

ISRAEL LANDS LAW, 5720-1960*

1. In this Law -

Definitions.

- "Israel lands" has the same meaning as in the Basic Law: Israel Lands(1) (hereinafter referred to as "the Basic Law") ;
- "urban land" means lands situated within a town planning area, other than a regional planning area.

2. Section 1 of the Basic Law shall not apply to the following classes of transactions:

Permission to transfer ownership.

- (1) acts of the Development Authority under the Land Acquisition (Validation of Acts and Compensation) Law, 5713-1953(2) ;
- (2) the transfer of the ownership of Israel lands, in accordance with rules to be prescribed by regulations with the approval of the Finance Committee of the Knesset, to absentees, or heirs of absentees, who are in Israel, in substitution for lands vested in the Custodian of Absentees' Property by virtue of the Absentees' Property Law, 5710-1950(3);
- (3) the transfer of the ownership of Israel lands in fulfilment of an undertaking validly entered into or a liability validly created, in respect of those lands before the coming into force of the Basic Law;
- (4) the transfer of the ownership of Israel lands in exchange for, or as compensation for, lands, other than Israel lands, expropriated by virtue of any Law: Provided that agricultural land shall not be exchanged for urban land except under special circumstances and with the approval of the Minister of Agriculture ;
- (5) the transfer of the ownership of Israel lands in so far as necessary for the rectification of boundaries or the rounding off of properties: Provided that the area of the lands shall not in any one instance exceed one hundred dunams ; where the transfer is without consideration, it shall require the approval of the Finance Committee of the Knesset ;
- (6) the transfer of the ownership of Israel lands between the State, the Development Authority and the Keren Kayemet LeIsrael ; however, the transfer of the ownership of lands of the State or lands of the Development Authority to the Keren Kayemet Le-Israel shall require the approval of the Finance Committee of the Knesset ;
- (7) the transfer of the ownership of lands of the State or lands of the Development Authority for the purpose of non-agricultural development and the transfer of the ownership of lands as aforesaid which are urban land: Provided that the area of all the transfers under this paragraph shall not in the aggregate exceed one hundred thousand dunams ;

Provided that a transfer of the ownership of lands of the Keren Kayemet Le-Israel shall not be made save with the approval thereof.

Observance of
commandment
concerning
Sabbatical
Year.

3. The Basic Law shall not affect acts designed solely to enable the observance of the commandment concerning the Sabbatical Year.

Implementation
and
regulations.

4. The Minister of Finance and the Minister of Agriculture jointly are charged with the implementation of this Law and may make regulations as to any matter relating to such implementation.

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(1) *Sefer Ha-Chukkim* No. 312 of 5720, p. 56 ; *supra.* p. 48.

(2) *Sefer Ha-Chukkim* No. 122 of 5713, p. 58 ; *LSI* vol. VII, p. 43.

(3) *Sefer Ha-Chukkim* No. 37 of 5710, p. 56 ; *LSI* vol. IV, p. 68.