

According to the Law of chambers of commerce Articles 14 and 20 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia number 65/2001), in its session held on 26th of December 2002, the Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry Assembly Pančevo passed the following :

STATUTE of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY PANČEVO

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry Pančevo(hereinafter “the Chamber”) is interest, independent and expert business association of enterprises, entrepreneurs and other forms of business operators which conduct their business and which are connected by mutual business interest in the territory of South Banat, which as a part of integral network of business entities participates in accomplishing these mutual interests which are relevant for the South Banat economy.

Article 2

The name of the Chamber is: Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry Pančevo.

The Chamber seat is in Zmaj Jovina Street, number 1a, in Pančevo.

Article 3

The Chamber has a character of an entity with the rights, obligations and responsibilities set out by the Law and this Statute.

Article 4

The Chamber has a round shaped seal on which the name and the seat are written in concentric circles, in Cyrillic letters.

The Chamber has a logo in red and blue color in a form of inverted Cyrillic letters.

Article 5

The Chamber work is public.

This is accomplished in accordance with the Statute provisions.

2. SYSTEM OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

Article 6

The Regional Chamber of Commerce Pančevo is the Chamber in charge of the entire South Banat territory and is a part of uniform system of chambers.

3. INTER-CHAMBER COOPERATION

Article 7

The cooperation between chambers of commerce in the Republic of Serbia is arranged in a way set out in the Inter-chamber Cooperation Agreement.

Article 8

The Chamber closely cooperates with The Chamber of Commerce of Serbia, of Vojvodina, regional chambers, international chambers of commerce and with international organizations.

To be able to implement and protect its interests the Chamber cooperates with the Government of the Republic of Serbia, authorized ministries, other state organs and organizations, local administrations, unions, associations of employers and other institutions.

4. CHAMBER MEMBERS

Article 9

Members of the Chamber are legal entities and physical persons who conduct their registered activities in the South Banat territory. They are:

1. firms and other forms of business operators conducting business activities;
2. banks and other financial institutions;
3. companies dealing with insurance of possession and citizens;
4. entrepreneurs who conduct business activities as a form of their registered vocation, and their cooperatives are members of the Chamber through their general associations of entrepreneurs;
5. Farmer cooperatives and other forms of organizing of farmers, as collective members, through their collective unions.

Article 10

At their request, business and expert associations and societies can be registered in the Chamber, as well as organizations performing their activities in the areas of health care, social care, social care for disabled veterans i.e. disability care, children social care, and in other areas such as: social safety, education, science, physical culture and organizations which upgrade operations of business entities or are covered by other areas governed by the law.

Decisions concerning admission into the Chamber membership of organizations (voluntary members) from paragraph 1 of this Article are made by the Chamber Steering Committee.

Article 11

The Chamber members all have the same rights and obligations.

Article 12

The rights and the liabilities of the members of the Chamber are:

1. to start and to deal with all the issues which are Chamber domain, within the Chamber, with the main purpose of improving and developing their operations;
2. to make proposals directly or over their representatives in the Chamber bodies or in the organizing and operating modules present within the Chamber, to give their recommendations, and give opinions in order to make decisions, to draw up conclusions etc., and to ask for interventions in order to protect the interests of business i.e. protect the interests of certain groups of people or certain fields of activity.
3. to initiate, suggest and participate in decision making processes and to establish proper organizing and operating modules within the Chamber;
4. to use business information that the Chamber can provide for them;
5. to use business and expert support, as well as the services that the Chamber performs within its field;
6. to select their representatives to bodies and organizing and operating modules in the Chamber , and to manage the Chamber affairs;
7. to supply the Chamber with all requested information and data, in order to implement tasks and assignments required by the Law and the Statute;
8. to pay the Chamber their membership fees regularly and to provide all the necessary working conditions for its efficient work;
9. to observe and foster the business ethics and business customs.

5. SCOPE OF CHAMBER ACTIVITIES

Article 13

The scope of activities of the Chamber is:

- rendering and organizing expert support to its members in order to improve and develop their business;
- studying the issues which refer to business branches present in the Chamber, monitoring developments in economy and assessing their effect on the economy of South Banat;
- improving and maintaining of economic cooperation with foreign countries, organizing tourist promotions, fairs, business exhibitions and other promotional activities to fulfill their members' needs;
- presentation of domestic economy in the country and abroad and its inclusion in the international stock exchange and services to facilitate access the world market for their members;

- supplying their members with timely and accurate information so they would be able to find some potential new partners and to form business networks with them;
- developing of the Chamber information system;
- encouraging research in the area of scientific and technological development;
- developing of entrepreneurship and management, and monitoring and passing the international experiences in those areas, especially in the area of management of the systems of quality;
- business networking and notifying of the Chamber members;
- presenting proposals to the authorized state authorities for development and introduction of various instruments which would protect domestic economy;
- launching the initiatives regarding the "antidumping issues" and with the initiatives regarding incorrect business behavior of foreign producers on the domestic market;
- offering assistance regarding financing and crediting of production in cooperation with banks;
- fostering good business customs and business ethics;
- organizing lectures, seminars and specialized training courses in order to improve the skills and further education of the personnel of business operators, and issuing appropriate certificates of the Chamber;
- coordinating of the Chamber members' interests;
- offering assistance when establishing new firms and when restructuring of existing ones;
- making preparations and promoting type contracts between the firms;
- performing other tasks of interest for the Chamber members;

Article 14

Along the activity set out by the Law, the Chamber, as an independent and self-governed entity in its scope of work, also performs the following assignments on the territory of South Banat:

- a) forming proper associations and committees on the basis of the activities of its members, as well as local offices, centers and agencies;
- b) submitting studies and proposals made by its members, relating to economy, to the competent state authorities;
- c) giving its opinions regarding the founding and organizing of the institutions whose scope of operation is upgrading of the economy or improving of the educational system;
- d) participating in statistical researches in connection with business and keeping records of such statistics;
- e) organizing consulting services for its members;
- f) keeping a register of its members using uniform methodology, notifying members of changes and establishment of new business entities;
- g) issuing of confirmations, certificates and similar documents;

- h) representing and promoting of the business potentials in the country and abroad;
- i) providing advice and assistance to its members when it comes to legal and economic issues.

Article 15

The Chamber performs other tasks which are of general interest for the economy of Serbia which emanate from the Law and from other regulations and from the Inter-chamber Cooperation Agreement concerning cooperation among chambers in the Republic of Serbia.

Article 15a

The Chamber will, along with other chambers present in the Republic of Serbia, besides the assignments entrusted to it by the Law, especially work on accomplishing the following tasks:

- creating of an ambient suitable for the development of market economy and privatization;
- promoting direct investments in economy;
- increasing the export of goods and services;
- developing of small and medium size companies and entrepreneurship development;
- introducing and promoting of economy and industry in our country and abroad;
- removal of all the obstacles for trading development in our country and abroad and development of trading activities with the world;
- additional education of personnel for business needs and of employees in the chambers of commerce;
- introducing a uniform informational system and electronic business operation; and
- quality system development.

Article 16

The Chamber has public authorizations in issues and in the manner determined by the Law, by the Inter-chambers Cooperation Agreement in the Republic of Serbia and other legal acts.

In enacting public authorizations, the Chamber issues relevant papers (confirmations, certificates, opinions and other).

Article 17

The Chamber keeps records of its assignments and authorizations.

The Chamber issues relevant papers regarding the facts kept in its records, on request made by its members.

Article 18

The manner of issuing papers, opinions and record keeping referred to in Articles 16 and 17 above is arranged by the General Acts of the Chamber, if it is not determined by the Law or other legal acts.

6. STEERING AND MANAGING OF THE CHAMBER

Article 19

The Chamber is managed by the Chamber members through their representatives in the Chamber organs in a way established by this Statute.

1. CHAMBER BODIES

Article 20

The Chamber bodies are: the Assembly, the Steering Committee, the Supervising Committee and the President.

1.1. CHAMBER ASSEMBLY

Article 21

The Chamber Assembly is a supreme body of the Chamber.
The Chamber Assembly has 35 members.

Article 22

The committees of associations and other competent bodies of other organizations appoint members to the Chamber Assembly, in line with the decision made by the Chamber Assembly referring to announcement of the Assembly elections.

Article 23

The decision regarding announcement of the Assembly elections for the members of the Chamber Assembly is made by the Chamber Assembly, within 60 days before the expiry of mandates of the Chamber Assembly members.

The decision on the announcement of elections determines the number of the Chamber Assembly members elected by bodies and organizations mentioned in Article 22 above, along with the election method, so that within the Chamber all of the sectors and business branches are equally represented, in proportion to their participation in Gross Domestic Product.

Article 24

The Chamber Assembly Members are elected for four-year mandates and they can be reelected.

Article 25

The mandate of a Chamber Assembly member terminates before the expiry of the mandate he/she was elected for, if:

1. he/she resigns;
2. he/she is recalled from duty because he/she does not observe the Statute and other general acts of the Chamber, or if he/she does not attend the Assembly sessions;
3. the Chamber member he/she is employed with stops working;
4. if he/she is no longer employed at the Chamber member he/she was employed at the time of elections or if the grounds he/she was selected upon stops being valid (termination of performing a certain job position i.e. responsibility with the Chamber member).

If, for some members, the mandate at the Chamber Assembly terminates because of the reasons specified in paragraph 1 of this Article, the committee of the association, i.e. other competent bodies of other organizations from the business area, the business branch from which the Chamber Assembly member whose mandate had terminated was elected, will elect a new member of the Chamber Assembly.

The Chamber Assembly will, in its Decision on announcement of additional elections for the Chamber Assembly members, determine the timeline within which the association committees i.e. competent bodies from other organizations elect the new Chamber Assembly members.

The mandates of the newly elected members of the Chamber Assembly will continue until the end of the mandate of the Chamber Assembly.

Article 26

The Chamber Assembly members, when making decisions, shall take into due account the interests of economy in general.

Article 27

The Chamber Assembly:

a) considers and analyzes issues relevant for business development, outcomes of business operations, aspects, operating conditions of economy in general or individual business branches, initiates and proposes adequate measures;

b) steers mutual activities and coordinates association opinions regarding issues of common interest referring to the goals of association into the Chamber;

c) passes and adopts:

1. The Chamber Statute

2. The Chamber Agenda

3. Financial plan of the Chamber

4. Annual Chamber Operating Plan

5. Decision regarding the membership fee rates and the base values and terms of payment of the membership fee

6. General acts governing the organization, structure, procedures for appointing and revoking of the members, as well as operating procedures and method of work and some closer provisions regarding competences of the Court of Honour

7. Codes of work, particular working customs and other principles of business conduct
8. Annual reports regarding the Chamber operations and its management bodies
9. Decisions on announcing the elections for the Chamber Assembly members and for the members of the associations committees
10. Decisions regarding change of hands of the Chamber business premises
11. Assembly Rules of Operation
12. Decisions regarding forming of commission either as permanent or provisional bodies
13. Other tasks governed by the Law
14. Annual reports on operations of the Chamber and its organs
 - d) Opinions and further guidelines for the work of competent chamber organs in the area of development of international economic relations
 - e) Appointment of members into the Steering Committee and the Supervising Committee, of the President and of the Vice-president and Secretary of the Chamber.

Article 28

The Chamber Assembly operates in sessions which are assembled when needed, at least twice a year.

The Chamber Assembly is being convoked by the Chamber President and he also presides at it, until the Assembly President gets appointed.

The Chamber Assembly shall be assembled on request by the Chamber Steering Committee, or the Chamber Supervising Committee, or 20 Chamber Assembly members.

If there are justifiable reasons which indicate that assembling of the session is impossible for some reason, decisions from Article 27 above, will be carried out by the Steering Committee, and in the next session, they will submit these decisions to the Assembly for confirmation.

Activities mentioned in paragraph 4 are determined by the Chamber President and on the basis of previous consultations with the Assembly President, to the end of viability, economy and efficiency in the Chamber's operations.

Article 29

The Chamber Assembly is in session if more than a half of its members are present.

The decisions of the Chamber Assembly are carried out by a majority of its members present.

With two-thirds majority present, which cannot be less than simple majority of total number of Assembly members, the Assembly decides regarding the following issues:

- regarding the Chamber Statute,
- change hands of business premises.

Article 30

The Chamber Assembly operations are arranged by its rules of operation.

1.2 STEERING COMMITTEE

Article 31

Steering Committee is the body that manages the Chamber.

Article 32

Steering Committee has 19 members.

Article 33

The Chamber Steering Committee members are selected by the Chamber Assembly from a line of distinguished businessmen and experts in certain scientific areas, and upon recommendation by the President of the RCCI Pančevo, having previously collected recommendations and evaluations of the associations committees and competent bodies of other institutions, so that the structure of the Steering Committee members provides equal representation of all business sectors i.e. business branches in proportion with their participation in Gross Domestic Product.

Article 34

The Chamber President is also the president of the Chamber Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee, in its resolution determines the number of the Steering Committee members who can be permanently employed with the Chamber.

The resolution from the previous paragraph of this article establishes the scope of work of the Chamber member permanently employed with the chamber.

Article 35

The members of The Chamber Steering Committee are appointed for a four-year period and can be reappointed.

Article 36

The mandate of the Chamber Steering Committee members terminates before the end of the mandate they were elected for if:

1. he/she submits his/her resignation.
2. he/she is recalled for nonobservance of the Statute and other general legal acts of the Chamber, i.e. for irregular attendance at the Chamber Steering Committee sessions.
3. if the Chamber member he/she was appointed from stops working
4. if he stops being employed at the chamber member he was employed with at the time of elections, or if the ground he was elected upon terminates (termination of certain position, that is function with the Chamber member)

If, for some of the Chamber Steering Committee members their mandate terminates on grounds mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article, the Chamber Assembly will announce the elections of new members of the Chamber Steering Committee, in a way and under the procedures provided in the Statute, and from the association or organization which elected them.

The mandate of a newly selected Chamber member lasts until the expiry of the mandate of the Chamber Steering Committee.

Article 37

The Chamber Steering Committee:

a) lays out:

1. proposal of the Chamber Statute and proposals of general acts passed by the Chamber Assembly

2) proposal of the Chamber operating program

3) proposal of the Chamber financial plan

4) proposal regarding membership fee rates, baselines and terms of payment

5) proposal of annual financial report of the Chamber

6) proposal of annual report regarding Chamber operations and operation of its bodies

b) evaluates proposals for economic policy measures and takes stand and passes its opinions to competent bodies; monitors and analyses business developments globally and for particular business sectors; considers and evaluates proposals for current economic policy measures on the grounds of their impact on operating conditions and development of business activity and determines attitudes when drafting sector development strategies

c) gives opinions and proposals for participation of the Chamber in preparation of laws and other regulations in the area of business system, development and economic policy and gives its views on bills and legislative proposals and on other regulations which are relevant for the Chamber members and for the Chamber.

e) produces:

1) the Chamber general acts whose producing is not in the competence of the Chamber Assembly:

-rule book regarding the organization and operations of the Chamber, rule book regarding the carrying out housing problems in the Chamber, accountant' offices rule book, remunerations rule book etc.

f) elects members of the association committees, committees and working bodies established by the Statute or by some other general act

g) makes decision regarding forming of commissions as permanent or provisional bodies. The act under which these commissions from the previous paragraph are formed determines their number and their scope of work.

h) performs some other assignments which are not in the Chamber Assembly domain.

Article 38

The Chamber Steering Committee works in sessions which are held when needed.

The Chamber Steering Committee is convoked by the Chamber President.

The Chamber Steering Committee shall be convoked upon request made by at least five of the Chamber Steering Committee Members or upon request made by the Chamber Supervising Committee.

Article 39

The Chamber Steering Committee can be in session when there are more than half of members present at the session.

The Chamber Steering Committee makes decisions with a majority of votes.

Article 40

Steering Committee affairs are arranged by its rule book.

1.3 SUPERVISING COMMITTEE

Article 41

The Chamber Supervising Committee is a supervisory body which controls operations, audits periodical and yearly accounts and determines whether or not they were made in accordance with the regulations, checks in fulfillment of the obligations of its members and controls the way of using the Chamber funds.

Article 42

The Chamber Supervising Committee has five members elected by the Chamber Assembly out of its members and out of a line of experts for some scientific areas, and upon proposal by the Chamber Steering Committee.

Article 43

The Chamber Supervising Committee submits to The Chamber Assembly reports regarding issues from of its scope of work at least once a year, on occasion of adopting the report of operations and annual financial accounts regarding Chamber operations.

Work of the Supervising Committee is governed by a rule book.

1.3 CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Article 44

The Chamber President is elected out of distinguished businessmen, scientific and expert workers, by the Chamber Assembly and upon proposal by the Chamber Steering Committee.

The Chamber Assembly declares the manner the Chamber President is to be selected (whether public or secret ballot).

Only a person with a university degree can be elected for the Chamber President.

The Chamber President is, as a rule, a person permanently employed at the Chamber, with a full time job.

The Chamber President is elected for a period of four years and he can be reelected for the same position.

The Chamber President is responsible for his work to the Chamber Assembly and to the Chamber Steering Committee.

Article 45

The president:

1. represents the Chamber and he/she is responsible for the legal compliance of the Chamber operation and he/she issues orders in the matter of executing of the financial plan,
2. manages the Chamber operations and coordinates the activities of the Chamber bodies,
3. determines the proposals of general acts and decisions which are carried out by the Chamber Steering Committee,
4. organizes, guides and carries out the coordination between bodies of local administrations and other organs in the Republic,
5. cooperates with other chambers in the Republic of Serbia and with chambers from foreign countries, as well as with some other international and national economic organizations and associations,
6. proposes candidates for the appointment for the position of the Chamber Secretary,
7. passes general acts such as those that regulate the work of the employees, their wages, as well as some specific acts,
8. proposes candidates for the Steering Committee members,
9. proposes the Steering Committee members and directors of the firms, agencies and other forms of organizing of firms whose founder is the Chamber,
10. approves business trips abroad,
11. appoints secretaries of groups and organization units executives,
12. hires external associates for certain type of activities,
13. passes some general and individual acts related to performance of people who are employed at the Chamber, as well as the rest of enactments under Articles 45 and 46 of the Statute,
14. proposes to the Chamber Assembly the appointment and release of the Chamber Secretary.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT

Article 46

The Chamber can have vice-presidents who are elected by The Chamber Assembly upon proposal received from the Chamber President, and the number

of vice-presidents is also determined by the President. The Chamber vice-presidents work on assignments assigned to them by the Chamber President.

Article 47

The Chamber Vice-presidents are elected out of a line of successful businessmen, science and expert workers, for a period of four years and they can be reappointed for the same position. The Chamber Vice-presidents are members of the Steering Committee.

3. CHAMBER SECRETARY

Article 48

The Chamber has a secretary who:

1. represents the Chamber in property and other legal matters.
2. organizes and controls rendering of expert services and takes the necessary steps for improvement of those services.
3. approves business trips in the country and issues orders for business trips abroad.
4. takes care of preparations for sessions of the Chamber organs and of the implementation of resolutions and other enactments of those organs.
5. when it comes to financial and legal status of the expert service employee, cooperates with organizations of Expert service employees unions.
6. carries out the rights and authorizations of the business organ, in accordance with the law and other regulations governing employment issues.
7. carries out other assignments assigned to him by the Chamber President.

The Secretary can hand over certain assignments which are in his domain to other executives.

Article 49

Only a person with a university degree can be nominated for the position of the Secretary of the Chamber.

The Chamber Secretary is being appointed for a four-year period and can be reappointed for the same position.

In his work the Chamber Secretary is responsible to the Chamber Assembly, to the Steering Committee of the Chamber and to the Chamber President.

7. FORMS OF ORGANIZING AND WORK IN THE CHAMBER

Article 50

Forms of organizing and work within the Chamber through which the activity of the Chamber is performed are: associations, committees, general associations and centers.

Forms of organizing and of work within the Chamber are regulated by a separate general act of the Chamber.

1. ASSOCIATIONS

Article 51

Associations are a basic form of organizing and work within the Chamber. An association is a form of organizing and a form of operation of functionally and sectorally connected members of the Chamber, carrying out the activities of the Chamber.

Article 52

Within the Chamber, associations are organized for a business sector, for one or more than one business branches or groups, or subdivisions of economy.

The Chamber members are organized into associations according to predominant form of activity they perform.

Some of the Chamber members can be organized into more than one association, keeping in mind the interests, needs and the productive connectivity, as well as other issues relevant for successful and efficient running of business, and achievement of the initial goal of joining the Chamber.

Article 53

The number and the structure of Associations and Association Committees as a form of organizing in the Chamber are regulated under Rulebook on organization and systematization.

Article 54

Regarding the issues which are in their domain, Associations determine their standpoints and they pass their proposals to organs of the Chamber, protecting the business interests in general.

Article 55

In realization of expert cooperation with competent state organs and organizations, an association can, upon authorization of the Chamber organ, directly give its opinions and give its initiatives and proposals.

Article 56

Associations have an obligation to cooperate with each other when it comes to issues of common interest and they have an obligation to make sure that with their attitudes they don't harm other sectors or business branches.

Article 57

Issues in the domain of one association are examined and dealt with by the committee of that association.

The committee of the association evaluates and gives its opinions regarding issues of common interest for the Chamber members belonging to a certain association.

Tasks and assignments of a certain association are:

1. Monitoring and analyzing business developments in certain sector, business branch or business group of economy and recommendation of measures in order to improve working conditions and business dealings of association members.
2. Examining and offering opinions regarding drafts and bills of laws and other regulations in the area of the business system, economic policy and development, on grounds of their impact on operating conditions and development of certain areas, business branches or business groups.
3. Cooperation in preparation of the economic policy measures and development strategies which refer to association activities.
4. Connecting business entities, development of cooperative relations and special trainings in our country and with foreign partners.
5. offering assistance in order to improve stock exchange, the range of products and their quality,
6. Following achievements in the world in the area of technical and technological development in certain fields, business branches or business groups and their implementation in our country.
7. Use of international technical standards and normatives.
8. Cooperating in building up the energy and material balances.
9. Participating in the development of protection mechanisms for domestic production and strengthening competitive capability of the economy.
10. Initiating and proposing measures in order to remove any monopoly positions on domestic market.
11. Examining and proposing measures for unique regulation of operating conditions and of managing of large scale science-technology systems in the area of business infrastructure.

The Committee of an association elects and releases the association working body members.

Article 58

The Committee of an association has up to 25 members.

The Chamber Assembly, with its decision regarding the announcement of elections for the association members, confirms the number of members for each association, as well as the manner and the timeline for conducting these elections.

Article 59

Issues which are of common interest for two or more associations can be discussed in joint committee meetings of those associations, or otherwise joint working bodies are formed for dealing with specific issues.

In a situation when in observing common interest of two or more associations an agreement could not be reached, either by their committees or their joint working bodies, these issues are brought forward to the Chamber

Steering Committee. The ruling of the Chamber Steering Committee is obligatory for concerned associations.

Article 60

Associations can form groups.

A group is a form of direct associating of the Chamber members within an association, for the purpose of considering and proposing opinions regarding issues of interest for a particular part of industry or economy.

A decision regarding the forming of such a group is passed upon a proposal of the association committee, by the Chamber Steering Committee.

Article 61

An association has a secretary.

The Association Secretary organizes the association operations, prepares the meetings of associations committees, coordinates the work of the groups and working bodies present within the association; participates in the work of the Chamber organs and bodies; cooperates with associations and committees of the Chamber; with associations in the Chamber of Commerce of Serbia and Yugoslavia, regional chambers and competent state organs and institutions.

The Association Secretary is responsible for his work to the committee of an association, to the Steering Committee, the Chamber President and to the Chamber Secretary.

The Association Secretary is appointed for a four-year period and can be reappointed for the same position.

One person can be appointed to be a secretary of more than one association.

An association can also have a deputy secretary of the association.

Article 62

The organization and work of an association are arranged by an internal Rulebook of operations.

2. COMMITTEES IN THE CHAMBER

Article 63

To the end of being explicit, coordinating and taking stands and giving proposals to the chamber organs, in issues relevant to all chamber members, there are committees within the Chamber, as a special form of organizing.

The committees within the Chamber work on the following issues:

- 1) Offering expert support in order to improve business operations of companies, technical /technological development, to restructure development and improve quality of products, to adopt innovative knowledge and to improve entrepreneurship.
- 2) Monitoring the latest business trends, analyzing the impacts of current economic policy measures on those trends and proposing corrections of economic policy measures.

- 3) Examining and giving opinions on draft bills and legislative proposals and on other regulations and measures in the area of a business system, economic policy and international economic relations, as well as on other regulations and measures relevant to the Chamber members.
- 4) Encouraging and carrying out organized presentations of the Chamber members on foreign markets, maintaining and development of economic relations with foreign countries and cooperation with international economic organizations, with national chambers and corporations of respective countries; directing regional market research trends; defining programs of general economic and tourist-information promotion in foreign countries;
- 5) Estimating and giving proposals relating to improvement of banking and of other financial organizations and of insurance agencies as well;
- 6) Monitoring of all the recent changes in regulations governing business laws and suggesting their corrigenda and addenda, as well as organizing expert support regarding implementation of regulations.

Article 64

Organization and operating of the Chamber bodies are governed by the Rule book on organization and systematization.

Article 65

The committee members are elected by the Chamber Steering Committee; it also determines their number upon proposal by the Chamber President. The committee members are elected out of a line of businessmen, scientific workers and representatives of other bodies and organizations.

Article 66

In implementation of expert cooperation with relevant bodies and organizations, committees can, per pro of the Chamber body, present their opinions and give their initiatives and proposals directly.

Article 67

Each of the committee has a secretary.

The committee secretary organizes the committee operations, makes preparations for the committee meetings and bodies organized within the committee (commissions etc.); cooperates with associations committees, with other committees and councils present in the Chamber; cooperates with relevant bodies and other chambers, and competent state organs and organizations; participates in the Chamber bodies operations etc.

The committee secretary is responsible for his/her work to the committee, Steering Committee, to the Chamber President and to the Chamber Secretary.

The committee secretary is appointed for a period of four years and can be reappointed for the same position. One person can be appointed for the secretary of more than one committee.

Committee can also have the committee deputy secretary.

Article 68

The committee organization and its operations are governed by a Rule book.

3. GENERAL ASSOCIATIONS

Article 69

To the end of mutual improvement of business operations and figures coordination of individual and mutual interests, proposing measures for the improvement of operating conditions and financial conditions as well as social safety, and in order to estimate and deal with other issues of mutual interest, there is a Register of general entrepreneur associations (further in text: general associations in the Chamber).

The Chamber general associations members are the entrepreneurs mentioned above in the Article 9, paragraph 1, item 4 of this Statute.

Article 69a

In order to improve the entrepreneurs' working conditions and their financial position a Community of entrepreneurs is formed within the Chamber.

The members of the entrepreneurs' community are the members of the general entrepreneurs associations established in accordance with the law. Expert and administrative assignments for the Community are carried out by the Chamber Expert Service in accordance with the general acts of the Chamber.

Article 70

General associations are established for the territory of one Chamber, or one or more municipalities in the South Banat territory, and for one or more than one business sector.

Article 71

The general associations are established in a manner and under the terms stipulated by the Law. The decision regarding establishment of the general association is made by the Steering Committee or by the Chamber Assembly.

Article 72

The general association has a character of a legal entity. The general association is being signed into the general associations Register which is kept by the Chamber. Rule book regarding the enrollment of general associations and the Chamber members is passed by the Chamber Steering Committee.

4. CENTERS

Article 73

Within the Chamber, Centers are established in order to render expert assistance and some other particular business services to Chamber members and to other interested domestic and foreign firms, to support the development of small and medium size firms, to develop joint-stock activities, to encourage introduction and development of information systems and to perform other expert assignments relevant for the Chamber and its members.

According to the Act on internal organization, the councils can be created in the Chamber, as a form of expert consultant bodies, upon decision of the Chamber president.

The Chamber can also form some other centers, agencies and offices.

5. COOPERATIVE CLUSTERS

Article 74

A cooperative cluster brings together its collective members, farmer cooperatives and other forms of farmer organizations. In cooperation with the bodies of the Cooperative Cluster, the Chamber provides operating conditions to the cooperative clusters controls their activities and proposes some organizational, personnel and other measures in order to improve the cooperative cluster operations and the execution of their operating program. When selecting its bodies the cooperative cluster has an obligation to consult the Chamber President.

8. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAMBER

Article 75

Internal organization of the Chamber is based on modern scientific developments respecting the sector and branch principles.

Until new acts are passed, current general acts remain effective unless they are contradictory to the provisions of this Statute.

9. EXPERT JOBS

Article 76

The Chamber has an Expert Service which is in charge of dealing with expert, administrative assignments and related tasks.

The Chamber Expert Service is established on the following principles:

- on branch and functional organization of members in the Chamber, and in conformity with the conditions of market economy;
- efficiency in operations and rationality;

- provision of technical equipment necessary for modern business operation;
- Independent financing (which is achieved by forming agencies, centres and offices which provide expert and other business services).

Provision of some specific expert services can be entrusted to competent scientific institutions and expert organizations.

Article 77

The Chamber Expert Service particularly renders services related to enforcement of the Statute, resolutions, conclusions and other legal acts of the Chamber organs and forms rationalizing the operating processes in the Chamber; it also develops, organizes and provides efficient functioning of its own integral information system, prepares information, analyses, drafts of official and other Chamber acts as well as initial proposals of draft laws and other regulations in the domain of economy, and also organizes activities and carries out jobs in the domains of the Chamber of exercises and other assignments.

Article 78

The Chamber Secretary manages the Expert Service affairs, and he can hand over some of his authorisations, from his domain of managing the Expert Service affairs, to other executives present in the Chamber.

10. OPERATING FUNDS AND FUNDING OF THE CHAMBER

Article 79

Financial assets necessary for functioning of the Chamber are collected from membership fees, service fees and from other resources. Membership fee rates as well as the base for cost calculation, method of cost calculation and terms of payment for membership fees are determined by the Chamber Assembly.

Annual Chamber incomes should cover expenditures incurred during performing of the tasks provided for by the law, on the base of the programmes and plans of the Chamber.

Operating of the Chamber has to be economical, rational and aim-oriented.

Article 80

Interested parties can join their assets and create specific-purpose funds in the Chamber, for financing of some particular activities from the Chamber agenda.

Article 81

Material, financial operations and record keeping of the Chamber assets are arranged with separate enactment of the Chamber.

11. GENERAL ACTS OF THE CHAMBER

Article 82

General acts of the Chamber are: the Statute, Rule books and internal rules of operation.

The Chamber organs can give recommendations, attitudes and guidelines which are in their domain.

When some of the specific issues are defined in a general manner, decisions and conclusions made by a Chamber organ i.e. by a form of organizing or operating can pass as general acts.

Article 83

The initiative for passing the Chamber Statute id est. addenda and corrigenda can be passed by the Chamber Steering Committee, the Chamber Supervising Committee, the Chamber President and by other forms of organizing and operating within the Chamber.

A Statute proposal, and its addenda and corrigenda are determined by the Chamber Steering Committee.

General acts come into effect on the eighth day after their publication.

12. COURT OF HONOUR

Article 84

Within The Chamber, a Court of Honour is formed, as a separate body, independent in decision making.

Article 85

The Court rules in cases of violations of good business customs and when it comes to endangering single market as well as monopoly behavior on that market.

The Court of Honor decides when it comes to non-implementation of members' obligations and decisions passed by the Chamber.

The organization, structure, the method of appointing and releasing of the members from duty, the operating procedures and business conduct as well as more detailed provisions governing the competences of the Court of Honour, are defined in a general act passed by the Chamber Assembly.

13. PUBLICITY IN WORK OF THE CHAMBER

Article 86

With openness and transparency of the sessions of organs, bodies and other meetings which are held in the Chamber, publicity of the Chamber work is ensured; also by releasing information regarding their operation and by cooperating with public media and other communication channels.

Article 87

Organs and bodies of the Chamber can exclude or limit presence of the media at sessions or meetings, when this is required by general interest or when some confidential information and data are being evaluated.

Article 88

The Chamber regularly notifies its members and the wide public about its decisions, attitudes and proposals which were adopted in meetings of organs, bodies and other conventions held in the Chamber, via public media, by issuing specific press releases, bulletins and similar.

Article 89

The Chamber President releases data and information in regard to Chamber activities regularly and is responsible for their accuracy.

The Chamber attitudes, i.e. attitudes of its organs and bodies can be released and advocated by appointed Chamber principals, presidents of the Chamber organs and bodies and other authorized members of those organs and bodies. These organs and bodies can authorize the Chamber expert employees to present positions of the Chamber regarding certain issues.

14. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 90

General acts of the Chamber will be rendered in compliance with the Law and with this Statute within six months from the date of its coming into effect.

Until new general acts are passed, the current acts remain effective unless they are contradictory to these Statute provisions.

Article 91

Persons elected as Assemblymen, members of the Managing and Supervising Committee, the President, the Chamber Secretary, members of the Committees of association, Coordination Committees as well as members of other organs and bodies which are present in the Chamber, are to remain in their positions until expiry of their mandates.

Article 92

From the day this Statute comes into effect, the Statute with reference number 105/95, dated 6th of August 2001 with all of its addenda and corrigenda is no longer valid.

Article 93

This Statute comes into effect on the eighth day after the date of its display on the RCCI Pancevo notice board.

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