

THE PRIME MINISTER**DECISION No. 251/QD-TTg OF MARCH 22, 2000 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE PROCEDURES FOR SETTLEMENT OF CAPITAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FIVE MILLION HECTARES-AFFORESTATION PROJECT****THE PRIME MINISTER**

Pursuant to the Law on Organization of the Government of September 30, 1992;

Pursuant to the Law on Forest Protection and Development of August 19, 1991;

At the proposals of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (Official Dispatch No. 663/BNN-PTLN of March 3, 2000) and at the opinions of the Ministry of Planning and Investment (Official Dispatch No. 821/BKH-NN of February 14, 2000); and the Ministry of Finance (Official Dispatch No. 655/TC-KBNN of February 29, 2000) on amending the procedures for settlement of capital for implementation of the project for planting new forest on 5 million hectares (called Program 661 for short).

DECIDES:

Article 1.- To amend Item e, Clause 1, Article 6 of Decision No. 661/QD-TTg of July 29, 1998 of the Prime Minister into new Item e as follows:

e) The capital invested in the infrastructure, scientific research, forestry promotion, agriculture promotion, designing charges, fund for land allocation and issue of land use right certificates shall be apportioned to the branches and localities by the Ministry of Planning and Investment and the Ministry of Finance in conformity with the requirements of projects.

The mechanism for financial management of the capital invested in forest protection, forest regeneration-cum-supplementary forestation zoning and the planting of protective and special-use forests is prescribed as follows:

- State budget capital is allocated through the State treasury system.

- The State shall advance the money to prepare forest saplings for the first year; from the second year on, the project owner shall have to retrieve the cost of forest saplings according to the afforestation unit price of that year for rotation and preparation of saplings

for the next year. Upon the completion of the afforestation project, the project owner shall have to retrieve and return to the budget the advanced money used for preparation of saplings for the first year.

- Every year, when the projects have been assigned plans by the competent authority and had their funding expenditure estimates ratified, the State Treasury shall advance 30% of the project expenditures. After the projects have been 50% achieved, they shall receive additionally 40% of advance money; at the year's end, on the basis of the report on test and acceptance of the completed volume between the project owner and households or units undertaking contracts (if any), the State Treasury shall have to fully repay funding for the projects.

The Council for Test on Completion which have already been set up in the provinces and centrally-run cities shall perform the task of assisting the provincial/municipal People's Committees in monitoring and inspecting the results of the implementation of projects under Program 661.

- On the work volume approved to be repaid and the funding repayment duration for the projects under Program 661: the work volume which is completed by the end of December 31 every year, the duration for project owners to do test on completion spans to the end of March 31 every year, and the funding repayment shall be effected to the end of April 30 of the next year.

Article 2.- This Decision takes effect after its signing

Article 3.- The ministers, the heads of the ministerial-level agencies, the heads of the agencies attached to the Government and the presidents of the People's Committees of the provinces and centrally-run cities shall have to implement this Decision.

For the Prime Minister
Deputy Prime Minister
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