

**Law No. (11) of 2005 A.D.
Concerning the Amendment of some of the Provisions under Law No. (2) of 2003 on
Agriculture**

**Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation,
President of the Palestinian National Authority**

Having reviewed Law No. (2) of 2003 on Agriculture,

Based upon what the Legislative Council approved during its session which convened on May 11th, 2005, A.D., and

Based upon the powers bestowed upon me,

I hereby promulgate the following Law:

Article (1)

Paragraphs (C, 4, and C) shall be added to Articles (3, 28, and 51) under Law No. (2) of 2003 on Agriculture, as follows:

1. Article (3), Paragraph (C): The Minister may establish and regulate any specialised agricultural councils that are necessary to ensure the development of agriculture.
2. Article (28), Paragraph (4): Set forth the special rules which regulate the cultivation of genetically modified agricultural crops and using of their products.
3. Article (51), Paragraph (C): The Ministry shall develop the regulations on the use and production of agricultural pesticides and shall be issued by a decision from the Council of Ministers.

Article (2)

The following two articles shall be added as articles *bis* to the aforementioned Law on Agriculture, as follows:

1. Article (80) *bis*: In addition to any penalty provided under this Law, the Court may withdraw any licence, damage any material, close any installation or confiscate any tools or material that was used in any offence provided under this Law.
2. Article (83) *bis*: Based upon a recommendation from the Minister, the Council of Ministers shall issue forth the regulations necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of this Law.

Article (3)

Article (43) and Paragraph (2) under Article (53) under the Law on Agriculture mentioned above shall be amended as follows:

1. Article (43): The Ministry shall issue forth the instructions on the planting of fruit-bearing trees, their grafting, appointments of harvest, regulation of the work of olive oil presses, any conditions pertaining to olive oil presses, wrapping of oranges, agricultural production factories, as well as grading and packing stations.
2. Article (53), Paragraph (2): Work procedures at agricultural quarantines, means of examination and testing of exported and imported plants and agricultural products, and granting of relevant health certificates. The Ministry shall also develop a regulation on agricultural quarantine to be issued forth by a decision from the Council of Ministers.

Article (4)

All the parties concerned, each one within its sphere of jurisdiction, shall implement this Law which shall enter into force by thirty days following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Promulgated in the city of Ramallah on June 20th, 2005 *Anno Domini*
Corresponding to Jumad Awwal 13th, 1426 *Anno Hegira***

**Mahmoud Abbas
The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation;
The President the Palestinian National Authority**