

Pursuant to the article 14, and in accordance with the article 20 of the Law of Chambers of Economy (Official Gazette RS No.65/01), the assembly of the Regional Chamber of Economy Nis at the ___ assembly held on _____ 2010, passed

THE STATUTE OF THE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF ECONOMY NIS

VISION: The Regional Chamber of Economy Nis, the institution that we trust, is the holder of the economic development of the area, the leader in representing and promoting the interests of economy.

I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Statute arranges the legal status, activities, internal organization, offices, funds for the operation and other issues important for the organization and operation of the Regional Chamber of Economy Nis.

Article 2

The Regional Chamber of Economy Nis (hereinafter the Chamber) is the non-party, interest-based, independent and professional-business organization of companies, entrepreneurs, and other forms of organization that perform economic activities and that are connected by the mutual business interest in the area of the city of Nis and municipals: Aleksinac, Babusnica, Bela Palanka, Blace, Gadzin Han, Dimitrovgrad, Doljevac, Zitoradja, Kursumlija, Merosina, Pirot, Prokuplje, Razanj I Svrlijig.



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In its territory, the Chamber can establish its own organizational units, in the accordance with the regulations and if the Management Board decides so.

Article 3

The Chamber operates by the name of ~~%~~Regional Chamber of Economy Nis+.

Its abbreviation is ~~%~~RCE Nis+.

In international business, the Chamber uses the name ~~%~~The Regional Chamber of Economics Nis+.

The head office of the Chamber is Nis, No.2, Dobricka Street.

Article 4

The Chamber has the properties of a legal entity that has all the rights, obligations and responsibilities established by the Law and the Statute.

The Chamber acts in legal transactions with the third party in the name of the Chamber and on its own behalf and also on behalf of its members when it is authorized by them.

The Chamber is liable for its obligations to its entire property.

Article 5

The Chamber keeps the register of its members, pursuant to provisions of Law and the Statute and decisions of the Chamber's Management Board.

Article 6

The Chamber has its own seal and logo.

The seal is round-shaped, and it contains the Cyrillic and Latin inscription of the name and the head office of the Chamber.

The chamber may have more than one seal, in which case the seals must be marked with Roman numerals.



The seal is placed near the signature of the authorized person.

Contents, appearance and usage of the Chamber's logo are regulated by the decision of the Management Board.

Article 7

In the administrative and bureaucratic activities of the Chamber, for noting and recording of acts and documents received or drafted by the chamber, one should use seal that leaves the print of full or abbreviated name of the Chamber along with the text that enables the inscription of numbers, dates and other data.

II –TRANPARENCY OF OPERATIONS

Article 8

The work of chamber is public.

Data and information on the work and activities of the Chamber can be provided by the Chamber chairman and the persons authorized by him / her. They shall be held accountable for the accuracy and truthfulness of the data and information they provide.

The Chamber Management Board shall adopt a general act on which documents and data are considered to be confidential and whose disclosure, due to their nature and importance, shall be against the Chamber and its members.

The attitudes of the Chamber, its authorities and bodies are to be publicized and advocated by the elected and appointed officers, but also by the Chamber's staff under special authorization.

III – CHAMNER' COOPERATION AND RELATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Article 9



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In carrying out the operations and tasks set out by the Law and this Statute, the Chamber, in accordance with Agreement on Cooperation of Serbia Chambers of Economy, shall cooperate with other Republic of Serbia's Chambers share information and experience, coordinate work and negotiate on issues of joint interest and interest of its members.

Article 10

In order to formulate and achieve the interests of its members, the Chamber shall cooperate with the Ministries, other state authorities and organizations and with the authorities of local self-government, institutions and funds, trade union organizations and organizations of entrepreneurs.

Article 11

The Chamber, independently and through Serbian Chamber of Economy shall cooperate with other foreign chambers, international organizations, institutions and funds and associations that have head offices in Serbia or abroad.

IV – CHAMBER MEMBERS

Article 12

The members of the chamber shall be business entities and other forms of business organization that perform economic activities, banks and other financial organizations and companies which insure individuals and property.

Entrepreneurs that perform a registered activity and their cooperatives shall be the members of the chamber through their general entrepreneur associations.

Collective farms and other forms of farming organizations are the collective members of the chamber through the Union of Collective Farms of Nisavski, Pirotski and Toplicki district.



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The members of the Chamber are all the entities referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this act that perform their activities in municipalities belonging to the area of the chamber's business community.

Article 13

The members of the Chamber, at their own demand, may be as well business and professional associations, organizations performing their activities in the fields of healthcare, social care, veteran benefits and disability insurance, children care and in many other fields such as social security, education, science, culture, physical culture, as well as the organizations aimed at improving the work of business entities, or the organizations established for the fields set out by the Law. The decision on the membership shall be made by the Chamber Management Board.

V – CHAMBER MEMEBERS RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 14

The chamber members shall have equal rights, obligations and responsibilities in the chamber.

Article 15

Rights, duties and responsibilities in relation to the Chamber membership the members shall exercise in the way and under the conditions set out by this Statute, general acts and decisions made by the authorities and bodies of the Chamber.

Article 16

The chamber members shall have rights to participate in governance and use of the Chamber services along with enjoying membership privileges in relation to third parties, provided they fulfill obligations set out by this Statute, general acts and decisions made by the authorities and bodies of the Chamber.

Article 17

The Chamber members shall have the following rights:

- Right to participate in the governance of the Chamber through elected representatives in the Assembly;

- Right to submit initiatives and proposals, to take stands and undertake activities aimed at achieving joint, group or individual economic interest of the Chamber members;
- Right to give the opinion on and evaluate the work of the Chamber
- Right to provide guidelines for and oversight on the work of the elected representatives in the authorities and bodies of the Chamber;
- Right to vote on and recall of their representatives in the authorities and bodies of the Chamber;
- Right to benefit from the assistance and services of the Chamber
- Right to be regularly informed on the work of the Chamber and decisions of the authorities and bodies of the Chamber;
- Right to request protection or defend their legal interests before the Court of Honor established by the Chamber.

The Chamber members shall exercise all aforesaid and other rights in a way set out by the Statute and the general acts of the Chamber.

Article 18

Chamber members shall have the obligation to:

- Pay the membership dues in the amount, under conditions and in the timeframe determined by the decision of The Chamber Assembly;
- Submit to the Chamber authorities and bodies reports and data about their legal status and work;
- Keep to themselves and not disclose to the third parties data on other Chamber members and on the work and operations of the Chamber when such data are considered confidential in accordance with the membersq general acts and the regulations of the Chamber;
- Protect their business reputation as well as the business reputation of other members and the Chamber and its authorities;
- Perform the duties set out by the general acts of the Chamber and the decisions of the Authorities and bodies of the Chamber which they issue in exercising their authorities stipulated by the Law and this Statute;
- Behave by and respect business ethics and good business practices.

Article 19

Chamber members shall be held accountable for failing to meet their obligations in a way prescribed by the Law, this Statute and the general acts of the Chamber.

VI - CHAMBER MEMBERS' SPECIAL RIGHTS



Article 20

Depending on the amount of membership dues paid, there are multiple types of membership, with different levels of privilege benefits . BASIC, PREMIUM AND SUPERIOR.

Article 21

The decision about belonging of the members to BASIC, PREMIUM or SUPERIOR level is made by the Chamber Assembly by introducing the quota for each year based on annual membership dues.

Article 22

BASIC membership level provides all the rights referred to in Article 17 of this Statute.

Basic membership shall provide the following services:

- 5% discount rates for certain services provided by the Chamber as decided by the Chamber Management Board;
- Once per year a report on the work of the Chamber;
- One free of charge copy of the Chamber brochure;
- Sharing of information on organizing fairs, exhibitions and presentations
- Name of the member's business entity published in the Annual Report on the work of the Chamber;
- Share of basic data on other members of the Chamber.

Article 23

PREMIUM membership level besides all the rights referred to in Article 17 of this statute and the rights and privilege benefits of BASIC membership level provides also for the following additional privilege benefits:

- 15% discount rates on all the services provided by the Chamber;
- 10% discount rate on the costs of participating at the fairs in Serbia;
- Logo of the member's business entity published in the Annual Report on the work of the Chamber;
- Two free of charge issues of the Chamber brochure;
- Opportunity to hold a special presentation in the sessions of the Chamber Assembly;
- Opportunity to hold a special presentation at other manifestations organized by the Chamber;

- Opportunity to hold a presentation of the member as a partner of the chamber in out country;
- Link on the web page on the Chamber;
- Access to the online database on the web page of the Chamber;
- Once per year, free of charge participation of one person in the delegation of the Chamber during the visits of domestic and foreign partners to the Chamber;
- Once per year, free of charge participation of one person in the delegation of the Chamber during the visits to domestic and foreign partners organized by the Chamber.

Article 24

SUPERIOR membership level besides all the rights referred to in Article 17 of this statute and the rights and privilege benefits of BASIC and PREMIUM membership level provides also for the following additional privilege benefits:

- 25% discount rates for all services provided by the Chamber;
- 20% discount rates for the expenses for participation on fairs in our country and abroad;
- Member's business entity logo and additional data chosen by the member, published in the Annual Report on the work of the Chamber;
- Free of charge 10 issues of the Chamber brochure all year long;
- Opportunity to publish expert texts and commentaries in the Chamber brochure;
- Opportunity to hold a presentation of the member as a partner of the Chamber in our country and abroad;
- Free of charge participation of two persons in the delegation of the Chamber during the visits of domestic and foreign partners to the Chamber all year long;
- Free of charge participation of two persons in the delegation of the Chamber during the visits to domestic and foreign partners organized by the Chamber all year long;
- Member's logo on the web page of the Chamber;
- Adding to the mailing list of the Chamber;
- Participation in the Chambers delegations during the visits of domestic and foreign statesmen to the Chamber;
- Participation in the Chamber delegations and at the functions organized by the highest level state officials;
- Special priority treatment in accessing and using all services provided by the Chamber;
- Personal consultant available 24/7;
- Regular reports on the legal regulations and interpretation thereof;



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- Local and foreign market analyses in the area of members business operations;

VII – RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES

Article 25

Rights, obligations and responsibilities of the members` authorized representatives to the authorities and bodies of the Chamber shall be the following:

- Managing the affairs of the Chamber through its authorities;
- Nominating, elected, and being elected to the authorities and bodies of the Chamber;
- Putting forward proposals, suggestions and opinions in matters belonging to the scope of work of the Chamber;
- Attending the sessions of the authorities and bodies of the session;
- Searching for answers to questions and solutions to issues put before the authorities and bodies of the Chamber by the members they represent;
- Informing the members of the Chamber they represent on decisions, conclusions and stands taken by the authorities and bodies of the Chamber;
- Participating in the implementation of the decisions made by the authorities and bodies of the Chamber;
- Obeying the Laws and other regulations, the Statute, the general acts of the Chamber, and decisions of the authorities and bodies of the Chamber;
- Being held accountable for failing to meet their obligations.

Article 26

Elected members` representatives to the authorities and bodies of the Chamber shall serve four year terms of office and they can be re-elected.

The term of office of members` representatives elected to the authorities and bodies of the Chamber shall cease upon:

- Expiration of the term of office;
- Resignation;
- Dismissal for not adhering to the provisions of the Statute and other general acts of the Chamber;
- Termination of employment with the employer he/she worked with at the time of election;

- Lack of grounds on which he/she was elected (termination of function or duty he/she was performing with the member of the Chamber);
- Not attending, for a long period of time, without the written rationale, the sessions of the authorities and bodies of the Chamber in which he/she was elected (at least twice in a row at the sessions of the Chamber Assembly and 4 times in a row at the sessions of the Chamber Management Board or other authorities and bodies);
- Ceasing to pay membership dues to the Chamber.

Article 27

A member of the authorities or bodies of the Chamber whose term of office was terminated on the grounds referred to in Article 26, except on the grounds referred to in paragraph 2, bullet 7 may be replaced by another person the member of the Chamber appointed to perform particular function or task with that member of the Chamber.

The authority or body of the chamber verifies the term of office of the newly elected member.

The term of office of the newly elected member lasts until the expiration of the term of office of the member of the authorities or bodies of the Chamber instead of whom he/she was elected.

VIII – FINANCES

Article 28

Resources for the operations of the Chamber shall be provided through:

- 1) Membership dues,
- 2) Revenue received by the Chamber from performing work or providing services,
- 3) Revenue gained from property, dividends or founders` shares,
- 4) Donations, endowments and other revenues,
- 5) Issuing securities.

The amount of rates for providing services to members of the Chamber and third parties shall be established by the Chamber Management Board.

Article 29

The Chamber Assembly shall adopt the Chamber Financial Plan on annual basis



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In case the Chamber Assembly does not adopt the financial plan for the coming year until the end of current year, the Management Board shall make a decision on temporary financing of operations for up to three months.

IX – CHAMBER ACTIVITIES

Article 30

The Chamber shall perform the following activities:

- Representing the interests of the Chamber members in front of the authorized institutions and bodies;
- Monitoring the activities of the economic life, business regulations, economic policies measures, and evaluating their influence on economy,
- Examining the issues related to economy branches of the Chamber,
- Giving proposals to the competent state authorities and local self-government authorities for introducing and developing different instruments for promoting the economy,
- Enhancing the competitiveness and business improvement of Chamber members,
- Initiating adoption of anti-dumping measures for inappropriate conduct of economic entities on the domestic market,
- Monitoring on market competition in business areas covered by the Chamber and putting forward proposals for measures to be adopted by the government bodies aimed at improving the competition protection in relevant market, as well as submitting the information and request to the Commission for Protection of Competition in case of violation the competition in relevant market,
- Monitoring and stimulating implementation of environmental protection standards and measures and environmentally responsible business,
- Harmonizing the interest of the members of the Chamber,
- Providing and organizing professional assistance for the members of the Chamber in order to help them improve and enhance their business,
- Providing assistance to the members regarding finances and credits, in cooperation with commercial banks and the Development Fund,
- Establishing and promoting economic cooperation with foreign countries,
- Promoting economy of the territory of municipalities belonging to the area of the Chamber's business community, in our country and abroad, and launching it on the international market of goods and services in a way that shall facilitate its members' access to the world market,
- Organizing fairs, commercial exhibitions, and other promotion events for the needs of Chamber members,

- Providing timely and accurate information to its members and other interested parties so as to find potential partners and establish liaisons with them,
- Encouraging researches in the field of scientific-technological development,
- Improving entrepreneurship and management, and monitoring and exchange of international experience in those fields with other chambers, especially in the field of system quality management,
- Facilitating business relations and providing information to the members of the Chamber,
- Arranging lectures, seminars and special training sessions aimed at professional advancement and training of economic staff and issuing specific certificates the Chamber is authorized to issue,
- Promoting good business practices and business ethics and stimulating the corporate social responsibility,
- IT development and creating the new information databases in the Chamber,
- Providing assistance when establishing a new enterprise and reconstructing the current ones,
- Providing services from the area of starting, developing, and promoting business; strategic planning and innovations; education; business support and cross-border cooperation; women entrepreneurship; commercial law; making projects on demands of EU funds and programmes and their realization,
- Keeping records on members and general entrepreneur associations and issuing certifications and attestations of the facts established by those records,
- Issuing specific attestations, documents, certifications and papers on the operations of the Chamber members in accordance with the Law and designated authorities,
- Performing other tasks of interest for the members of the Chamber, in accordance with the law, Cooperation Agreement of Chambers of Economy in Serbia and decisions of authorities and bodies of the Chamber.

Article 31

The Chamber performs its activities for the benefit of its members.

Article 32

By performing its activities, the Chamber exercises certain public authorities, in the way established by law and other regulations.



In exercising public authorities, the Chamber issues relevant documents (certificates, attestations, papers).

Article 33

In performing its activities and exercising public authorities, the Chamber keeps the relevant records.

On demand of its members, the Chamber issues the relevant documents about the facts the records are kept of.

Article 34

Procedure for issuing documents and keeping the records from articles 32 and 33 of this Statute shall be determined by the decision made by the director of the Chamber, unless it is stipulated differently by law or regulations.

X –CHAMBER BODIES

Article 35

The Chamber shall be managed by its members, through the representatives to the authorities and bodies of the Chamber, elected in a way set out by this Statute.

Article 36

The Chamber bodies shall be the following: Assembly, Management Board, Supervisory Board, President of the Chamber.

1. THE CHAMBER ASSEMBLY

Article 37

The Assembly shall be the supreme authority of the Chamber.

The Assembly consists of 55 members.

Article 38



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The Assembly members shall serve the four year term of office that may be renewable.

Criteria and the proceedings for conducting the Chamber Assembly elections shall be set out by the decision made by the Chamber Assembly.

Article 39

The decision to call elections for the Assembly and other bodies and authorities of the Chamber shall be made by the Chamber Assembly within 60 days before the expiration of terms of office of the Assembly members.

The decision to call elections shall establish the number of the Chamber Assembly members, deadlines, the manner and procedure of elections, so that the Chamber Assembly is composed of the delegates from all areas and sectors of economy, with respect to the principle of territorial proportion of representation, share in the domestic product, and in the Chamber funding.

Article 40

The Chamber Assembly shall perform the following activities:

- a) Review and adopt:
 - The Statute of the Chamber,
 - Program of Work of the Chamber,
 - Annual Financial Report of the Chamber,
 - Financial plan of the Chamber,
 - Annual revenue account of the Chamber,
 - Decision on base, rate, method and term of paying membership dues to the Chamber,
 - Rulebook that establishes structure and organization of Court of Honor,
 - Decision on activities and sectors for which general associations shall be founded,
 - Decision on selling the immovable estate owned by the Chamber,
 - Decision on call for the elections for the bodies and authorities of the Chamber,
 - Decision on forming permanent boards,
 - Decision on quotas which determine the amount of annual membership dues for BASIC, PREMIUM or SUPERIOR status,
 - Codes, business ethics, and other rules of conduct,
 - Rules of procedure of the Chamber Assembly.
- b) Appoint and dismiss:
 - The President and Deputy President of the Chamber Assembly,

- The President and Deputy president of the Chamber,
 - The members of the Management Board,
 - The members of the Supervisory Board.
- c) Formulate the opinions and provide guidelines for the activities of the Chamber authorities and bodies.
- d) Make decisions in other matters of relevance and perform other tasks in accordance with the Law.

Article 41

The Assembly shall elect from among its own membership the President and Deputy President.

The President and Deputy President shall serve the four year term of office that may be renewable.

Rights, obligations and responsibilities of the President and Deputy President are determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber Assembly.

Article 42

The Chamber Assembly shall work at the sessions which are convened as needed, at least twice a year.

The Chamber Assembly sessions shall be called by the Assembly President in agreement with the President of the Chamber, or by the Deputy President, in case the president is absent or prevented to call the session.

The Assembly session shall be called always upon request of the Management Boards, Supervisory Board, the President of the Chamber, or at least 1/3 of the Assembly membership.

Article 43

The Assembly session shall be held and the Assembly decisions shall be valid, if attended by more than half of delegates of the Chamber members.

The Chamber Assembly decisions shall be made by majority votes of the Assembly members attending the session.

Article 44



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As an exception to the rule, for the sake of efficiency, expedience, and completeness, the Assembly members may cast their votes and reach decisions via telephone, e-mail and in written form. On the said actions the official note for the file, drafted by the authorized person, shall be subject to the Assembly verification in the course of the session to follow.

Article 45

The work of the Assembly shall be regulated by a rulebook.

2. MANAGEMENT BOARD

Article 46

The Management Board shall be managing body of the Chamber.

The Management Board shall be composed of 19 members.

Article 47

The members of the Management Board shall serve four year term of office that may be renewable.

Criteria and the proceedings for conducting the elections for the Management Board shall be set out by the decision made by the Chamber Assembly.

Article 48

The members of the Management Board shall be elected by the Chamber Assembly, on the proposal of the Selection Committee appointed by the President of the Chamber. The committee shall propose the members from among the prominent businessmen and experts in some economic sectors, so that the structure of the members of the Chamber Management Board ensures representation of all the areas and sectors of economy, with respect to the principle of territorial proportion of representation, share in the domestic product, and in the Chamber funding.

The President and Deputy President have the functions of the members of the Chamber Management Board.

The Director of the Chamber is the associate member of the Chamber Management Board, without the right the right to vote.

Article 49

The Management Board shall perform the following activities:

- a) Draft the proposals of: the Chamber Statute and general acts passed by the Chamber Assembly, Program of Work, Financial Plan and Annual Financial Report of the Chamber, as well as the draft decisions passed by the Chamber Assembly.
- b) Approve and adopt:
 - Rulebook on manner of registration in and keeping of the Register of the Chamber members,
 - Rulebook on manner of registration in and keeping of the Register of general duties,
 - Rulebook on the fire protection,
 - Rulebook on bookkeeping,
 - Rulebook on business secrets,
 - Rulebook on security and occupational safety,
 - Rulebook on employment relationships in the Chamber,
 - Rulebook on the salaries of the employees,
 - Rulebook on travel and other costs,
 - Rules of procedure of the Management Board,
 - Other general acts which are not in jurisdiction of the Chamber Assembly.
- c) Make the decisions on:
 - Establishment of organizational Units of the Chamber,
 - Contents, appearance, and usage of the Chamber's logo,
 - Acceptance of the membership of the voluntary members of the Chamber,
 - Disposal of the immovable property owned by the Chamber except for the selling thereof,
 - The rates for the services provided by the Chamber to its members and third parties,
 - Discount rates on the services provided Chamber, depending on the membership level,
 - Activities and sectors for which general associations shall be founded, by the authorities of the Chamber Assembly,
 - Establishment the business entities, institutions and associations relevant to the Chamber members,
 - Objections to the decisions of the Court of Honor,
 - Forming permanent and temporary board,

- Other decisions which are not in jurisdiction of the Chamber Assembly.
- d) Appoint and dismiss, upon proposal of the President of the Chamber:
 - President and Deputy President of the Management Board of the Chamber,
 - Members of the authorities and bodies of Serbian Chamber of Economy.
- e) Appoint and dismiss, upon proposal of the President of the Chamber:
 - The Director of the Chamber,
 - Court of Honor prosecutor and judge.
- f) Review proposals of economic policy and measures, and formulate its opinions on it, and submit it to the competent authorities, monitor and analyze economic activities in the region, review and evaluate standards of the current economic policy on the basis of their influence on business conditions and development of the economic activity and formulate opinions on section development strategy,
- g) Perform other tasks that are not within the Chamber Assembly scope of work.

Article 50

The Management Board of the Chamber, upon proposal of the President of the Chamber, from among its members, elects the President and Deputy President of the Management Board of the Chamber.

The President and Deputy President shall serve four year term of office that may be renewable.

Rights, obligations and responsibilities of the President and Deputy President of the Management Board are determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board of the Chamber.

Article 51

The Management Board shall perform its activities in sessions that may be called when deemed necessary, at least four times a year.

The Management Board sessions shall be called and chaired by the President of the Management Board, in agreement with the President of the Chamber, or by the Deputy President, in case the president is absent or prevented to call the session.



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The Management Board session shall be called always upon request of the Supervisory Board, the President of the Chamber, or at least 1/3 of the Management Board membership.

Article 52

The Management Board session shall be held and the Management Board decisions shall be valid, if attended by more than half of its members.

The Management Board decisions shall be made by majority votes of the members attending the session.

Article 53

As an exception to the rule, for the sake of efficiency, expedience, and completeness, the Management Board members may cast their votes and reach decisions via telephone, e-mail and in written form. On the said actions the official note for the file, drafted by the authorized person, shall be subject to the Management Board verification in the course of the session to follow.

The members of the Management Board must be duly informed in advance by the professional services of the Chamber about the way of voting described in the paragraph one of this article.

Article 54

The work of the Management Board shall be regulated by a rulebook.

3. SUPERVISORY BOARD

Article 55

Supervisory Board of the Chamber shall be the body of the Chamber that shall control the legality of the Chamber work, the implementation of the Statute and other general acts of the Chamber, the financial operations of the Chamber and its Professional Services Department, and achieve the insight into performing duties of the Chamber Members.

Article 56

The Supervisory Board is composed of the President of the Supervisory Board and two members elected from among the Chamber membership and from



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among experts for the special areas, by the Chamber Assembly upon nomination made by the Management Board.

The President and the members of the Supervisory Board shall serve four year term of office that may be renewable.

Article 57

The Supervisory Board shall submit to the Chamber Assembly a report addressing matters covered by its scope of work at least once a year, on the occasion of reviewing the Annual Report on the work of the Chamber and Annual Financial Report.

Article 58

The work of the Supervisory Board shall be regulated by a rulebook.

4. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER

Article 59

President of the Chamber shall be the body of the Chamber which represents the Chamber domestically and internationally.

Article 60

The President of the Chamber shall be appointed by the Chamber Assembly from among eminent businessmen, upon proposal of the Management Board of the Chamber.

The Chamber Assembly shall choose the President of the Chamber among more candidates, based on the program they deliver.

The President of the Chamber shall be a person with university degree and minimum of 5 years of professional experience in management positions.

The President of the Chamber shall serve four year term of service that may be renewable.

Article 61

In case of termination of the President of the Chamber term of office prior to expiration thereof, the Assembly session shall be called at least 15 days prior to the termination date to appoint the acting President and initiate the proceedings for the election of the new President.

Article 62

The Chamber Assembly shall regulate the law-labor status of the President of the Chamber, by the decision on the election of the President of the Chamber.

Article 63

The President of the Chamber shall perform the following activities:

- Represent the Chamber and be responsible for the legality of the operations of the Chamber,
- Be in charge of the execution of the Financial Plan of the Chamber,
- Directly cooperate with the state authorities and the authorities of the local self-government,
- Establish cooperation with the Chambers of Economy and other organizations, institutions and funds, in our country and abroad,
- Establish cooperation with the organizations of trade unions and entrepreneurs,
- Lead business delegations domestically and internationally
- Adopt the act on the organization of the professional service and on job classification in the Professional Service of the Chamber,
- Prepare proposals of the general acts passed by the Management Board of the Chamber,
- Make decisions on intrusting the particular professional activities to scientific institutions and professional organizations,
- Make decisions on forming periodical committees and project teams,
- Appoint and dismiss the Secretary of the sector associations and centers and other managerial persons,
- Appoint and dismiss the members of the Management Board of other organizations and institutions established by the Chamber or provide its representatives, according to special regulations or on request of particular authorities, organizations and funds,
- Nominate for appointment or initiate dismissal of the President and Deputy President of the Management Board of the Chamber, the President of the Chamber, appoints the committee which shall propose the members of the Management Board of the Chamber, and the members of authorities and bodies of Serbian Chamber of Commerce,
- Nominate for appointment and initiate dismissal of the Director of the Chamber and prosecutor and judge of the Court of Honor,

- Approve international business travel; the decisions about his/her international business travel shall be signed by the President of the Management Board,
- Monitors the work of the Director of the Chamber,
- Perform as well other activities which are not in jurisdiction of the Management Board of the Chamber.

Article 64

Vice President, appointed by the President, shall replace the President of the Chamber in case of his absence and inability to perform his duties.

The President of the Chamber may transfer the part of his authorities to another party employed in the Chamber with respect to the criteria of fulfilling the basic requirement for performing the activities.

Article 65

The president of the Chamber shall be accountable for his/her work to the Chamber Assembly.

5. VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE CHAMBER

Article 66

The Chamber shall have 3 Vice-Presidents, in accordance with the number of Districts.

The Vice-Presidents of the Chamber shall be appointed and dismissed by the Chamber Assembly from among eminent businessmen, upon proposal of the Management Board of the Chamber, taking into account the adequate representations of three districts for which the Chamber was formed.

The Vice-President of the Chamber shall serve four year term of service that may be renewable.

Article 67

Labor-legal position of the Vice-Presidents in the Chamber shall be determined by the Chamber Assembly, on the proposal of the President of the Chamber.



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The Vice-President of the Chamber, appointed by the President of the Chamber shall replace the President in all the rights and responsibilities during his/her absence.

Article 68

The Vice-President of the Chamber shall be accountable for his/her work to the President of the Chamber and the Chamber Assembly.

6. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER

Article 69

The Director of the Chamber is the person who shall organize and manage the operations of the Chamber.

Article 70

The Director of the Chamber shall be appointed by the Management Board of the Chamber, upon the proposal of the President of the Chamber.

The Director of the Chamber shall be a person with university degree and minimum of 5 years of professional experience in management positions.

The Director of the Chamber shall serve four year term of service that may be renewable.

Article 71

The Director of the chamber is a full-time employee of the Chamber, for an indefinite period of time.

In the event of termination of the term of service, before the termination of the period of time for which the Director was appointed, he/she will be assigned to the position with the appropriate professional qualifications.

Article 72

The Director of the Chamber shall be accountable for his/her work to the President and the Management Board of the Chamber.

Article 73



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The Director of the Chamber shall particularly:

- Direct the work of the Chamber, organize and coordinate the work of the authorities and bodies of the Chamber,
- Be in charge of the preparations of the sessions of the authorities and bodies of the Chamber and of execution of their decisions and principles,
- Attend the sessions of authorities and bodies of the Chamber,
- Organize and manage the operations of the Professional Services of the Chamber and undertake the measures for the improvement of operations,
- Decide on the manner of issuing the documents and keeping records referred to in Articles 32 and 33 of this Statute,
- Exercise rights and obligations of the management body, in accordance with the labor law and other regulations regulating the labor relationships,
- Sign contracts when the Chamber is one of the contracting parties,
- Manage the implementation of priority programs and projects domestically and internationally,
- Issue authorization for presenting and representing the Chamber in the competent authorities and organizations,
- Approve business trips in our country,
- Perform as well other tasks by the orders of the President of the Chamber.

The Director of the Chamber may transfer the part of his authorities to another party employed in the Chamber with respect to the criteria of fulfilling the basic requirement for performing the activities.

XI – CHAMBER ORGANIZATIONAL FORMS AND WORK

Article 74

With needs of execution of goals and tasks of the Chamber, as well as successful and efficient realization of the interests of its member, the Chamber shall organize and perform its activities through:

1. forms of the organization of the Chamber members: associations, general associations and agricultural cooperatives,
2. centers
3. the Court of Honor and the Mediation Center

1. Forms of organization of the Chamber members

Associations

Article 75

An Association shall be a basic form of organization and work within the Chamber.

An Association shall functionally connect the members within the same branch of the Chamber, in order to achieve the joint interest in a specific area of economy.

Article 76

An Association within the Chamber shall be organized for one or multiple economy branches or groups and subgroups.

The members of the Chamber shall be connected through the Associations depending on the prevalent business activity they perform.

Members of the Chamber may be engaged with multiple Associations, taking into consideration interests, needs and connectivity within the production process as well as other factors of relevance for successful and efficient operations and achievement of goals set by joining the Chamber.

Article 77

In the Chamber, there are the associations organized through the following sectors:

1. The Sector of Industry that shall contain:
 - The Association for Energy, Metal and Electrical Industry,
 - The Association for Construction and Building Materials,
 - The Association for Chemical, Pharmacy and Rubber Industry, Mines and Non-Metals Industry,
 - The Association for Forestry and Wood, Cellulose and Paper Processing Industry,
 - The Association for Textile, Clothing, Leather and Footwear Industry.
2. The Sector of Agro Complex that shall contain:
 - The Association for Agriculture, Food and Tobacco Industry and Waterworks,
 - Union of Collective Farms.
3. The Sector of Services that shall contain:
 - The Association for Information Services and Telecommunications,
 - The Association for Trade, Catering Industry, Traffic and Tourism,
 - The Association for Graphics Industry, News and Publishing,
 - The Association for Housing and Communal Services,
 - The Association for Financial and Insurance companiesqServices.

Article 78

The Association shall review and put forward to the authorities of the Chamber proposals on issues from its scope of work, having at mind the interest of the economy in general.

In professional cooperation with competent state bodies and organizations, the Association shall directly offer its opinions and put forward initiatives and proposals.

Article 79

The Associations shall be obliged to cooperate on issues of joint interest, taking into consideration the interest of other areas and branches of the economy that should not be harmed.

Article 80

The Association shall establish the Association Board, as the authority of the Association, to review and resolve issues from its scope of work.

The Association Board shall review and give opinion on the issues of the joint interest for the Chamber members belonging to the particular association.

The decision to call the elections for the members of the Association Board shall be made by the Chamber Assembly.

The decision to call the elections for the Association Board shall determine the number of the members of the Association Board, the manner, terms and procedure of elections.

Article 81

The Association shall perform the following activities:

- Monitoring and analyzing economic activities in some economic sections and proposing measures so as to improve business operations of its members,
- Reviewing and drawing up opinions on draft laws and proposals, as well as other regulations on economic system, economic policy and development from the aspect of their effect on working conditions and development of some areas of economy,
- Cooperation in preparing economic policy measures and strategy development in relation to the Association activity,

- Liaising business entities, developing cooperative relations and specializing in the country, and cooperation with international business partners,
- Providing assistance in setting up the goods exchange, as well as a product range and quality thereof,
- Keeping up-to-date with the latest achievements concerning technical and technological development in specific areas of economy and its implementation in our country,
- Applying international technical standards and normative,
- Initiating and proposing measures as to remove monopoly from domestic market,
- Promoting good business practices and business ethics

Article 82

The issues of the joint interest for two or more associations may be considered at the joint sessions of the boards of those associations or the joint work group shall be formed in order to consider these issues.

If the boards or the joint work groups do not reach an agreement on the issues of the joint interests of two or more associations, then the issue shall be presented to the Management Board of the Chamber, whose position is mandatory for the associations in question.

Article 83

Grouping is a form of a direct linking of the members in the association, established in order to propose and review the positions on the matters of interest to a certain area of economy.

The Association Board shall decide on the establishment of the grouping in the association and shall appoint and dismiss the members of the groupings and working groups of the associations.

Article 84

The Secretary of the sector associations shall manage the activities of the association in the sector, take care of the preparation of the sessions of the Association Board, coordinate the work of groupings and working groups in association, participate in the activities of the authorities and bodies of the Chamber, cooperate with the associations and boards in the Chamber and with other appropriate forms of organization and operation in other Chambers of Economy, competent state bodies and organizations and brunch trade unions.



Article 85

The Secretary of the sector associations shall be appointed and dismissed by the President of the Chamber.

The Secretary of the sector shall be a person with college degree and minimum of 3 years of professional experience.

The Secretary of the sector may simultaneously be the Secretary of the centers.

The Secretary of the sector is accountable for his work to the President and Director of the Chamber.

General associations

Article 86

General Associations of Entrepreneurs (hereinafter referred to as: the General Associations) shall be established for the joint activities on the improvement of work and business operations, harmonization of specific and general interests, proposals of measures for the improvement of business environment, economic status and social welfare as well as for reviewing and resolving issues of joint interest.

General Association members shall be entrepreneurs who, in a form of a registered occupation, conduct business activities, as well as their cooperatives.

The Assembly of the Chamber, and the Management Board under the authority of the Assembly of the Chamber, shall determine in which business areas and on what territory the General Associations shall be established.

General Associations are registered in the Register of General Associations kept by the Chamber.

COOPERATIVE UNION

Article 87



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The Cooperative Union of Niski, Pirotski and Toplicki District shall consolidate in the Chamber, as collective members, cooperative unions, and other forms of the organization of farmers.

The President of the Cooperative Union shall organize and manage the activities of the Cooperative Union.

2. Centers

Article 88

For the sake of coordination and performing the tasks from the scope of work of the Chamber, especially on the occasion of providing services and professional assistance from the particular areas, to the members of the Chamber and interested parties from Serbia and other countries, the Chamber shall establish the following centers:

- **EU INNO** . center for projects,
- **VISIO** . center for business education, strategic planning, innovation and technology,
- **PROMO BUSINESS** . center for development of clusters, business associations and entrepreneurship,
- **EXIM** . center for foreign trade, cooperation with Diaspora and foreign investment,
- **TEODORA** . center for women entrepreneurship,
- **DEVELPER** . center for development and sale of the new Chambers' services.

Organization, operations, tasks and manner of working of the centers shall be regulated by the Act on Organization of Professional Services and by the job classification in the Professional Services of the Chamber.

Article 89

The centers may have a Secretary of the center.

The Secretary shall organize the work of all centers, be in charge of quality and timely providing of information, services and professional assistance, participate in the work of authorities and bodies of the Chamber, cooperate with the associations and boards in the Chamber and with corresponding forms of organization and activities in other Chambers of Economy, competent state bodies and organizations.

Article 90



The Secretary of the center shall be appointed and dismissed by the President of the Chamber.

The Secretary of the center shall be a person with university degree and minimum of 3 years of professional experience.

The Secretary shall be accountable for his/her work to the President and Director of the Chamber.

3. COURT OF HONOR AND MEDIATION CENTER

Court of honor

Article 91

The Court of Honor shall be established within the Chamber, as an independent and autonomous authority.

Article 92

The Court of Honor shall give a ruling in proceedings against the members of the Chamber for violations of good business practices and business ethics committed in business relations and in international economic relations as well as for market disturbances or conducting monopolistic actions in that market.

Conducts of the members of the Chamber that cause damage to the social community, ridicule the spirit and the sense of the law and other regulations or damage the reputation of the Republic of Serbia abroad shall be considered violations of good business practices, depending upon the facts of the case.

The Court of Honor shall give ruling on violations of provisions of this Statute, and other decisions and conclusions of the authorities and bodies of the Chamber, for the violations of which, in accordance to this Statute, measures of social discipline may be imposed, as in the case of failure of liability of the members of the Chamber.

Article 93

The Court of Honor shall give ruling when in the proceedings, the members of the Chamber who operate in the area of the Chamber participate as parties.



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Article 94

In accordance with the Law, the Court of Honor may impose the following measures of social discipline:

- prohibition of self-employment of an entrepreneur for a serious violation of good business practices and business ethics,
- public notice announced at the session of the Chamber Management Board,
- public notice announced in one daily newspaper,
- public notice announced in multiple daily newspapers.

Besides the measures from the paragraph 1 of this article, the Court of Honor may also impose other measures that fall in its jurisdiction by the regulations of law.

The Court of Honor shall inform the Business Registers Agency about imposing of the measure from paragraph 1, item 1.

Against the Court of Honor ruling a complaint may be lodged to the Management Board of the Chamber within 15 days after receipt of the ruling.

Article 95

The Court of Honor organization, composition, the mode of appointment and dismissal of members, proceeding and mode of operations shall be prescribed by the Rulebook adopted by the Assembly of the Chamber.

Mediation Center

Article 96

The Mediation Center shall be established in the Chamber.

The Mediation Center is the body helping the members of the Chamber to reach, in the process of negotiation, negotiating solution of the potential mutual dispute that may occur in connection with the conduct of their business activities.

XII – PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Article 97



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Professional Services Department shall be in charge of performing professional, administrative and support duties in compliance with the general act on internal organization and systematization of duties and tasks, passed by the President of the Chamber.

Specifically, said duties shall encompass human resources, legal affairs, the affairs of the members and collection of the membership dues, accounting and finance, marketing, public relations as well as technical logistics affairs, and other duties.

Article 98

Professional service department shall be established on the following principles:

- Branch and functional organization of the members in the Chamber and adaptation to the conditions of market economy.
- Efficiency and rationalization of the work process,
- Technical equipment for modern business,
- Independent financing (by the establishing of the appropriate agencies, centers and bureaus for providing professional assistance and business services.

Performing of particular professional activities may be entrusted to the appropriate business institutions and professional organizations. The President of the Chamber shall decide on aforementioned affairs.

Article 99

The activities of the Professional Service Department shall be managed by the Director of the Chamber.

The President of the Chamber shall particularly supervise the execution of the activities of the Professional Service Department, monitor its work, undertake the measures for the improvement of operations, and ensure the labor rights based on work.

XIII – TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 100

Until the new general acts enter into force, the acts adopted by the authorities of the Chamber shall remain in force, unless in opposition to provisions of this Statute.



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General acts referred to in the previous paragraph shall be harmonized with the provisions of this Statute no later than six months following this Statute entry into force.

Article 101

On the date of entering into force of this Statute the previously adopted Statute of the Regional Chamber of Economy Nis, number ____ to ____ together with changes and addenda, shall cease to be in effect.

Article 102

This Statute shall enter into force in eight days following its publication.

PRESIDENT OF THE RCE ASSEMBLY



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