

Guangdong Provincial People's Government

Decision on Handling the Rubber Industry in Hainan

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The climate and soil of Hainan Island are suitable for the development of the rubber industry. In the past, both public and private enterprises have laid some foundation. However, over the years, due to the exploitation and oppression by imperialists, the reactionary government of the Kuomintang, and feudal landlords, development has been restricted. Especially in recent years, due to the desperate destruction by the remnants of the Kuomintang bandits and the escape of some owners, who abandoned rubber plantations on the beach without concern, the rubber industry in Hainan has suffered serious damage. In order to protect national industry and commerce and quickly restore and develop production, the following decisions are made regarding the handling of the rubber industry in Hainan:

1. Rubber plantations on Hainan Island operated by enemy pseudo and bureaucratic capital shall be uniformly taken over by the state. Rubber plantations operated by private investment (whether by overseas Chinese, capitalists, or landlords adopting capitalist methods of operation) shall have their property rights recognized by the government. They shall continue to be operated by the original owners in accordance with the laws promulgated by the people's government, and the government will assist in their development.
2. To prevent rubber plantations from remaining barren and to quickly restore them, owners who have fled must return to operate them by the end of this year. Before the original owners return, the people's government will temporarily take over the operation. After the original owners return, they will resume operation but must reimburse all expenses incurred during the period of interim management.
3. Regarding the land of rubber plantations, before land reform, land ownership will remain unchanged. During land reform, in accordance with Article 19 of the Land Reform Law of the People's Republic of China and the instructions of the Central People's Government, the original operator will continue to operate. The land of rubber plantations will not be allocated. However, if the land ownership originally belonged to the landlord, it may be confiscated and turned into state ownership with the approval of the people's government at the provincial level and above. It will be handed over to the original operator for use by the state.
4. Private investment in the development of rubber production is welcome. If individuals are willing to invest in rubber planting, they can apply to the local government for land use, and the local government should solve it as much as possible and assist in its operation.
5. For rubber plantation owners who face financial difficulties when resuming operation, they can apply to the local People's Bank for short-term loans. Each People's Bank should try to provide preferential treatment. As for technical or marketing difficulties, they can also request assistance from the local people's government, and each local people's government should do its best to help resolve them.
6. This decision is equally applicable to areas within the province that can plant rubber.