LAND PROTECTION

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- Act N. 334/1992 Coll., on the Agricultural Land Protection
- Act N. 289/1995 Coll., Forest act
- Act N. 156/1998 Coll., Manure Act
- Act N. 326/2004 Coll., Plant Treatment Act
- Act N. 183/2006 Coll., Construction Act
- Act N. 344/1992 Coll., on the Real Estate Register

2 main categories of land:

aricultural land non – agricultural land (other than agricultural)

Agricultural land

- arable land
- hop fields (hop gartens)
- vineyards
- gardens
- orchards
- meadows and pastures (gras areas)

Non – agricultural land

forest land
water areas (land covered by surface water bodies)
developed areas

- other areas

Changes of cathegories:

a) permit

b) decision imposing the duty to change the cathegory

c) decision of the Land Authority based on approved projects of land arrangements

PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

a) quantity – against changing into nonagricultural land cathegories

b) quality – against pollution and introduction of substances causing serious contamination of the land

Protection of the quantity

a) Approvals
b) Economic tools - fees
c) Duties of persons
d) Sanctions

Protection of the quality

a) Registration of chemical preparations
b) Register of preparations
c) Duties of persons
d) Agrochemical testing of the land
e) Sanctions

FOREST PROTECTION

Sources of law: The forest act N. 289/1995 Coll. Penal Code – section 181 d)

Aim: - preserve forest as an environmental component

 to preserve all its functions (productive and non – productive)

- to support sustainable forest management

Cathegories of forest:

protective forests
special purpose forests
timber forest

PROTECTION OF THE QUANTITY OF FOREST LAND

Means of legal protection:

- approval with the use of forest land for different purposes

- fees for taking the forest land for other purposes

- fines for unlawful uses

THE RIGHT OF COMMON USE OF FORESTS

- everybody has a right to enter the forest without regard to its ownership
- the right to pick wild fruits, dry branches not for the commercial use
- the owner has to respect this right without any economic compensation
- prohibitions relate to everybody who enters the forest, some of them relates also to the owner :
- •- to start a fire, to litter
- •- to enter the forest with motor vehicles
- -- horseback riding only on forest paths, tracks and
- roads and other

FOREST MANAGEMENT

a) Forest plans

- forest management plans state forests and forests
- larger than 50 ha
- forest management guidelines for owners of smaller forest areas
- b) Forestry specialists
- c) Licence must be granted to:
 - forestry specialist
 - those who prepare forest plans
 - persons who pick the seeds, store it and plant forest seedlings

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d) Duties of persons:

- to use seeds of a good quality
- to take preventive measures against pests and other detrimental agents
- to use technologies favourable to the environment
- duties related to reconstruction of forest stand
- prohibition to cut trees under 80 years of age
- e) State financial support contributions based on the decision of the MOE

f) Fines

Unlawful cutting of timber is a crime under the Penal Code

STATE ADMINISTRATION

Ministry of Agriculture

Ministry of Environment –

supreme state supervision forests in National parks