

Act No. 27/1949 Coll., on the mechanization of agriculture

The National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic resolved on this Act:

Section 1 (1) In order to improve the Czechoslovak agriculture, in particular to increase its productivity and reduce its production costs as well as to effectively help small and medium-sized farmers, the State will comprehensively support the mechanization of agriculture, including forestry.

(2) Management and control of agricultural mechanization pertains to the Ministry of Agriculture.

(3) Mechanization means of agriculture include means serving to mechanize agriculture and are the subject of agricultural planning.

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Section 5 (1) The central authority and its bodies (Section 2(2)) are mainly responsible for:

- a) provision of mechanical assistance to agriculture and repair agricultural mechanization means for a consideration;
- b) carrying out training and education of persons for the operation and repair of agricultural mechanization means for their own use and for the use of others for a consideration;
- c) provision of continuous assistance of mechanical activities of local agricultural cooperatives in administrative, technical and operational matters;
- d) developing, in cooperation with local agricultural cooperatives having mechanized activities, in cooperation with the district national committees, and the relevant United Farmers Union, a plan for providing mechanized assistance to agriculture, participation in the implementation of this plan, and provision for its supervision;
- e) concluding contracts with cooperatives and self-employed persons on priority, or, as the case may be, exclusive execution of repairs of agricultural mechanization means and on supplies of spare parts for agricultural mechanization means for the execution of these repairs;
- f) concluding contracts with cooperatives and other persons on the execution of individual agricultural works;
- g) proposing necessary measures on agricultural mechanization means to the district and local national committees.

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Section 6 (1) For the implementation of mechanization of agriculture, the central authority may purchase basic agricultural mechanization equipment from natural persons, if they fail to fulfil production or nutrition plan, or if such mechanization

equipment is not used. The purchase procedure is carried out by the district national committee based on an application of the central authority, and based on its decision, the natural persons concerned are obliged to sell agricultural mechanization equipment.

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