

**In the Name of the People
the Presidency of the Republic**

In pursuance of what has been decided by the National Assembly and in accordance with the Provisions of Para. (53) of the Constitution. We issued the following Law.

Law No. (15) of 1992

The Cooperation Law

Chapter one

The Targets

Article one

- 1- The co-operation is a massive social and economical organization it's aim to develop the economical relations in society from the individual manner to the collective manner in what is harmonizing the general policy of the State and what is being achieved the better rendering for the co-operation movement.
- 2- The co-operative sector shall be considered as a socialist activity and not as a part of the socialist sector.

Chapter two

Co-operative Organizations

Article two

The following co-operative Organizations shall be established by virtue of the provisions of this Law.

- 1- The General Federation for Co-operation.
- 2- The Qualitative Federations.
- 3- The Co-operative Societies.
- 4- The Co-operation Fund.
- 5- Qualifying and Co-operative Training Institution.

Chapter Three

The General Federation For Co-operation

Article Three

The General Federation for Co-operation is a co-operative organization represents the co-operative movement in Iraq with its different sectors except what has been organized therefrom by a special Law and has a juristic personality.

Article Four

- 1- There shall be an administration council for the General Federation of Co-operation supervising over the co-operative movement and managing the federation affairs and consisting of:-
 - A- Members elected by a proportion of two members of each qualitative federation to be elected by its administration council from among its members. as - members.
 - B- A representative for the General Federation of trade Unions As member.
 - C- A representative for the General Federation of Iraqi women as-member.
 - D- Three experts in the co-operative work to be appointed by the administration council of the general federation for co-operation.
- 2- The membership period of the members mentioned in Item (A) of Para (1) of this Article shall be for four years liable to renewal.
- 3- The administration council shall elect the chairman and the vice-chairman from among its elected members at its first meeting according to what has been defined in its Internal Regulation.
- 4- The Council resolutions shall be considered as obligatory to all federations with the limitation of competences authorized legally thereof.

Article five

- 1- The Administration Council shall undertake the following:-
 - A- Discussing and unifying the plans of the qualitative co-operative federations, the fund of co-operation, the qualifying and co-operative training Institute and the ratification thereupon and submitting them to the Council of Ministers for perusal and it may object thereupon by a causative resolution.
 - B- Following up the implementation of the plans.
 - C- Preparing an annual report with the results of the implementations of the plans ment-

ioned in Item (A) and submitting it to the Council of Ministers to be acquainted thereupon.

- D- The co-ordination among the activities of the co-operative sector and the programming of the co-operative movement and developing same according to the central aims of the State.
- E- Discussing, unifying and approving of the annual financial balances, the cadre or the temporary or the partial cadre and the qualitative federations and the fund of co-operation and institution.
- F- Discussing and approving the final accounts of the general federation, the qualitative federations and the fund of federation and institution.
- G- Appointing the labourers on the permanent or the temporary or the partial cadre of the personnel for the general federation, the qualitative federations and the fund of co-operation and the institution, within the cadre and the financial allocations approved thereupon in pursuance of what has been mentioned in Item (E) of this Para.
- H- Deciding on the service, disciplinary and pension affairs concerning those working in the general federation, the qualitative federations and the fund of co-operation and the institution in pursuance of the provisions of the legislations organizing these affairs.
- I- The supervising over the institution and the fund of co-operation and qualitative federations.
- J- Issuing the printings concerning the co-operative movement.
- K- The contracting with other to implement the works and purchasing the requirements necessary for the process of the activity of the general federation, the qualitative federations and the fund of co-operation and the institution.
- L- The approval of the resolutions of the Boards of Directors of the qualitative federations and the fund of co-operation and the institution,

- 2- The Board of Directors may authorize some of its jurisdictions to its chairman except what has been mentioned in Items (A,B, C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J) of Para. (1) above.
- 3- The Board of Directors may authorize some of its competences to the qualitative federative except what has been mentioning in Items (A,B,E,G,H) of Para. (1) of this Article.

Chapter Four

The Qualitative Co-operative

Federation

Article Six

- 1- The Qualitative Co-operative Federation is a co-operative organization on the country level concerning with a special co-operative activity and has a juristic personality.
- 2- **A There shall be a Board of Directors** administration for the qualitative and co-operative federation managing its affairs and to be elected by the administrative Boards of the co-operative societies and there shall be among its members a representative for one of the ministries having a relation with the nature of its activity.
- B- The co-ordination among the activities of the co-operative societies and their programming.
- C- Following up the plans and the programmes of the co-operative societies.
- D- The approval on the a dministration Board resolutions of the co-operative societies.
- 3- The administration board shall undertake the following tasks and specializations:-
 - A- The planning for the qualitative co-operative activity on the country's level.
 - B- The period of membership in the administration board of the qualitative co-operative federation shall be for four years liable to renewal.
- 4- The qualitative co-operative federation's resolutions shall be considered as obligatory for all the co-operative societies attached thereto in the limitations authorized to it legally.

5- The internal regulation for each qualitative federation shall define the way of electing its administration Board, its composition, the number of its members, the work process therein and the way of taking decisions, and any other matters connecting with its tasks in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

Chapter Five

The Co-operative Societies

Article Seven

- 1- The co-operative society is a co-operative organization having a juristic personality to be founded by a group of natural persons voluntary in accordance with the provisions of this Law aiming at improving the economical and social condition for its members by the joint participation work in accordance with the co-operative principles.
- 2- The co-operative society shall be founded in pursuance of the following conditions:
 - A- The number of the founding members shall not be less than 10.
 - B- Its naming shall be associated by the pronouncement of (co-operative) and the main purpose of its work and region.
 - C- Its Services shall be limited to its members except what has been excepted of that in accordance to its internal regulation.
 - D- The responsibility therein shall be limited.
 - E- It shall have its internal regulation.
- 3- The affiliation to the co-operative societies found to manage the housing complexes shall be bound to all owners of the housing units in these complexes.
- 4- It is permissible to establish co-operative societies of which the membership therein shall be limited to a group of citizens gathering them joint circumstances.

PART ONE

The Foundation Procedures

Article Eight

- 1- The founders shall submit the request of foundation to the competent qualitative

co-operative federation attached therewith the internal regulation of the society and the bills of subscription accompanied by the names of founders, their residential places and the names of the authorized therefrom by calling to achieve the registration and publication operation.

2 A-The administration Board of the qualitative-co-operative federation should decide on the foundation request during 60 days from the date of its coming thereto, and if it is agreed upon that then the registration of the society shall be done in pursuance of the provisions of the internal regulation thereto and if it is refused the request by a causative decision then the founders or those authorized therefrom may have the right to complain of this refusal at the same Board during (15) days from the date of being informed and in case of insisting on the refusal then they may object before the Board of the General federation of co-operation Board during (30) days from the date of their being informed and the decision of the administrative Board of the General federation for co-operation in this respect shall be final.

B- If the administrative Board of the qualitative co-operative federation and the general federation of the administration Board for co-operation did not decide of what have been submitted to them by virtue of Para. (A) above during 60 days from the date of the request coming or objecting or complaining to it then society shall be considered as being existed and be registered by virtue of Law.

C- It shall be stipulated on the provisions of registering the society in the internal regulation of the society.

3- The founders shall pay the duty of registration of ten dinars, to be registered as a revenue to the competent qualitative co-operative federation at the consent of registering the society explicitly or by virtue of Law.

- 4- The founders shall bear collectively of what is required for founding the society of expenditures if has not be registered and to give them back what shall be decided by the administration Board after their registration.
- 5- The founders shall be responsible collectively about the properties paid up to them until delivering same to the administration Board in case of their registration or returning to their owners in case of not-registration.
- 6- The founders should invite the General Body to be held during (90) days from the date of registering the society to carry out the election of the administration Board.

Article Nine

The co-operative society shall acquire the juristic personality during its registration.

**The Second Part
Conditions and their Acquisitions
of the Membership**

Article Ten

There shall be provided the following of who ever is accepted as a member in the society:

- 1- To be an Iraqi and it is permissible for the Arabian residing in Iraq to join into the society.
- 2- To be completed the eighteen years of age.
- 3- Not to be joined into other society having the same activity.
- 4- He should accept the internal regulation of the society and apply it.

Article Eleven

The person shall acquire the membership character in the co-operative society when he pays the substitution of the affiliation and the subscription.

Article Twelve

- 1- Whoever is being refused the request of his affiliation into a co-operative society, shall have the right of objection at the administration Board of

the competent qualitative co-operative federation during 30 days from the date of being informed with the refusal resolution and the administration Board resolution of the qualitative federation in this regard shall be final.

- 2- If the administration Board did not decide on the objection during 30 days from the date of its coming thereto, therefor the objection shall be considered as being accepted by virtue of Law.

Part Three

Missing the Membership

Article thirteen

The membership in the co-operative society shall be missed in one of the following cases:-

- 1- If he missed one of the membership conditions.
- 2- The Death, but the missing of the membership because of death does not prevent the transformation of all acquired rights of the deceased person to whom he supports them legally whether the death has occurred before or after his getting to these rights.
- 3- In the case of accepting the resignation by the administration Board of the society or after passing 30 days of its registration and did not decide therein.
- 4- The discharge in one of the following cases:-
 - A- Firstly : If he had not been paid the date due to him to the society during one year from the maturity date after warning him with a period not less than six months.

Secondly : If he committed an act prejudices the society materially or morally .

Thirdly : If he had'nt fulfilled the obligations and duties accrued on him towards the society in accordance with its internal regulation.

- B- The decision of discharge shall be taken by the administration Board and the discharged person has the right to complain at the administration Board of the qualitative federation during 30 days from the date of being informed.

- C- If the complaining has been refused then the discharged has the right to object on the council resolution before the General Federation for co-operation during (30) days from the date of being informed with the refusal and the general federation resolution shall be final.
- D- If it had't been decided with the complaining or objection during the defined period, then the objection shall be considered as acceptable by virtue of Law.

The Fourth Part
The Society Administration
Article Fourteen

The organizational structure of the society shall consist of the following:-

- 1- The General Body
- 2- The Administration Board
- 3- The Control Committee.

Article Fifteen

- 1- The General Body - Is the higher body in the co-operative society and shall consist of all the members registered therein.
- 2- The general body shall supervise over the society's activity, lay down its general policy, approve its annual budgets and plans, and final accounts, and it shall elect the administration Board and the control committee. and it may take what it deems necessary of resolutions and recommendations in pursuance of competences and specializations stipulated in the internal regulation of the society.
- 3- The internal regulation shall define the way of inviting the general body for meeting and the work process therein as well as the election of the administration Board and the control committee, provided that it should observe the following controls:-

A- For each member in the society has the opinion to be elector or candidate in the elections of the administration provided that the election shall be carried out in a direct

and democratic free way and by secret ballot.

- B- The period of administration Board and control committee elections shall be defined and the period of accepting the nomination and announcement thereof shall be specified.
- C- After elapsing the period defined for nomination, the names of candidates for each of the administration Board and the control committee shall be declared in an organized serial list according to the seniority of the nomination requests.
- D- Any other controls defined by the internal regulation.

Article Sixteen

- 1- The Administration Council : It shall be formed of a number not less than five original members and three reserved members and shall undertake the society management and representation, and the internal regulation of the society shall fix the way of its election and the work process therein and the way of taking its decisions, tasks and specializations provided that the member therein should complete the primary study at least.
- 2- It is not permissible for the administration council member to have a direct or indirect interest in the contracts and bargains concluded with the society or making any trade work with it.
- 3- The membership period in the administration Council shall be for four years liable to renewal.
- 4- It is permissible for the administration Council to appoint a director to dispose of the administrative and financial society affairs other than the members of the administration council and defining his specializations and duties.

Article Seventeen

- 1- The Controlment Committee: It shall be composed of three members elected by the general body for four years liable to be renewed

provided that the member therein should be completed the primary studying at least, and it shall be in behalf of the general body in supervising over the harmonization of the administration council resolutions and the activities of the society with the provisions of Law, the internal regulation and the general body resolutions.

- 2- The Controlment Committee shall have the right to acquaint with all the administrative registers, instruments contracts, resolutions, orders and the dossiers concerned with the society as can as possible to make it able to achieve its duties mentioned in Para. (1) of this Article.
- 3- The Controlment Committee shall submit a report with the results of its works to the general body in each meeting held by the body.
- 4- The Control Committee may have the right to invite the general body to the meeting on necessity.
- 5- The Controlment Committee shall attend all the meetings of the general body and may supervise over any suggestion made by the body.

The Fifth Branch

The Financial system of the Society

Article Eighteen

The Finance of the society shall compose of :-

- 1- The society capital shall compose of nominal stocks of equal value not less than five dinars for each one stock, to be paid by the members completely and it is not permissible to increase the contracting of the member in the society capital over proportion of 100% therefrom.
- 2- The General Reserve : It shall represent all of what has been accumulated at the society of its annual profits by virtue of Article (21) of this Law.
- 3- The variable Reserves and shall be composed of:-

A- The substitution of affiliation to the society and its sum shall be ten dinars unrefundable by the termination of the membership and for any reason whatsoever.

B- The gifts, wills the cash and in kind assistances and others accepted by the society.
His account or deserved thereto on the society.

C- The returns, profits, interests and properties which are not being requested by the member within five years from the date of its distribution.

Article Nineteenth

- 1- It is not permissible to sell or mortgage the stocks of the member or relinquish the stocks of the member or relinquish therefrom or from any right for him in the society or confiscating them as a payment to a debt accrued thereupon for the other except thereto.
- 2- The society may mortgage the stocks of the member and his share from the return or any sum deserved thereto against its debts thereupon, and it may collect the debts from any sum registered on his account or deserved to him on the society for the primary studying at least.

Article Twenty

- 1- The administration Board of the general federation for co-operation have the right of deleting the properties and possessions related to the co-operative organizations covered by the provisions of this Law in accordance with the following basis:-

- A- The standing assets consumed as a result of the usual usage because of the finishing of its productive age limited with regulations and instructions and there is no an economical interest of continuing in the productive and operative process.
- B- The standing assests which the competent technical committee decided their disadvantage econmically after the elapsing of the half of their productive age defined by their book value shall not be more than 10000 dinars at deletion for each case.
- C- The standing assests which a competent technical committee decided that they were consumed in unusual way provided that their book value shall not be more than 5000 dinars at deletion for each case.
- D- The goods for the purpose of selling and the store assests damaged during the year at the concerned co-operative organization if the value of their purchasing not more than (10000) dinars or 2% of the purchases value which ever is less during the same year adding thereto the opening balance provided that a competent technical committee shall decide that the damage was a result of circumstances and factors beyond the workers will therein.
- E- The debts which are not attainable after following up all the legal ways and procedures provided that they shall not be more than 5000 dinars.
- F- The administration Board of the co-operative society which the deletion occurred therein according to the way mentioned in Paras. (A, B, C, D, E) should acquaint the general body at the nearest meeting thereto after the issuance of the deletion resolution with the details of properties and finances which had been deleted and their causes. And the general body may object on the deletion at the Administration Board for co-operation with the showing of objection reasons.
- G- The Administration Board of the General Federation for Co-operation shall consider

the objection aforementioned thereto in Para. (F) during a period not more than (60) days and shall inform the general body of the concerned society at nearest meeting thereto with its opinion and the procedures taken about its objection.

- 2- The properties and finances related to the co-operatiive organizations covered by the provisions of this Law shall be written off by the Administration Board of the General Federation for Co-operation and shall be subject to the auditing of the Diwan of Financial Control.
- 3- The co-operative organizations of the measures, basis and procedures depended upon in the enterprises of the socialist sector shall be more than 15% of stocks value subsc- and treating the natural loosing or the damage occurred in the agricultural crops.

Article Twenty One

- 1- After the approval of the general body of the society and the administration Board or the qualitative co-operative federation on the final accounts attached therewith the administration Board report and the report of the Diwan of Financial Control of which the net proceeds shall be distributed on the following aspect:
- 30% The general reserve.
 - 10% For the general federation and the qualitatvie federations.
 - 10% For Co-operation Fund.
 - 30% For members according to their dealing with the society.
 - 5% For the social services specialized for the members, interest according to instructions issued by the General Federation for Co-operation.
 - 10% For members according to the value of their stocks provided that they shall not be more than 15% of stocks value subscribed therewith and the remain shall be paid to the Co-operation Fund.
 - 4% The reward of the administration Board members, the control committee and the members of other committees other than

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the members of administration Board and the control committee.

- 1% For the employees according to their distinctions in rendition and the administrative body elected member for the Board of the Qualitative Federation Administration shall continue in getting the reward provided that the internal regulation shall define the way of distribution.
- 2- The financial accumulation surplus of the federation need and the qualitative federations shall be circulated to the following fiscal year.
- 3- The General Federation for Co-operation and the qualitative co-operative federations may operate the surplus of the proceeds specialized thereto in the investments projects serving the co-operative organizations.

Part Six

The Activity of the Society

Article Twenty two

- 1- The society shall exercise its activity in pursuance of an annual plan prepared by its Administration Board with co-ordination of the competent authorities and to be agreed upon each of the general body and the administration Board of the competent, qualitative, co-operative federation and shall be a part of the general federation plan provided that this shall be emanated from the requirements of national economy development and within the frame of the plans of the National Development.
- 2- The society shall depend upon the geographical position and the residence of its members as a basis to exercise its activity, and the grouping societies mentioned in Article (7) of this Law shall be excluded.

Article Twenty Three

The internal regulation of the society shall define all the bases and the conditions of operations needed by its activities and specializations.

Article Twenty Four

- 1- The society according to a resolution by its general body and with the approval of the competent, qualitative and co-operative federation may join another society of that activity or of the integrated activity to form a new society under the consent of its general body.
- 2- The society also may incorporate with a number of societies to compose a new society in accordance with the controls mentioned in Para. (1) of this Article.
- 3- The general federation for co-operation at the necessity of the co-operative organization interest may merge a co-operative society to another of the same activity or integrated activity or incorporate a number of co-operative societies to compose a new co-operative society.
- 4- The internal regulation of the society shall define the procedures of joining aid amalgamation and the way of rights and duties transformation and the compositions of the administration Boards.
- 5- The administration Board of the society may open branches or markets or any other establishment to consolidate the society's activity.

Article Twenty Five

- I- The Co-operation Society shall be dissolved by one of the following reasons:-
 - A- Not beginning its activity in spite of passing one year of its registration without any legal excuse agreed upon by the competent qualitative and co-operative federation.
 - B- Its stopping of exercising its activity for a connected period more than a year without any legal excuse agreed upon by the competent qualitative co-operative Federation.
 - C- The ending of purposes and targets which the society founded for it or the impossibility of its implementation.
 - D- Its missing 75% of its paid up capital and no decision has been taken by its general

body to increase it more than the proportion mentioned thereto.

- E- If it moved out from the co-operative targets.
 - F- If the number of its members became less than ten and this number has not been completed during three months.
 - G- If its general body took a resolution to dissolve it.
- 2- Dissolving of the co-operative society and its liquidation shall be in the cases mentioned in Item (A. B. C. D. E. F) of Para. (1) of this Article by a resolution from the administration Board of the general federation for co-operation according to a recommendation from the competent qualitative and co-operative federation.
- 3- At the liquidation of the society, it is not permissible to distribute on the members more than the value paid up for their stocks actually while the rest will be registered as a revenue to the co-operation fund.
- 4- A- The administration Board of the general federation for co-operation may dissolve the administration Board of the co-operative society whenever confirmed thereto the occurring of gross transgressions and deviations in applying the Law and the internal regulation and it may dissolve the control committee if it is not achieving its duty in the right way.
- B- The Board before practicing the competency of dissolving mentioned in Item (A) of this Para should direct a written notice to the authority's concerned to correct its conditions during a period not less than 90 days as from the date being informed thereby and not responding to its content during the said period.
- 5- If the general federation for co-operation decided to dissolve the Administration Board of the co-operative society or the control committee then the qualitative co-operative federation should initiate to form a temporary administration Board or a control com-

mittee of which the period of each one of them shall not be more than six months achieving during it the invitation of the general body to elect a new administration board and new control committee according to rules decided in the internal regulation of the qualitative federation.

Chapter to Cooperation Fund

Article Twenty Six

The co-operation fund founded a cooperation fund founded by virtue of the Law No. (58) of 1982, it shall have a juristic personality as well as special annual budget containing its revenues and expenditures and has an internal regulation regulates its management and the process of work in it and the way of disposal in its properties.

Article Twenty Seven

The fund shall be run by an administration Board be formed by a decision from the administration Board of the general federation for co-operation and shall be consisted of:

- 1- The Chairman of the General federation for co-operation. (As a chairman).
- 2- A representative of the Ministry of Finance his title job shall not be less than a director general nominated by the minister (As a vice chairman).
- 3- A representative of each of the qualitative federations nominated by the council of its administration.

(As-member)

- 4- An expert in the co-operative movement, (as-a member).

Article Twenty Eight

- 1- The resources of the fund shall consist of.
 - A- The fund share stipulated in Article (21) of this Law.
 - B- A sum of ten dinars from each member in a co-operative society getting a plot of land or a housing unit by the society.

- C- The remaining of the co-operative society finances after its settlement.
- D- The donations, gifts and wills.
- E- Any sums stipulated in the internal regulations of the co-operative organizations.
- 2- At the ending of the fiscal year the remained profits and sums in the fund shall be circulated to the following fiscal year.

Article Twenty Nine

The Co-operation fund shall undertake the following:-

- 1- Securing the facilities granted to the co-operative societies.
- 2- Issuing the loaning bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Law.
- 3- Loaning the co-operative societies against securing its movable properties and its real estates by the interest defined by the Administration Board of the fund in accordance with bases decided in its internal regulation.
- 4- Submitting the social services for co-operative organizations and their members.
- 5- Investing and developing the surplus properties accumulated therein within the investment channels achieving the aims of the co-operative movement.

Chapter Seven

Qualifying Institution and the Co-operative Training

Article Thirty

The Qualifying Institution and the Co-operative Training-It is a co-operative organization having a juristic personality and an annual budget including its revenues and expenditures and has an internal regulation regulates its administration and the work process therein and the way of disposal with its properties and the curricula of teaching and the wages of its lectures and specializations.

Article Thirty one

The Institute shall be run by a director appointed by the Administration Board of the general federation for co-operation having the

first university certificate at least and having experience and specialization in the co-operative movement assisted by a number of specialized persons in this field of which the internal regulation of the institution shall define their number.

Article Thirty Two

Resources of the Institute shall be consisted of:

- 1- The annual grant allocated to it by the Administration Board of Co-operation Fund.
- 2- The annual grant allotted to it by the General Federation For Co-operation and Administrative Board of the Qualitative Federations.
- 3- Fees of participation in the courses organized by the Institute being defined by the Internal regulation of the Institute.
- 4- Assistances, presents and grants being given by the national, Arab and international organizations, federations and societies with the approval of the General Federation For Co-operation.
- 5- Any amounts stipulated by its internal regulation not to be contradicted with the provisions of this Law.

Article Thirty Three

The Institution shall undertake the following:-

- 1- Putting the plans concerned with the preparing, qualifying and training the specialized cadres for the co-operative movement by the way of organizing courses in co-operation and coordination with the authorities concerned.
- 2- The planning to find a complete teaching stages for the co-operative movement in coordination with the councils of universities, colleges, institutions and the popular organizations and the like.
- 3- Strengthening of Co-operation connections and exchanging of experiences with the co-operative enterprises and institutions inside the Country and abroad.
- 4- Encouraging the co-operative teaching by the researches the studies and the university theses and the dissemination and documentation of the dual co-operative activities and nominating those who are joining with the

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conferences, symposia, missions, scholarships, and the studying leaves inside Iraq and abroad.

- 5- Preparing of conferences, symposia and the enlarged co-operative meetings, the supporting of the Arab, co-operative movement, and the invitation to unify the co-operative terms, legislations and curricula in the Arab land in what synchronizing with the Arab co-operative thinking unity through caring of the Islamic Arab Heritage.

Chapter Eight

The Privileges And Exemptions

Article Thirty Four

- 1- The State shall own or lease to the co-operative organizations the estates needed there-to for its purposes without substitution or encouraging rate.
- 2- The State shall submit its services to the co-operative organizations without interest or in encouraging wages.
- 3- The co-operative organizations shall be exempted of what concerned with the exercising of its works from:-
 - A- The stamp duty.
 - B- The duty of registering the moveable properties, the real estates and the contractions in the State departments' and the Socialist sector.
 - C- The customs duty and surtax of what has been imported of tools, apparatus, machines, equipment and furnitures enabling it of exercising its activity.
 - D- The estate and plots tax and the income tax.
 - E- The seperation duties and the duties of building licence.
- 4- The co-operative organizations shall be covered with exemptions enjoyed by the industrial projects by virtue of the Industrial Investment Law for the socialist and private sectors No. (25) of 1991 or any other legislations replaces it and any other exemptions enjoyed by the industrial projects.
- 5- The co-operative organizations shall be granted discount not less than 15% of the

costs of their purchases from the State departments and the socialist and mixed sector provided that this shall not be less than the cost price.

- 6- The State and the socialist and mixed sector shall allocate a proportion of its productive sellings to the co-operative organizations agreed upon annually by bound contracts.
- 7- The State shall own without substitution the shops and the trade ceilings formed apart of the housing complexes built by the State to the co-operative societies founded by virtue of this Law to the manage of these complexes except the utilities special ized for State departments responsible for giving the general services therein.

Article Thirty Five

- 1- An importing share shall be allocated for the co-operative organizations in the importation programmes of the State undertaking its achievement by the general federation for co-operation in co-ordination with the state departments concerned.
- 2- The co-operative organizations shall be treated as state departments as for profiting from the exemptions, aids, facilities, loans and assistants granted by the State and its financial establishments.

Chapter Nine

Final Provisions

Article Thirty Six

- 1- The general federation for co-operation is the higher co-operative organization may inspect the co-operative organization to be sure of the correctness of the applying of the Law and the internal regulation and is the reference in solving the problems and conflicts occurred among the co-operative organizations accrued about the applying of the provisions of this Law.
- 2- The qualitative Co-operative federation may inspect the co-operative societies connected therewith for the purposes mentioned in Para. one of this Article.

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Article Thirty Seven

- 1- All the co-operative organizations accounts shall be subject to the controlling and auditing of the Diwan of Financial Control.
- 2- The general federation for co-operation shall define the programmes of the internal controlling organizations in co-ordination with the Diwan of Financial Control.

Article Thirty Eight

The co-operative organizations shall collect their debts in accordance with the provisions of the Law of Collection the Governmental Debts.

Article Thirty Nine

The administration Board of the general federation for co-operation shall under take the putting of a special regulation showing the procedures and the way of selling and leasing the properties and estates of the co-operative organizations.

Article Fourty

- 1- A : It is not permissible to gather between the membership of two councils or more of the Boards of Directors of the following administrative co-operative organizations at one time:

Firstly : The co-operative societies.

Secondly : The qualitative co-operative federations.

Thirdly : The general federation for co-operation.

B- In case of electing any member of the administration Boards members or the society or the administration Board of the qualitative co-operative federation to a higher position then the quorum of the Board concerned shall be completed from the reserved members.

C- In case of electing the chairman of the administration Board of the society or his deputy or both of them to a higher position then the administration council concerned shall elect a substitution among its members after the completing of the legal quorum of the Board

from the reserved members provided that the internal regulation shall define the way of this procedure and the authority supervised thereupon.

- 2- The chairman and the administration Board members of the general federation for cooperation shall be devoted to their work in the qualitative federation, and the chairman of the administration Board of the co-operative society shall be devoted to his work in the society at the time of their election in their said positions.
- 3- The service of the devoted person shall be considered according to the provisions of this Law as adequate service for the purposes of the increment, promotion, upgrading, pension and for other service matters in his department.

Article Fourty One

All the properties of the co-operative organizations founded by virtue of this Law shall be considered as public properties for the purposes of applying the Penal Code and the other competent penalty codes.

Article Fourty two

Labour Law No. (71) of 1987 and the Pension and Social Security of Labourers Law No. (39) of 1971 or what has been replaced them shall be applied on the labourers in the co-operative organizations. or whatever replacing there of.

Article Fourty Three

- 1- The general federation for co-operation shall put the internal regulation for the co-operative organizations and submitting them to ~~the general body of the general federation for co-operation to be approved there~~ upon.
- 2- The internal regulations shall contain organizational rules for the incentives, rewards, the wages and the service affairs for administration Boards of the co-operative organizations for the labourers therein, the rules of work process, the way of participation, dissolving and liquidation thereto and

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any other organizational matters including control committees shall continue in their works the financial and disciplinary matters.

Article Fourty Four

The Co-operation Law No. (58) of 1982 shall be abrogated and the regulations and instructions issued by virtue of its shall remain valid in a way not contradicting with the provisions of this Law until the issuance of what has been substituted them.

Article Fourty Five

The co-operative organizations existing at the validity of this Law shall be considered as being established according and they should be adjusting their conditions according to its provisions and the administration Boards and

until the termination of legal period or dissolving same in pursuance with the rules decided in this Law.

Article Fourty Six

This Law shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Made at Baghdad this the 14th day of Thul-Hijja- 1412 H., corresponding the 15th day of June of 1992 A.D.

Saddam Hussain

**The president of the
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

Further to the Announcement No. 3/2/4/2/4616 of 4-7-1993 issued by this Ministry.

- 1- Court of inquiry concerning with the cars theft shall be competent (duly qualified) with the investigation in crimes of thieving spare parts of cars as well as in crimes of possessing cars theft and their spareparts

which are occurred in Baghdad Governorate, in addition to its original jurisdiction authorized in accordance with the announcement mentioned above.

- 2- This Announcement shall be implemented from the date of its issuance.

Minister of Justice

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