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Ghettos under Nazi Rule - Work

Translation: *D01 Decree on compulsory work for the Jewish population of the General Government*

*Decree on the introduction of compulsory work for the Jewish population of the General Government, 26 October 1939.*

On the basis of § 5 par. 1 of the decree on the administration of the occupied Polish territories issued by the Führer and Reich Chancellor on 12 October 1939, I order that:

§ 1

Compulsory labour for Jews resident in the General Government is to be introduced with immediate effect. For this purpose Jews are to be formed into work gangs (Zwangsarbeitertrupps).

§ 2

The Higher SS and Police Leader (Höhere SS- und Polizeiführer) is to issue the regulations required to carry out this decree. He can define territories to the east of the Vistula in which this decree need not be carried out.

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