

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND MARKET AND LAND CONSOLIDATION IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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SUMMARY

The main objective of the Russian Government policy in the area of Agricultural Production is to create conditions for efficient use of Agricultural Land and development of Agricultural Land Market as well as Agricultural Land Consolidation meeting the requirements of society and individual citizens to solve the country's food problem. In 2001 the Land Code based on market economy principles was adopted by the Russian Parliament. The Agricultural Land Market Act was introduced in 2003. There are new trends in development of Agricultural Land Market in Russia both at federal as well as at regional level. These trends are in the considerable increase in the Agricultural Land Market Transactions including Agricultural Land Mortgage Transactions over two last years. In 2010 the Agricultural Land Market Act was amended by the special federal law. The amendments have been focused on development of Agricultural Land Consolidation based on Agricultural Land Market. Development of Agricultural Land Market in the Russian Federation is mostly depended on Regional Land Policies. In the Republic of Kalmykia we can observe a unique trend, which is in the increase in the number of private farms and also in the increase in their average size. As a rule, the increase in the average farm size is accompanied with decreasing in their number. There was also a considerable increase in the Agricultural Land Market Transactions including Agricultural Land Mortgage Transactions over the last year in the region. In that sense the following measures must be implemented to strengthen the organizational as well as institutional sustainability of Agricultural Land Market and Agricultural Land Consolidation in the Russian Federation: the Agricultural Land Market Legislation must be revised; the institutional framework for implementation of Agricultural Land Market and Land Consolidation must be improved; the training and retraining programs related to the Agricultural Land Market and Land Consolidation issues must be introduced; the public relation campaign to strengthen people's ability to understand the role and importance of Agricultural Land Market and Land Consolidation Development must be initiated; the pilot projects focused on Agricultural Land Market and Land Consolidation Development should be launched in some regions of the Russian Federation to make demonstration effect; the Agricultural Land Market and Land Consolidation Development experience should be collected, scrutinized and disseminated; the Agricultural Land Market and Land Consolidation Pilot Projects should be replicated throughout of the Russian Federation.