

Act No. 187/1948 Coll., on the Central Council of Cooperatives

Section 1 (1) Cooperatives, established pursuant to the Act of 9 April 1873, No. 70 Coll., on profit-making and economic associations (hereinafter referred to as “cooperatives”), and cooperatives established pursuant to Act XXXVII/1875, on the Commercial Code, or pursuant to Act XXIII/1898, on economic and trade credit unions, are compulsorily associated in the Central Council of Cooperatives.

(2) The Central Council of Cooperatives is established as an independent legal entity with headquarters in Prague, bringing together people's cooperatives.

[keywords: cooperatives]

Section 2 (1) The purpose of the Central Council of Cooperatives is to care for creation and development of uniformly organized cooperative movement as a means of raising the standard of living of members and other working people. For this purpose it shall, in particular:

- a) concentrate and organize all cooperatives;
- b) protect and support interests of cooperatives and their members for the benefit of the whole collective;
- c) provide for external representation of interests of the cooperative movement in cooperative issues, taking into account the needs of a unified economic plan and the public interest;
- d) provide for supervision over cooperatives;
- e) spread cooperative principles;
- f) continuously inform other cooperatives and the general public through editorial and publishing activities;
- g) collect necessary information about the cooperative movement for public administration;
- h) take care of education on cooperatives and its enhancement;
- i) provide cooperatives with legal protection and consultancy on all cooperative, technical, and economic issues;
- j) represent the cooperative movement in international relations.

(2) The Central Council of Cooperatives must be heard before issuing cooperative policy directives and during the elaboration of draft laws, regulations, and other measures of the Government, Ministers, or Central Authorities relating to the cooperative movement.

[keywords: organized cooperative movement, Central Council of Cooperatives]

Section 3 (1) For cooperatives in Slovakia, the Slovak Council of Cooperatives is established as an independent legal entity based in Bratislava, which is a regional body of the Central Council of Cooperatives. Its purpose is to take care of cooperatives in

Slovakia in the spirit of national unity, in particular with regard to tasks stipulated in Section 2 (1) lits. a) to i) as well as in Sections 5, 11, and 13, in line with the uniform fundamental directives issued by the body of the Central Council of Cooperatives based on the respective statutes.

(2) The Slovak Council of Cooperatives is to be heard while preparing draft laws of the Slovak National Council, regulations of the Board of Commissioners (Commissioners) and other measures of this Board, Commissioners, and Commissions relating to the cooperative movement.

[keywords: Slovak Council of Cooperatives]

Section 4 (1) Every cooperative registered in the cooperative (business) register is a mandatory member of the Central Council of Cooperatives. Membership elapses as to the moment of the cancellation of the cooperative from the register.

Section 13 The establishment of a new cooperative requires the prior written consent of the Central Council of Cooperatives.

[keywords: cooperative register]