

ACT of 22 March 1989 ON THE CRAFTS

(Consolidated text: Dziennik Ustaw 2002, No. 112, item 979 with subsequent amendments: Dziennik Ustaw 2003, No. 137, item 1304; 2009, No. 6, item 33; 2011, No. 205, item 1206, No. 207, item 1230)

(Excerpts)

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1. Natural persons pursuing economic activity under the Act of 19 November 1999 – Economic Activity Law (Dziennik Ustaw 1999, No. 101, item 1178; 2000, No. 86, item 958, No. 114, item 1193; 2001, No. 49, item 509, No. 67, item 679, No. 102, item 1115, No. 147, item 1643; 2002, No. 1, item 2) may pursue said activity subject to the terms stipulated in this Act. The activity of such persons shall be considered a craft.

Article 2. 1. A craft means an economic activity carried on professionally by a natural person with the contribution of his/her own skilled labour, on behalf and on the account of said person, the person employing up to 50 employees, and being hereinafter referred to as a craftsman.

1a. A craft shall also mean an economic activity carried on professionally by partners of a civil partnership of natural persons, with the contribution of their own skilled labour, on behalf and on the account of said partners, such partners employing up to 50 employees.

2. Repealed.

3. Repealed.

4. The following activities shall not be considered crafts: trade, catering, transport, hotel services, services rendered as part of practicing liberal professions, medical services, as well as manufacturing activity and services rendered by artists and artistic photographers.

5. Repealed.

Article 3. 1. The documents proving a craftsman's vocational qualifications shall be the following:

1) a diploma or certificate of a higher-education school or post-junior-high school, of either technical or artistic profile, in the profession (profile) corresponding to the field of the practised craft;

2) a diploma of a master craftsman in the profession corresponding to a particular type of craft;

3) a journeyman's certificate or skilled worker's title in the profession corresponding to a particular type of craft;

4) attestation confirming having selected vocational qualifications in the profession corresponding to a particular type of craft.