

# Legal Newsletter

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This newsletter contains the principal laws published, as well as decrees or general effect resolutions and regulations issued during the period. All of the above, in matters that may affect the various sectors where foreign investment is developed in Chile.

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# Noteworthy Laws

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Law No. 21.744	Creates the National Forestry Service and amends the General Law on Urban Planning and Construction
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Multisectoral
<b>PUBLICATION DATE</b>	05-23-2025

This law creates the National Forestry Service (Sernafor) as a decentralized public agency with its own legal status and assets, under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Its mandate is to ensure the protection, conservation, promotion, restoration, and sustainable management of forests and vegetation in Chile.

This new service legally and functionally replaces the current National Forestry Corporation (CONAF), inheriting its duties and powers.

Additionally, this law establishes a Forestry Policy Council, which is responsible for strategically advising Sernafor.

Finally, the law amends the General Law on Urban Planning and Construction in the following areas:

- Municipal and complementary regulatory plans must now identify land affected by risks, establishing specific regulations in this case, in addition to expressly designating land on which building is not permitted because it is located in risk zones.
- Regulatory plans are also required to include areas, zones, or buffer strips around hazardous infrastructure, facilities, or activities.

These measures aim to ensure that urban planning proactively addresses risk control, as well as forest fire prevention, thereby strengthening the coherence of territorial planning in sensitive areas.