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STATE PROGRAM ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN FOR 2017–2022 YEARS



President of the Republic of Azerbaijan issued a Decree on approval of “the State Program on Development of Agricultural Cooperation in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2017-2022 years”.

In mid 90s, as the results of agrarian reforms carried out by the initiative and under leadership of the national leader Heydar Aliyev, farm business has developed in the country with the privatization of lands, which resulted with the formation of new economic relationships in rural areas.

Laws “on basis of agrarian reforms”, “on reform of state owned farms and collective farms” and “on land reform” adopted in 1995 – 1996 years created state, municipal and private land ownerships while also opening opportunities for formation of modern agribusinesses, increase of interest in and responsibility for results of farming activity, as well as prospective development of cooperation.

As part of continuous state policy implemented, the Executive Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, dated July 14, 2017 envisaged the approval of the “the State Program on Development of Agricultural Cooperation in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2017-2022 years”.

Under this Order, the following tasks are planned by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan:

- Ensure creation of the structural unit dealing with the development of agricultural cooperation in view of the staff number in the administration of the Ministry;
- Carry out systemic and complex measures considering the experience of countries gained successful results in the field of the agricultural cooperatives business;
- Ensure preparation of model regulations of agricultural cooperatives and their unions.

In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture is commissioned to coordinate measures planned under the State Program, which has been approved by this Order. Meanwhile, the Ministry should Report to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan twice a year on the progress in the implementation of the State Program as specified by the Presidential Order.

According to the Order, Administration of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall exercise overall supervision on the implementation of the State Program, whereas the Cabinet of Ministers shall be responsible for resolution other issues arising from this Order.



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