

LAW ON THE AGRICULTURAL FUND
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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

This Law establishes the Agricultural Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"), the sources for raising funds and allocation thereof.

Status of the Fund

Article 2

The Fund shall financially support the development of agriculture by way of financing performers of agricultural activities in all sectors of agriculture.

Article 3

The Fund is a legal entity.

The Fund shall act in compliance with the provisions of this Law.

The Fund shall have bylaws.

The Fund shall have a separate bank account.

Article 4

structure;

3. ensure that conditions exist for increasing the revenues of the performers of agricultural activities and reducing the production costs;
4. take care of the development of the socially and economically underprivileged regions and regions with unfavourable natural conditions, as well as for the structural adjustment of the underdeveloped regions;
5. ensure development and improvement of the agricultural production structure;
6. propose new technologies and increase the quality of agricultural products;
7. give financial support for maintaining small-scale production agricultural land;
8. make sure that the national market of agricultural products is soundly developing and find foreign markets for agricultural products;
9. ensure and maintain the development of intensive agricultural production in compliance with the environmental requirements;
10. develop a data base with information on the Fund revenues and allocation of funds;

- two representatives of scientific and expert institutions.

The membership of the Managing Board shall elect a chairman and a deputy.

The Managing Board shall adopt Rules of procedure for their operation.

Scope of the Managing Board Duties

Article 12

The Managing board shall have the following duties:

1. adopt the bylaws of the Fund;
2. adopt an annual programme;
3. adopt documents pertaining to the Fund's organizational setting and structure;
4. adopt a financial plan of the Fund;
5. adopt the final annual accounts and the annual statement of the Fund;
6. review issues, reports, data and other materials related to the circumstances in agriculture, as well as to the problems arising from the allocation of financial support to the performance of agricultural activities;
7. make decisions for the use of the Fund funds, w (3.)T subsidies and other matters as determined in the Fund's bylaws;
8. propose election and discharge of the Director and Deputy Director of the Fund;
9. establish committees and other working bodies as needed;
10. decide on matters as determined by law and the Fund's bylaws.

Article 13

The decision-making and all activities of the Managing Board shall be valid if made with membership majority vote.

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4. to ensure that pertinent regulations and the general documents of the Fund are adhered to;
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- 50% of the sale of state agricultural land;
- 4% of the amount of the premium from insurance of agricultural cultures, animals, machines, buildings and equipment;
- 0.033% transfer fee for import of unprocessed and processed agricultural products on the value of the products listed in the Program for Encouraging development of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy to the Fund;
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Fund reserves shall be allocated until they reach the amount of 8% of the Fund's costs in the previous year.

The purpose of the reserves is to ensure sound and liquid operations of the Fund.

V. SUPERVISION OF THE FUND'S OPERATIONS

Article 23

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy shall supervise the legitimacy of the Fund's operations.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy may suspend the enforcement of a general document of the Fund if it finds that the said document is not in compliance with the law or the Constitution, until a ruling is made by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Macedonia.

Should the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy not initiate a procedure before the Constitutional Court within 30 days following the suspension of the enforcement of the general document, the decision for suspension of the general document shall cease to be valid.

Article 24