

Convention No. 129: Labour Inspection (Agriculture), 1969

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The Committee notes the Government's report and the attached documentation.

Article 9, paragraph 3, of the Convention. The Government indicates that there is no distinction between inspectors operating in different sectors. However, the Committee draws the Government's attention to the fact that the abovementioned provision lays down the obligation to ensure adequate training for inspectors in agriculture and to take measures to provide them with appropriate training in the course of employment. The Government is therefore requested to indicate the measures taken to give effect to this provision of the Convention.

Articles 8, paragraph 2, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 19, paragraph 2. The Committee requests the Government also to indicate in what manner effect is given to the abovementioned provisions concerning specific aspects of labour inspection in agriculture.

Articles 14, 21 and 24. The Committee notes the efforts made by the Government to combat clandestine work in the agricultural sector. In this regard, the Committee notes that, according to the Government, out of 7,641 agricultural undertakings, 2,356 are in breach of the legislation on employment, and of 49,106 workers, 7,840 are irregular workers. While referring in this regard to developments in its comment under Convention No. 81 relating to *Article 3, paragraph 2*, the Committee would be grateful if the Government would provide additional information on what role labour inspectors play, and at what point they take action, in reported cases of illegal employment in agricultural undertakings.

Articles 26 and 27. The Committee also draws the Government's attention in this regard to its comment under Convention No. 81 relating to the application of *Articles 20 and 21* on the publication and communication to the ILO of an annual inspection report. It requests the Government to ensure that information which is specific to the agricultural sector is submitted clearly if such information is included in a report covering other sectors of the economy, in accordance with *Article 26* of the present Convention.