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COMPETENCES OF AN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Summary

The aim of the deliberations in this paper was to evaluate the competences of agricultural associations after Poland's joining the European Union. The provisions of the Act of 8 October 1982 on Social and Trade Organisations of Farmers and other legislative acts providing for these organisations have been analysed.

It is concluded that the above Act provided for a number of entitlements of farmers' associations. Many of them, however, cannot be exercised because of the lack of their adjustment to the current situation of market economy. The agricultural industry association as a legal person can act as a proxy of a farmer, while a representative of a farmers' organisation may act as a proxy in matters related to the management of an agricultural holding. In court proceedings, an agricultural industry association may act as a non-governmental organisation while in administrative proceedings it may act in the capacity of a social organisation pursuant to relevant legislative acts.