

The Ministry of Culture and the All-China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives jointly notified the Notice on Strengthening the Protection of Cultural Relics

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Ministry of Culture, All-China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives

The cultural bureaus of all provinces, autonomous regions, and cities; the supply and marketing cooperatives of all provinces, autonomous regions, and cities; the Beijing, Tianjin, and Shanghai Waste Management Offices of the Headquarters; and the Native Products Management Bureau:

According to the discovery of important cultural relics in waste materials and keels (paleontological fossils) in various places over the years and the current situation of the increasing development of supply and marketing relations, in order to implement the national policy of protecting cultural relics, the important cultural relics, For paleontological fossils to be properly protected, local cultural departments and supply and marketing cooperatives must strengthen simple cooperation and contact, and strengthen the promotion of policies to protect cultural relics. To this end, the joint notice is as follows:

1. The waste recycling task of supply and marketing cooperatives is only to purchase waste materials, not cultural relics. However, cultural relics were often found in the waste materials purchased by supply and marketing cooperatives in the past, so the identification and selection work should be strengthened. The cultural department is in close contact with the acquisition units of the supply and marketing cooperatives, and cooperates with the selection in a timely manner. It is required to protect the cultural relics on the one hand and avoid the backlog of materials on the other hand. And often introduce the general knowledge of identifying cultural relics to the purchasing unit to facilitate work.
2. If the supply and marketing cooperatives in various places find that there are cultural relics or similar cultural relics that cannot be appreciated in the purchased waste materials, they should separate them for centralized storage, notify the local cultural department for appraisal, and give the cultural department the convenience of appraisal work.
3. When selling and disposing of waste materials, local cultural departments should strictly pay attention to protecting cultural relics and documents with historical and artistic value from being mixed into waste products for disposal.
4. The supply and marketing cooperatives in the "keel" production areas shall not encourage farmers to dig "keel" in the future. The received "keel" should remain intact and not broken, so as not to damage the value of academic research.
5. All opportunities and various methods should be used to widely publicize the national policy on the protection of cultural relics.
6. The cultural department may give appropriate praise or rewards to those who have made achievements in the protection of cultural relics in the purchase of waste and used materials by the purchasing units of the supply and marketing cooperatives.
7. The specific contact and cooperation measures shall be jointly researched and formulated by the local cultural department and the purchase unit of the supply and marketing cooperative according to the local conditions.