

## **Withdrawal of Nationality**

**Law of 09 / 10 / 1962**

The Chamber of Representatives has sanctioned , and

The President of the Republic has promulgated this Law in the following text :

### **Article 1**

Shall loose the Lebanese nationality :

The Lebanese who acquires a foreign nationality pursuant to an authorization in this respect issued by Presidential Decree .

The Lebanese who accepts , in Lebanon an employment conferred to him by a foreign government or a department depending of a foreign government without prior authorization from the Lebanese government . Should the application for a license remain unanswered by the government for two months from the date of its submission , the silence is tantamount to rejection .

The Lebanese , residing outside the Lebanese territory , who accepts a public office in a foreign country conferred to him by a foreign government , should he maintain his office despite the fact that he has been ordered to abandon it within a specified delay .

The Lebanese actually serving a foreign government should he keep his functions despite the order given to him to abandon it within a specified delay . The loss of nationality provided for in clauses 2 , 3 , and 4 shall occur through a decree taken by the Council of Ministers .

The government may, at any time, cancel the authorization referred to above by decree taken by the Council of Ministers.

Shall also loose the Lebanese nationality , the Lebanese who acquired by naturalization the Lebanese nationality if :

He is condemned for a crime against the State security .

He joins an association which has perpetrated a conspiracy or a violation against the State security .

He joins a dissolved or unauthorized association having political objectives or if he has been condemned for undertaking activities in favor of such association .

Loss of nationality in the instances referred to in the present article shall be prescribed by Decree taken by the Council of Ministers upon recommendation of the Minister of Interior .

### **Article 2**

Every person of Lebanese origin residing outside Lebanon and who has not opted for the Lebanese nationality may , if he definitely returns to Lebanon , ask to be considered as Lebanese and , in this case , a Decree shall be issued by the Council of Ministers .

### **Article 3**

Every foreigner naturalized Lebanese shall loose this nationality if he absents himself from Lebanon five consecutive years .

#### **Article 4**

Shall be determined by Decree the means of implementation of the present Law which cancels and supersedes all provisions contrary to , or inconsistent with , it .

#### **Article 5**

The present Law shall be published in the Official Gazette