

Increasing responsibility for actions aimed at polluting the air and destroying or damaging wildlife

04/13/2020 The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has voted in favor of the Bill No. 2339 "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine for the purpose of Environmental Protection (concerning strengthening of responsibility for actions aimed at air pollution and destruction or damage of flora)".

The enacted Law provides for improvement of the procedure of holding to responsibility for atmospheric air pollution, destruction or damage of flora objects, violation of fire safety requirements in forests and unauthorized burning of dry vegetation or its residues in order to reduce the devastating effects and protect the right of citizens and the environment, and reduce the number of fires that result from it.

In particular, the Law amended:

- to Article 241 "Air Pollution" of the Criminal Code of Ukraine regarding the imposition of sanctions in the form of penalties from eight hundred to three thousand six hundred tax-free minimum incomes (from 30600 UAH to 61200 UAH) or restriction of freedom for up to three years, with imprisonment the right to occupy certain positions or engage in certain activities for the same period or without such term;
- to Article 245 "Destruction or Damage to the Flora Objects" of the Criminal Code of Ukraine regarding the imposition of sanctions in the form of fines from five thousand four hundred to nine thousand non-taxable minimum incomes of citizens (from UAH 91800 to UAH 153000), or restriction of liberty for a term of two to five years, or imprisonment for the same term;
- to Article 77 "Violation of fire safety requirements in forests" of the Code of Administrative Offenses in respect of imposing sanctions in the form of a fine on citizens from ninety to two hundred seventy non-taxable minimum incomes of citizens (from 1530 UAH to 4590 UAH), for officials persons - from two hundred seventy to nine hundred tax-free minimum incomes of citizens (from 4590 UAH to 15390 UAH).

Deforestation or damage to forests due to the careless handling of fire entails a fine of two hundred and seventy to nine hundred tax-free minimum incomes (from UAH 4590 to UAH 15300), and officials of between sixty-three and thirty-three incomes of citizens (from 10710 UAH to 30600 UAH).

- to Article 77-1 "Unauthorized burning of vegetation or its residues) of the Code of Administrative Offenses provides for an increase in the amount of penalties: for the burning of stubble, meadows, pastures, areas with steppe, wetland and other natural vegetation of vegetation or its remains and fallen leaves on agricultural land, in strips of roads and railways, in parks, other green spaces and lawns in settlements without following the order established by the central executive body in ada, which ensures the formulation of state policy in the field of environmental protection, entails the imposition of a fine on citizens from one hundred eighty to three hundred and sixty non-taxable minimum incomes of citizens (from 3060 UAH to 6120 UAH), to officials - from nine hundred thousand two hundred and sixty tax-free minimum incomes (from UAH 15300 to UAH 21420).

The same actions taken within the territories and objects of the natural reserve fund entail the imposition of a fine on citizens from three hundred sixty to seven hundred and twenty tax-free minimum incomes of citizens (from 6120 UAH to 12240 UAH), to officials - from thousands two hundred sixty to one thousand eight hundred non-taxable minimum incomes of citizens (from 21420 UAH to 30600 UAH).