

The government has made it incumbent on the State Committee for Forestry of the USSR, together with the councils of ministers of the union republics, to provide effective supervision of all the forests of the Soviet Union, to put into practice a unified scientific and technical policy that is responsive to the Leninist concept of utilizing the forests as a common national resource, and to improve surveillance of the utilization of forest resources.

Given the validity of the Law on State Enterprises (Industrial Associations) and the transition of branches of industry to complete profit-and-loss accounting and self-financing that is being carried out on the basis of this law, Goskomles USSR is being called upon to apply extensively economic methods for the supervision of, leasing, and payment for forest resources, to carry out the continuous and efficient exploitation of forests, to combine the industrial and the territorial forms of forest management, and to strengthen its links with the councils of peoples' deputies in order to ensure maximum satisfaction of the demands of the national economy and the general public for various forest products.

Goskomles USSR and its local agencies are required to provide a high scientific and technical level of state management in the fields of forest utilization, regeneration, conservation, and protection, and to ensure the strict observance of the principles of the forestry legislation of the Soviet Union and the union republics by enterprises, organizations, and individual citizens. The purpose of the new organizational structure, which has been designed on the basis of functional criteria, is to overcome narrow industry-oriented and localized