

- Unofficial Translation -
Farmland Amendment Law
(2017, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Act No.....)
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The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hereby enacts this law.

1. This law shall be called the Farmland Amendment Law.
2. In the article (3) of the Farmland Law,
 - (a) The sub-article (c) shall be substituted with the following:

"(c) Alluvial Land means unstable land used to be submerged under water and of which soil texture and structure change annually by the water current;"
 - (b) The sub-article (e) 1 shall be substituted with the following:

“(e) Farmers means a person who corresponds with any of the followings:
(1) a person who personally works the agriculture or livestock breeding or both by using the land as his main livelihood
 - (c) The sub-article (k) shall be substituted with the following:

"(k) Ministry means the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of the Union Government;"
 - (c) The sub-article (l) shall be substituted with the following:

"(l) Department means the Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics;"
3. The article (10) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted with the following:

"10. This provision contained in sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of this law shall not apply with the granting tenure rights of alluvial land;"
4. The article (11) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted with the following:

"11. The granting tenure rights of alluvial lands shall be prescribed in the rule made under this law;"
5. In the article (12) of the Farmland Law,
 - (a) The term " levied by the Ministry" under the sub-article (b) shall be substituted with the term " levied by one of the existing laws".
 - (b) The term "the stamp duty and registration fees for the contract stipulated by the Department " shall be substituted with the term " the stamp duty levied by the existing law and registration fees for the contract stipulated by the Department " .
 - (c) The sub-section (f) shall be deleted.

- (d) The term "crop" expressed in sub-article (h) shall be substituted with "seasonal crop".
- (e) The sub-article (j) shall be substituted with the following:
- "(j) shall abide by the order prescribed by all levels of the Farmland Administrative Bodies under the law;"
6. The article (13) of the Farmland Law shall be deleted.
7. The term "the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation" under the Farmland Law, article (15), sub-article (a) shall be substituted with the term "the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation" and the term "Settlement and Land Records Department" with the term "Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics".
8. The term "Ministry" contained in the article (19) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted with "Central Farmland Administrative body".
9. The article (20) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted with the following:
- "20. The Administrative Body of the Farmland contained in Section 19 may make direct complaint to the relevant court, if the person who has the right to use the farmland does not comply with the order passed under this section, if it exceeds the stipulated date contained in such order."
10. The article (21) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted with the following:
- "21. If the person who has right to use the farmland fails to pay taxes levied by the existing law, these taxes shall be recovered as the arrears of land revenue in accord with the existing law."
11. The article (28) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted for the following:
- (a) Behind the term "originally cultivated" expressed in preamble, the term "seasonal" shall be filled up.
- (b) Behind the term "in low land (paddy land)" contained in sub-article (a), the term "from seasonal crops" shall be filled up.
- (c) Behind the term "in the farmland" contained in sub-article (b), the term "from seasonal crops to other" shall be filled up.
12. The term "confiscate such farmland" contained in the section (31) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted with the term "shall cancel the granted permission to use the land in another ways".
13. The article (35) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted with the following:
- "35. Any person who fails to comply with the order passed under the section (19) or the order or decision based on the problems of land tenure rights will be punished with imprisonment for a minimum of six months to a maximum of two years OR shall also be liable to fine for a minimum of three hundred thousand kyats to a maximum of five hundred thousand kyats, OR both punishments."

14. The article (37) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted for the following:
- "37. Any person who has the rights to use the land breaches and commits the prohibition prescribed in article (14) either shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a minimum of one year to a maximum of three years or shall also be liable to fine one million, or both of two punishments. Moreover, money and property relating to the offence shall be confiscated."
15. Behind the article (37) of the Farmland Law, section (37) (a) shall be filled up with the following.
- "37. (a) If any person who trespasses any farmland without tenure rights, and, trespasses any farmland that legally occupied by a person or an organization under this law, he shall be punished with imprisonment for a minimum of six months to a maximum of two years Or shall also be liable to fine for a minimum of three hundred thousand kyats to a maximum of five hundred thousand kyats or both punishments."
16. The article (41) of the Farmland Law shall be substituted for the following.
- "41. The offence filed under article (37) and sub-article (a) of section (37) is determined as cognizable offence."

I hereby sign under the Constitution Law of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd (Htin Kyaw)

President

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