

INTRODUCTION

Recently some important changes were brought to the Law “For the Cultural Heritage” approved in 2003.

The main changes are at the Article 23 about the Article 42, and consist in the creation of the “Agency for the Archaeological Service”:

“1.The Agency for the Archaeological Service (ASHA) is a central institution which depends from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports, and is created to operate in the field of excavations and study of the Cultural Heritage which is affected by public construction works and by regulation plans. The organization and function of the agency is decided by a decision of the Council of Ministries, after proposal of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports. The Statute of the Agency for the Archaeological Service is approved by a declaration of the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports. The structure and the body of the Agency for the Archaeological Service is approved by a declaration of the Prime Minister after proposal of the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports”.

Article 24 states that Article 43 changes as follow:

“The activities described in Article 41 are realized by State and Private institutions specialized in the field, local or foreign. ...”.

Article 25 states that:

In Article 45, the sentence “The Institute of Archaeology and the Institute of Monuments” is substituted by “The Agency for the Archaeological Service and the Regional Directory of National Culture”.

Article 26 states that:

“The Agency for Archaeological Service through its structures and in collaboration with legal and physical persons with license to operate in this field follows up chance archaeological finds which come to light during agricultural, building, engineering, and construction works, and operate in order to preserve these findings”.

Article 27 states that:

In Article 47 the following changes are approved:

1. The sentence “are bound to consult with the experts of the Institute of Archaeology and of the Institute of Cultural Monuments” is substituted by “they get a written approval of the National Council of Restoration and of the National Council of Archaeology”.

2. The last sentence changes as follows:

“The expenses to perform the scientific searches, the reports, as well as the necessary changes will be totally covered by the investor”.