

RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
RELATING TO THE LAW N° 128 OF 1958  
AIMING AT PROTECTING TREES AND PLANTATIONS FROM THE  
DAMAGES CAUSED BY GOATS

In the name of the Nation  
the President of the Republic  
with the provisions of the Provisional Constitution in mind  
approved of the following law:

- Item 1 Owning or grazing goats in areas covered with fruit-bearing, woody -plain and mountainous - trees, where such trees reach a 50% of the common lands, shall be forbidden.
- Item 2 Farmers and agriculturists exploiting lands other than those referred to in Item 1 are allowed to own goats in their properties at the rate of one head, maximum, for one donum of exploitations in irrigated lands and one head for ten donums in unwatered lands. This, however, shall require a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and a Resolution from the Minister of Agriculture shall state the conditions under which the permit was granted.
- Item 3 Owning goats, in commonly owned villages, shall be allowed to landowners provided the number of goats, the grazing area and the paths to be crossed by goats shall be defined annually by the Counsel of Monitors of the Village as well as the Administrative Authorities, provided the number of owned goats shall not exceed the number allowed referred to in the previous item.
- Item 4 Village inhabitants other than those exploiting or owning lands are allowed to own goats under the following conditions:
- a) provided there are lands abandoned, utilisable for the above purpose and that damaging of plantations, whether these are fruit-bearing, forest or woody trees neighbouring such lands, is avoided,
  - b) the number of goats as well as their owning conditions shall be determined by a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture,
- Item 5 The Minister of Agriculture, by resolutions, shall define the way the moving of goats from an administrative district or from one administrative district to the other and the stipulations governing such moving.
- Item 7 The doer of any infraction of the present law shall be punished as follows:
- a) goats seized while grazing in the tree covered lands shall be arrested and sold for slaughtering and the revenue shall be confiscated in favour of the treasury of the State.
  - b) those who own, graze or move goats adversely to the provisions of the present law shall be punished by an imprisonment from one to six months in addition to a fine from ten to twenty Syrian Pounds per head of goat involved in this or these infractions.
  - c) in the event of re-infraction, provision of para a) of the present law shall be applied even in lands not covered by trees.
- Item 6 Goat owners are permitted to fit themselves with the provisions of the present law within one year dating from its publication.
- Item 8 Justice policemen including forest guards, municipal police and all public forces charged with suppressing infractions of the present law shall set out the necessary procès verbaux in this respect.

Item 9 All provisions contradicting the present law shall be abolished with special reference to Legislative Decree N°264/1 S of 18/10/1942. Provisions of the Forestry Law in force at the date of the issue of the present law shall be effective.

Item 10 The present law is to be published in the official gazette.

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