

# **LAW**

## **ON STIMULATING AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT**

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### Article 1

In order to simulate the development of the agriculture production, this Law shall determine the right to premiums for some basic agricultural products, recourse on part of the interest on the loans that are used for certain purposes in agriculture, recourses for intermediate goods, subventions in agriculture and participation in financing the construction of small accumulation dams and small hydro-reclamation systems.

### Article 2

Premiums shall be provided for produced and purchased production of wheat, sunflower, oil seed rape, sugar beet and milk.

### Article 3

The amount of the premiums shall be determined selectively in height of 40% of the purchase price of the products referred to in article 2 of this Law.

The amount of the premiums for separate products shall be determined with a Decision of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

### Article 4

Recourses shall be provided for:

1. Part of the interest of the loans that are used for certain purposes in agriculture, such as:
  - production of wheat, corn, sugar beet, oil seed rape, sunflower, rice halls, tobacco, seed material from these crops and fertilizers;
  - production of milk, rearing purebred breeding offspring in stockbreeding (bovines, pigs, sheep, goats, horses and poultry);
  - reserves of wheat, corn, sunflower and raw oil, rice, tobacco, wine, fertilizers and chemicals for plant protection);
  - seed reserves of wheat, barley, corn, sugar beet, sunflower and oil seed rape, rice halls and tobacco, and
  - stock reserves of wheat, corn, sugar, raw oil, refined cooking oil, rice and meat.
2. Intermediate goods for agriculture, such as:
  - good quality sort seed;
  - fertilizers and
  - chemicals for plant protection.

The type of good quality sort seed, fertilizers and chemicals for plant protection shall be determined with a Decision of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

#### Article 5

The amount of recourse for separate purposes provided in article 4 of this Law shall be determined as follows:

1. For the purposes from item 1 of article 4 of this law, in percentage of the amount of interest calculated according to the discount rate implemented by the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia and for separate purposes shall be as follows:
  - for the purposes from lines 1 and 2 in height of 50%,
  - for the purposes from line 3 in height of 40%,
  - for the purposes from lines 4 and 5 in height of 30%.
2. For the purposes determined in article 4 item 2 line 1 in height of 30%, while for lines 2 and 3 in height of 20% of the current production price of those products.

#### Article 6

Subventions shall be provided for reared good quality breeding cattle in stock breeding, sheep breeding, goat breeding, pig breeding, horse breeding, poultry, fishery, beekeeping and artificial insemination of cows, sheep, goats and pigs in the individual sector.

#### Article 7

Participation in financing the construction of small accumulations and small hydro-reclamation systems, registry bookkeeping and selection in stockbreeding in the individual sector, research and introduction of production demonstration tests in plant and livestock production by introducing thoroughbred races and sorts with appropriate agro- and zoo-technique, organizing competitions and displays, agriculture education and propaganda in agriculture. Diagnosing, prognosis and report on the appearance of plant diseases and pests, founding a gene bank, as well as functioning of the quarantine fields for agricultural and forestry plants. Examination of the newly introduced and recognition of the newly created chemicals for plant protection. Production of emerging insemination and planting material.

Other measures that will stimulate agriculture development shall be financed as well.

#### Article 8

The purposes prescribed in articles 6 and 7, the scope of the measure and the amount of the means shall be determined with an Annual Program for Stimulating Agriculture Development passed by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

#### Article 9

The means for stimulating agriculture development shall be provided in the Budget of the Republic.

#### Article 10

Supervision over the execution of the provisions of this Law shall be carried out by the Inspectorate for Agriculture and Forestry, which is an integral part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management.

#### Article 11

A fine of 500,000 to 1,000,000 dinars shall be imposed for economic violation on the enterprise or another legal entity if it fulfills the right to premium, recourse or subvention on behalf of the means prescribed by this Law, which may not be fulfilled according to this Law (articles 2, 4, 6 and 7).

For economic violation from paragraph 1 of this article the responsible person in the enterprise or another legal entity shall also be fined with 50,000 to 100,000 dinars.

A fine of 20,000 to 50,000 dinars shall be imposed on a physical person for misdemeanor, provided that he fulfills some right to the means for premium, recourse or subvention, to which he had no right according to the provisions of this Law, and he shall be seized the premium, recourse or subvention.

#### Article 12

The Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management shall pass a Guidebook about the method of fulfilling the right to use the means determined with this Law, within 15 days following the date when this Law becomes effective.

#### Article 13

When this Law becomes effective the following Laws shall cease to be effective: the Law on Providing Means for Recourse for Fertilizers, Chemicals for Plant Protection and Good Quality Sort Seed (Official Paper of SFRY no. 13/86) and the Law on Temporary Recourse Measures on Part of the Interest on Loans that are Used for Certain Purposes in Agriculture (Official Paper of SFRY no. 61/90).

#### Article 14

This Law shall become effective on the eight day following the date of its publishing in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia, and shall be implemented from January 1, 1992.

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