Article 7 – Marriage

- 1) The marriage of a member of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall require the consent of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary to have dynastic significance.

A marriage which does not comply with paragraph 1) shall not be dynastically recognised in any way and shall result in the loss of all rights, honours, privileges and prerogatives arising from this Code.

Article 8 – Divorce

- 1) Divorce of members of the Family shall require the consent of the Head of the Archducal Family before the formalities for dynastic recognition of the divorce are initiated.
- 2) A divorce which does not comply with paragraph 1) shall not be dynastically recognised.
- 3) Any member of the Archducal House of Duckionary whose marriage is contracted in contravention of paragraph (1) shall forfeit all rights, privileges and honours accorded to him as a member of the Archducal House of Duckionary.

Chapter II – Council of the Archducal Family

Article 9 – Composition and Powers

- 1) The Council of the Archducal Family shall be composed of all the members of the Archducal Family if there are less than 4 members, or of 4 members if the Archducal Family of Duckionary has more than 4 living members of age.
- 2) The Head of the Archducal Family of Duckionary appoints all members of the Archducal Family Council.
3. The Family Council shall assist the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary in decision-making, in accordance with these Basic Rules and all other applicable provisions. All decisions and resolutions remain the exclusive prerogative of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.

Chapter III – The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary

Article 10 – The succession to the Crown of Duckionary

- 1) The succession to the Crown of Duckionary and all dependent territories is regulated in Annex 1 of this document.

2) The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall be His Royal Highness Archduke Arthur I, and thereafter the persons succeeding His Royal Highness in accordance with Appendix 1 and the provisions of these Regulations. The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall act as Head of the Archducal House and President of the Archducal Foundations. In the event that a future heir succeeds during his minority, the Council of the Archducal Family shall decide on the members and functions of the Regency.

3) The Head of the Duckonian Archducal House may change the order of succession at any time by a document signed and sealed by his hand.

Article 11 – Rights and prerogatives in dynastic matters

1) The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary rules the family as a good parent.

2) The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary has the right to make decisions concerning the property of the Archducal House of Duckionary and all other matters concerning the Archducal House of Duckionary.

The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall, by all means at his disposal, see to the preservation and recognition of the rights, honours and privileges of the Archducal House of Duckionary.

The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall represent or appoint representatives in relations with the state authorities for the protection of the property and rights of the Archducal House of Duckionary. The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary is the sole holder of this right.

The Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary shall have and retain all the rights of the fons honorum and shall confer titles, orders, decorations and medals. The Head of the Archducal Family shall be Grand Master of the Order of Knights of Duckionary, which shall be under the exclusive control of the Archducal House of Duckionary. The Archducal House of Duckionary appoints all members of the dynastic orders and their administration, and awards are accompanied by records of recipients and awards and are made

in accordance with the decision of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.

Chapter IV – The House of His Royal Highness

Article 12 – Statute and Organisation

- 1) The House of His Royal Highness is an administrative structure subordinate to the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary, organized according to its own rules and regulations.
- 2) It operates under the direction of the Head of His Royal Highness's House, who is appointed exclusively by order of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.
- 3) The House of His Royal Highness coordinates the management of the assets of the Archducal House in accordance with the decisions of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary, makes appointments to titles and honors, and informs all members of the Archducal Family of decisions affecting them.
- 4) The House of His Royal Highness has the most appropriate structure for the performance of its administrative duties.

Article 13 – Responsibilities

- 1) The budget of his Archducal sovereignty shall perform the following main functions:
 - a) Manage the property belonging to or used by the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary, according to his decision, including the property belonging to or used by the Archducal Family or in which the Archducal Family exercises public or private functions;
 - b) Assisting the members of the Archducal Family in managing their own property;
 - c) Maintain the inventory of the assets of a) and b)

- d) Assists members of the Archducal Family in fulfilling their obligations of whatever nature;
- e) Organizes the genealogical register of the Archducal Family of Duckionary in accordance with Article 3) / 4), as well as the register of Archducal decrees;
- f) Performs the duties assigned by the Head of the Duckonian Archducal House, internally or in relation to state authorities and other institutions, especially in matters of legal representation and protocol.

2) The House of His Royal Highness may also perform other tasks decided by the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary and shall be directly responsible.

3) Persons authorized as delegates, executors, lieutenants or representatives of the Archducal House may not exercise their mandate without the written authorization of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.

4) The persons referred to in paragraph 3) shall be required to report promptly and continuously to the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary on the actions they have taken. Their mandate may be revoked at any time by the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary or, in the case of a regency, by the competent executive authority, in writing and with immediate effect.

Article 14 – Management of the Property of the Archducal House

- 1) All real estate and properties within the territory of all territorial dependencies of Duckionary owned by a member of the Archducal Family shall be registered with the competent Duckionary authorities and shall be administered in accordance with the decisions of the owner and the inheritance rules in force.
- 2) The Head of the Duckonian Archducal Family shall appoint his executors by his will.

- 3) Before renouncing the rights to an object belonging to the property of the Archducal House of Duckionary, the members of the Archducal House of Duckionary must obtain the consent of the Head of the Family.

Chapter V - Transitional and final provisions

Article 15 - Entry into force and amendments

- 1) This document, called the Basic Norms of the Archducal Family of Duckionary - Complete Statute of the Archducal House, supersedes all previous statutes, rules and regulations.
- 2) The Norms come into force on the date specified below and, except as stated in the document, are irrevocable from the date of signature and sealing by His Royal Highness Archduke Arthur I.
- 3) The Norms may be amended only in the manner herein provided by the hand and seal of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.
- 4) All members of the Archducal Family of Duckionary shall receive an original copy of this document, signed by His Royal Highness Archduke Arthur I.
- 5) Any amendment shall be made in accordance with paragraph 4), under the signature of the Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary.

Article 16 - Application and interpretation

- 1) These Rules shall be universally applicable without restriction.
- 2) The Rules shall be interpreted in such a way as to give them the widest possible effect.
- 3) If any part of this document entitled Basic Norms of the Archducal Family of Duckionary - Complete Statute of the Archducal House is declared unenforceable by a court for any reason, the remaining provisions, conditions and obligations shall not be affected and shall remain in force.

Article 17 – Annexes

- 1) Appendix 1 shall be deemed to form an integral part of this document entitled Basic Standards of the Archducal Family of Duckionary.
- 2) It may be amended independently of this Statute by decision of the Head of the Archducal Family of Duckionary, as defined herein.

We command our heirs to observe these norms now and after Our death, as they represent Our will. I have therefore signed these Basic Norms



HRH Arthur Constantin de Tourneau, Archduke of Duckionary

Today, 12 May 2023, Palais Archiducal, Archduchy of Duckionary

Annex 1 – Line of Succession

I, Arthur I,

By virtue of my sovereign authority as Head of the Archducal House of Duckionary and in accordance with our duty to history and the heirs of our family,

Of our own free will, we issue and publish the following decision:

A) The succession to the throne and head of the Duckonian Archducal House is as follows:

1) Anette Caroline de Tourneau

The succession to the throne is independent of the list of members of the Duckionary Archducal House as listed in Article 1 of the Norms.

I order heirs to respect this Annex now and after Our death, as it represents our will.

I have therefore signed this annex,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur A." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "A" being particularly large and stylized.

HRH Arthur Constantin de Tourneau, Archduke of Duckionary

This 12th day of May 2023, Palais Archiducal, Archduchy of Duckionary

