

**The President
of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
declares**

the complete wording of the Act No 131/1991 Coll. of the Slovak National Council of 8 March 1991 on the State Fund for Forest Improvement of the Slovak Republic as followed from the amendments and supplements proceeded by the Act No 183/1993 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic of 13 July 1993

the ACT

on the State Fund for Forest Improvement of the Slovak Republic

The Slovak National Council resolved upon this Act:

§ 1

1) With the aim to ensure financial means for the reproduction and improvement of forest in the Slovak Republic with regard to the fulfilment of all its functions, to remove consequences of the effects of harmful agents on forests and ecologization of the forest management, the State Fund for Forest Improvement of the Slovak Republic (hereafter only Fund) is established.¹⁾

2) Financial means of the Fund can be used only for the purpose specified in § 4.

§ 2

1) Fund is administered by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic and the administration of the means is responded for by the Minister of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic (hereafter only the Minister).

¹⁾ § 19 of the Act No 567/1992 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on budgeting rules of the Slovak Republic

2) Fund is another state organization, ²⁾ it is entitled to rights and can accept engagements in its name.

3) The Fund is headed by the director appointed and recalled by the Minister.

4) The Minister establishes as a consulting body a Fund Board.

5) Details on Fund organization and its activities will be treated by the Statute of the Fund, approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic.

§ 3

Resources of the Fund are the following:

- a) payments coming from the permanent or temporary exclusion of the lots from the forest soil fund according to a separate regulation ^{2 a)}.
- b) penalties imposed on legal persons according to separate provisions ³⁾.
- c) presents and other contributions from inland and foreign legal and natural persons.
- d) subsidies from the state budget of the Slovak Republic.
- e) credits of financial institutions.
- f) interests of the Fund's means.
- g) incomes of the Fund's activity.
- h) other resources specified by the separate regulations.

§ 4

1) Means of the Fund can be used as follows:

- a) provision of subsidies to silviculture of forest and forest protection,
- b) provision of other purpose appropriations for the implementations of the programmes and actions in the interests of long-term development of the forest resources and intensification of the forest management ecologization,
- c) defrayment of the works of nation-wide importance,

²⁾ § 62 letter b) of the Code of Economy

^{2 a)} § 4 article 7 of the Act No 61/1977 Coll. on forests

³⁾ § 26 of Act No 61/1977 Coll.

§ 34 No 100/1977 Coll. of the Slovak National Council on management in forests and the state administration of the forest management,

- d) defrayment of the performances of the forest management planning,
- e) defrayment of research works for the needs of the state administration of the forest management,
- f) support of the joint management of the forests,
- g) defrayment of the costs to the forest users who manage the forests of unknown owners, owners who did not apply the claim on restoration of user rights on forests, and in case of implementation of measures preventing damage, if no yield is reached,
- h) defrayment of the costs on activity of the specialized forest manager designated by the bodies of the state administration of the forest management ^{4 a)},
- i) other purposes related to reproduction of forest with preceding consent of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic,

2) Means of the Fund are used for the forest resources in the Slovak Republic regardless the organization form and ownership relations.

§ 5

- 1) About granting the Fund means decides the Minister.
- 2) There is no legal right to the provision of the Fund means.
- 3) Conditions of the provision and use of the Fund means will be assessed by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic by a generally obligatory legal provisions.
- 4) The Fund is entitled to ascertain all circumstances necessary for the resolution on efficient use of the Fund means. The applicants for the Fund means and subjects who used these means are obliged to provide any necessary information and to make possible the entry into the corresponding objects to the Fund and the bodies of the state administration of the forest management.
- 5) The Fund checks on the utilization of the granted means in harmony with the bodies of the state administration of the forest management.
- 6) If the applicant used the Fund means in a manner contradictory to the designated or agreed purposes, he is obliged to return them to the Fund and defray the penalties according to separate provisions ⁵⁾.

^{4 a)} § 13 article 4 of Act No 100/1977 Coll. of the Slovak National Council in the wording of the later regulations.

⁵⁾ Act No 592/1990 Coll. of the Slovak National Council on the budgetary principles of the Slovak Republic.

⁶⁾ Act No 71/1967 Coll. on administration proceeding (Administrative Order).

§ 6

The remaining means of the Fund do not forfeit at the end of the year.

§ 7

Resolutions according to § 5 article 1 are not liable to the regulations on the administration proceeding ⁶⁾.

§ 8

§ 34 article 7 of the Act No 100/1977 Coll. of the Slovak National Council on management in the forests and the state administration of the forest management is quashed.

§ 9

This Act enters in effect on the day of declaration (15 April 1991).

The Act No 183/1993 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic entered in to effect on the day of declaration (22 August 1993).

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⁶⁾ Act No 71/1967 on administrative dealing (Administrative Order).