

Legal Support in Purchasing Agricultural Land

Agricultural land is the key asset of agribusiness. The properly registered land ownership of an agricultural producer is one of the crucial conditions for the business to develop efficiently.

The current legislation sets strict regulations and restrictions to the acquisition of agricultural land, and therefore agricultural land transactions require a more detailed consideration and proper legal support. Breaches in the procedures of purchasing agricultural land entail serious risks, such as:

- the risk for an acquisition deal to be rendered void or incomplete;
- the risk of land claim;
- the risk of land forfeiture;
- the risk of premature termination of the lease agreement.

The above-mentioned risks can lead to losing ownership rights or spending significant funds on defending them.

Every agricultural holding, agricultural company or farmer should ascertain:

- **purchasing land in full compliance with the law;**
- **protecting land from seizure by third parties;**
- **raising loans secured by land;**
- **receiving state support per hectare, planned to be introduced in by the government.**

The expertise of our specialists to carry out legal due diligence over agricultural land rights, to manage and support purchase and lease transactions with agricultural land, is one of the most extensive in Russia. It includes:

- confirming the ownership of the current landholder;
- carrying out legal due diligence of land rights, i.e. investigating the complete history of transactions with land, detecting risks for the current landholder as well as for the purchaser, assessing the risks, providing advice on eliminating / minimizing the risks;
- identifying reasons for any other arising adverse consequences for the current landholder and / or the purchaser, including the possible loss of control over the land plot caused by the actions of third parties;
- providing advice on registering ownership to land plots used without any proper legal grounds;
- structuring, planning and supporting land purchase transactions;
- creating an electronic archive for legal documents on land and monitoring land rights, introducing a unified electronic system of managing the process of securing land ownership and organizing document workflow on this process.

We can provide you with legal support in securing land ownership, purchasing land and land shares, leasing and selling land, resolving land disputes.

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