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**ACT**  
**of June 25, 2002**  
**on Nature and Landscape Protection**

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has passed the following Act:

(Excerpt)

**PART THREE**

**SPECIAL NATURE AND LANDSCAPE PROTECTION**

**CHAPTER ONE**  
**TERRITORIAL PROTECTION**

§ 11

**Territorial Nature and Landscape Protection and its Levels**

(1) The territorial nature and landscape protection (hereinafter referred to as "territorial protection") according to this Act involves the nature and landscape protection in the territory of the Slovak Republic or in its part.

(2) The territorial protection specifies five levels of protection. The extent of restrictions increases depending on the increase of the level of protection.

§ 12

In the territory of the Slovak Republic the first level of protection is valid, unless this Act or other generally binding regulation established by this Act specify otherwise. In the territory in which the first level of protection is valid, general provisions for the nature and landscape protection, as defined in Part Two of this Act, apply.

§ 13

**Second Level of Protection**

(1) In the territory in which the second level of protection is valid following activities are prohibited

- a) entering and parking motor vehicles 44), motor tricycles, motor four-wheel vehicles or teams mainly carts, carriages, sleighs on the lands outside the urban areas of municipalities off highways, roads and local roads, parking places, petrol stations, garages, factories, stations or air-port areas,
- b) entering and parking bicycles on the lands outside the urban areas of municipalities off highways, roads, local roads, purpose roads 45) and marked bicycle paths.

(2) In the territory in which the second level of protection is valid, an approval of the nature protection body is required for

- a) planting of the woods and their species composition outside the urban areas of municipalities off orchards, vineyards, hop-gardens and gardens, 41) and energy plantations on agricultural land,
- b) liquidation of existing permanent grasslands 46) with the exception of activities permitted according to special regulations, 47)

- c) construction of forest roads and logging roads,
  - d) fencing of lands outside the urban areas of municipalities with the exception of fencing forest nurseries, orchards and vineyards,
  - e) grazing, watering, moving and staying overnight of herds of livestock 48) on lairs and also their stabling outside buildings and facilities in case of over thirty head of cattle, 49) placement of sheep yards, constructions and other facilities for their protection,
  - f) conducting technical geological works, 50) mining and other activities using mining methods,
  - g) installation of information, advertisement and other promotion boards 51) outside the urban areas of municipalities,
  - h) terrestrial application of chemicals and fertilisers especially pesticides, toxic substances, industrial fertilisers and ensilage in agriculture, forestry and other activities in an integral area larger than 2 ha,
  - I) building and marking tourist paths, nature trails, running tracks, skiing tracks, bicycle trails or motor-roads,
  - j) preparation, training and related activities by military corps and military forces outside the military areas and military districts; preparation, training and related activities in the area of civil protection, fire and rescue squads or by units of integrated rescue system 52) outside the urban areas of municipalities,
  - k) organising of public sports and tourist events, 53) and other social events accessible to the public outside the urban areas of municipalities or outside sports and recreational areas designed for the above events,
  - l) placement of a short-term mobile facility, for example a stall, pent roof, construction or facility serving festive decoration and illumination of buildings, a stage construction for film and television outside the urban areas of municipalities,
  - m) placement of a facility on a water-stream or other water area that does not serve the needs of navigation or water-stream or waterworks administration,
  - n) use of facilities causing light and noise effects, mainly pyrotechnics, laser facilities, reproduced music outside closed buildings. 54)
  - o) draining of water tanks or ponds
- (3) Prohibition according to Section (1) does not apply to entering and parking vehicles 55), including motor tricycle, motor four-wheeler or snowmobile
- a) serving for cultivation of a land or that belongs to the owner (administrator, lessee) of the land for which this prohibition applies,
  - b) in localities that the nature protection body reserves especially under a generally binding provision designating a protected area and its protective zone (§ 17), a national park and its protective zone visiting rules (§ 20) or by a list of these places published on an official board of this body and official board of a relevant municipality,
  - c) if entering and parking vehicles have been permitted under a special regulation. 56)
- (4) Approval according to Section (2) e), k) and n) is not required in places reserved by the nature protection body in a manner specified in Section (3) b).

#### § 14

##### Third Level of Protection

- (1) In the territory in which the third level of protection is valid following activities are prohibited
- a) conducting activities specified in § 13 Section (1) a); § 13 Section (3) is valid equally,
  - b) entering or parking bicycles on lands outside the urban areas of municipalities off highways, roads, local roads and marked bicycle paths; § 13 Section (3) is valid equally,
  - c) movement off marked tourist paths or nature trails outside urban areas of municipalities,
  - d) camping, bivouacking, horse riding, lighting a fire, rock climbing, skialpinism or other sports activities outside the urban areas of municipalities,
  - e) organising public sports and tourist events or other social events accessible to the public,

- f) use of facilities causing light and noise effects, mainly pyrotechnics, laser facilities, reproduced music outside the closed buildings,
- g) dissemination of non-native species of plants and animals,
- h) collecting plants including their fruits,
- i) common hunting,
- j) mining and activities using mining methods.

(2) In the territory in which the third level of protection is valid an approval of the nature protection body is required for

- a) conducting activities specified in § 13 Section (2) a) to e), i), j), l), m) and o),
- b) installation of information, advertisement or promotion facilities, 51) or any other advertisement or promotion posters or boards,
- c) terrestrial application of chemicals and fertilisers, especially pesticides, herbicides, toxic substances, industrial fertilisers and ensilage in agriculture, forestry and other activities,
- d) flights by air-planes or by flying sports facilities, especially gliders, 57) height of flight of which is lower than 300 m over the highest obstacle situated in a circle of 600 m from the planes or flying sports facilities,
- e) illumination of running tracks, skiing tracks and sports areas outside closed buildings,
- f) conducting technical geological works.

(3) Prohibition according to Section (1) c) does not apply to movement

- a) related to land cultivation, execution of hunting or fishing rights and to movement of the owner (administrator, lessee) of the land to which this prohibition applies,
- b) in localities which the nature protection body reserved especially by a generally binding provision designating a protected area and its protective zone (§ 17), a national park and its protective zone visiting rules (§ 20) or by a list of these places published on an official board of this body and official board of a relevant municipality.

(4) Prohibition according to Section (1) d) to h) does not apply in localities reserved by the nature protection body in a manner specified in Section (3) b). The prohibition according to Section (1) h) does not apply to the owner (administrator, lessee) of the land on which this prohibition applies. Prohibition of lighting fire outside closed buildings does not apply if this is an activity related to ensuring health of the forest vegetation.

## § 15

### Fourth Level of Protection

(1) In the territory in which the fourth level of protection is valid following activities are prohibited

- a) conducting activities specified in § 14 Section (1); § 13 Section (3) and § 14 Sections (3) and (4) are valid equally,
- b) clear-cutting, 58)
- c) installing information, advertisement or promotion facilities and any other advertisement or promotion posters or boards,
- d) application of chemicals and fertilisers,
- e) ploughing existing permanent grasslands, cutting woods,
- f) collecting minerals or fossils,
- g) fencing lands except for fencing forest nurseries, orchards and vineyards,
- h) placement of livestock enclosures, buildings or other facilities for protection of livestock animals,
- i) conducting geological works,
- j) placement of facilities on water-streams or other water areas that do not serve navigation or administration of the water-streams or waterworks,
- k) uncontrolled roaming of dogs except for dogs used for fulfilling tasks according to special

regulations 59) working dogs and hunting dogs.

(2) In the territory in which the fourth level of protection is valid, approval of the nature protection body is required for

- a) conducting activities specified in § 13 Section (2) a), c), i), j) and l) and § 14 Section (2) d) to f),
- b) grazing, watering, moving and staying overnight of herds of livestock on lairs and also their stabling outside buildings and facilities in case of over thirty head of cattle; 49) an approval is not required in localities reserved by the nature protection body in a manner specified in § 13 Section (3) b),
- c) placement of a construction.
- d) (3) Prohibition according to Section (1) b) to k) does not apply in localities that the nature protection body reserves especially under a generally binding provision designating a protected area and its protective zone (§ 17), a national park and its protective zone visiting rules (§ 20) or by a list of these places published on an official board of this body and official board of a relevant municipality,

#### § 16

##### Fifth Level of Protection

(1) In the territory in which the fifth level of protection is valid following activities are prohibited

- a) conducting activities specified in § 15 Section (1), ); § 13 Section (3) and § 14 Sections (3) and (4) are valid equally,
- b) influencing forest vegetation and damaging vegetation and topsoil,
- c) constructing forest roads or logging roads,
- d) establishing hunting facilities or fish farms,
- e) illuminating running tracks, skiing tracks or sports areas,
- f) disturbing peace and quiet,
- g) trapping, killing or hunting animals,
- h) changing a state of wetlands or river beds, especially by their cultivation, back-filling, drainage, extracting cane, peat, mud and river sediments except for conducting these activities in river beds by their administrators in accordance with a special regulation, 40)
- i) placement of a construction.

(2) In the territory in which the fifth level of protection is valid approval of the nature protection body is required to conduct activities defined in § 13 Section (2) a), i), j) and l), § 14 Section (2) d) and f) and § 15 Section (2) b).

#### § 17

##### Protected Areas and their Protective Zones

(1) Sites hosting natural habitats of European interest and natural habitats of national interest (§ 6 Section (3)), habitats of species of European interest, habitats of species of national interest and habitats of birds including migratory species for protection of which protected areas, important landscape elements or areas of international interest are designated, can be designated protected areas:

- a) protected landscape area (§ 18),
- b) national park (§ 19),
- c) protected site (§ 21),
- d) nature reserve (§ 22),
- e) nature monument (§ 23),
- f) protected landscape element (§ 25),

g) protected bird area (§ 26).

(2) A List of species of European interest, species of national interest and bird species for protection of which protected areas are designated is established by the Ministry under a generally binding regulation.

(3) If required by interests of protection of a national park, protected site, nature reserve or nature monument, the nature protection body designates their protective zones in a manner in which relevant protected areas are designated according to this Act.

(4) In the territory of the protective zone of a protected area with the third level of protection the second level of protection is valid (§ 13).

(5) In the territory of the protective zone of a protected area with the fourth level of protection the third level of protection is valid (§ 14).

(6) The fourth level of protection applies in the protective zone of a protected area with the fifth level of protection (§ 15).

(7) If the protective zone of a nature reserve (§ 22) or a national nature reserve (§ 22 Section (2)) has not been designated according to Section (3), the third level of protection applies in it (§ 14), and the protective zone is considered to be a 100 m wide area directly adjacent to borders of a nature reserve or a national nature reserve.

(8) If the protective zone of a nature monument (§ 23) or a national nature monument (§ 23 Section (2)) has not been designated according to Section (3), the third level of protection is valid (§ 14) in it, and the protective zone is considered to be a 60 m wide area directly adjacent to borders of a nature monument or a national nature monument. This provision does not apply if it is the protective zone of a cave or the protective zone of a natural waterfall (§ 24).

(9) If the protective zone of a nature reserve, nature monument or national nature reserve or national nature monument has not been designated according to Section (3), and if such protected area does not require having a protective zone according to Sections (7) or (8), the nature protection body shall designate in a manner by which protective zones are designated that this protective zone is not valid according to Sections (7) and (8).