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Law for the Preparation of the Organic Structure
of the German Economy of 27 February 1934

4 Gesetz zur Vorbereitung des organischen Aufbaues
der deutschen Wirtschaft vom 27. Februar 1934)

The Reich Government has enacted the following law which
is hereby promulgated:

Article 1

The Reich Minister of Economics is empowered for the
preparation of the organic structure of the German economy.

1. To recognize economic associations (Wirtschaftsver-
baende) as sole representative of their economic branch;

2. To establish, to dissolve, or to merge economic
associations;

3. To amend, to supplement bye-laws and contracts (Gesell-
schaftsvertraege of economic associations; particularly to in-
stitute the leadership principle (Fuehrergrundsatz);

4. To appoint and to recall the leaders of economic
associations;

5. To affiliate (anzuschliessen) entrepreneurs and enter-
prises with economic associations.

Economic associations are such associations and federations
of associations, which are charged with taking care of economic
interests of entrepreneurs and enterprises.

Article 2

The Reich Minister of Economics may issue legal decrees
(Rechtsverordnungen) and general administrative orders (Verwal-
tungsvorschriften) for the execution of this law with the consent
(Einvernehmen) of the Reich Minister of the Interior; he may
also issue orders (Vorschriften) of supplemental character
(Inhalt) with the consent of the Reich Minister of the Interior.

Article 3

Whoever violates deliberately or negligently a regulation
which the Reich Minister of Economics has issued on the basis
of this law, or executive orders thereto, is punishable with
a fine or imprisonment up to one year. The prosecution (Strafver-
folgung) is effected only upon application by the Reich Minister
of Economics. The application may be repealed.

Article 4

No compensation will be made for a damage which arises from the measure on the basis of this law.

Article 5

Associations of members of the Reich Food Estate with the exception of members according to Article 1, paragraphs 1 to 10, sub b. of the 3rd Decree on the Preliminary Structure of the Reich Food Estate of 16 February 1934 (Reichsgesetzblatt I, page 100) and associations of members of the Reich Chamber of Culture do not come under this law.

Insofar as associations of members of the Reich Food Estate according to Article 1, paragraphs 1 to 10, sub b. of the 3rd Decree on the Preliminary Structure of the Reich Food Estate and Associations of Transportation are concerned, the Reich Minister of Economics exercises the authority stated in Articles 1 to 3 with the consent of the competent Minister having jurisdiction (Fachminister); he can delegate the authority to the competent Minister having jurisdiction.

Berlin, 27 February 1934.

The Reich Chancellor

Adolf Hitler

The Reich Minister of Economics

At the same time for
the Reich Minister of Food and
Agriculture

Dr. Schmidt

The Reich Minister for the Interior
Frick

The Reich Minister of Transportation
Baron von Eltz

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