

D E C I S I O N
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**CONCERNING PROTECTION OF URBAN ENVIRONMENT FROM
POLLUTION AND DAMAGE**

Upon proposal from the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Territorial Regulation,
the Council of Ministers

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1 – Physical and legal persons, national or foreign, carrying out their activities in the territory of Albania, are obligated to protect the urban environment and the natural landscape within, in the periphery and in between the towns and other inhabited centers, as well as the roads and pavements, common space in the living neighborhoods, green spaces, peripheral parks, national parks, space on both sides of the national highways, recreational spots outside the towns, beaches, cemeteries and space of similar nature from pollutants (solid, liquid, gas) and from damage and illegal constructions of the various subjects: industrial, economic, social, military, constructional, agricultural, transport vehicles etc.

2 – Organic waste from the cities must be deposited in stationary conditions, whereas any solid, liquid or gaseous waste must be deposited far from the urban space and the natural landscape sceneries, especially outside the towns and other inhabited centers, in sites to be designated by the executive committees of the relevant districts based on preliminary studies by the research institutions and entities, the laboratories and design facilities under jurisdiction of the district authorities, the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Territorial Regulation, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Industry, Mineral Resources and Energy and the Ministry of Transports and Telecommunications.

3 – Legal or physical entities engaging in setting up landfills for solid, liquid or gaseous waste are obligated to put in place necessary safeguards and facilities to disinfect, disintoxicate or process the polluting substances to turn them into useful or harmless substances for the urban environment and natural landscape.

4 – Inspectorates for Protection of Urban Environment and Natural Landscape are set up at the Executive Committees of the districts or regions for purposes of controlling and preventing pollution of such space as described in point 1 of this decision in accordance with the attachment to this decision.
The chairman of the executive committee nominates one or two inspectors to carry out the above mentioned tasks.

5 – The violation of these provisions, when not a criminal offence, is punished as an administrative infringement and is fined by the environmental inspectors with 500-1000 leks. In addition, the violator will be obligated to eliminate pollution within a given schedule and to return the environment to its former condition.

Repeated infringements are punished with amounts 3-5 times as great as the above mentioned figure.

When the violation qualifies as a criminal offence the inspector institutes legal proceeding against the perpetrator.

Appeals against the administering of fines may be filed with the Chairman of the Executive Committee within 5 days from the date of receiving notification. The decision of the chairman is final.

6 – The Ministry of Construction, Housing and Territorial Regulation in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Environmental protection are hereby charged to pass rules to make this decision implementable.

This decision enters into force immediately.

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Aleksandër Meksi

**NUMBER OF INSPECTORS FOR URBAN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION
ACCORDING TO DISTRICTS**

No.	DISTRICTS	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS
1.	Berat	1
2.	Dibër	1
3.	Durrës	2
4.	Kavajë	1
5.	Elbasan	2
6.	Fier	2
7.	Gramsh	1
8.	Gjirokastër	1
9.	Kolonjë	1
10.	Korçë	2
11.	Krujë	1
12.	Kukës	1
13.	Lezhë	1
14.	Librazhd	1
15.	Lushnje	1
16.	Mat	1
17.	Mirditë	1
18.	Përmet	1
19.	Pogradec	1
20.	Pukë	1
21.	Sarandë	1
22.	Skrapar	1
23.	Shkodër	2
24.	Tepelenë	1
25.	Tiranë	5
26.	Tropojë	1
27.	Vlorë	2
TOTAL		37