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Changes to the Legislative Framework

"On the Ratification of the Convention between the Republic of Armenia and Japan for the Elimination of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance" (HO-281-N, September 11, 2025, effective from October 7, 2025)

- The Convention establishes the fundamental rules governing the principles of taxation of income derived from transactions carried out between the two countries. The tax rates applicable to the types of taxes defined by the Convention are presented below.
- Profits derived from entrepreneurial (business) activities are taxable only in the country of which the enterprise is a resident. However, if the enterprise carries on business in the other state through a permanent establishment situated therein, that other state also has the right to tax the income attributable to that permanent establishment.
- Dividends may be taxed both in the country of which the recipient is a resident and in the country from which the dividends originate. The tax withheld at source shall not exceed 5% of the gross amount of the dividends. When a company has, for at least one consecutive year, owned, in the case of a company paying dividends that is a resident of Armenia — at least 25% of the capital of that company, and in the case of a company paying dividends that is a resident of Japan — at least 25% of the voting rights of that company, the dividends paid shall be taxed in the country of which the shareholder is a resident. In this case, the source country shall have no right to tax. However, when the dividends are deductible in determining the taxable income of the company paying them, that country retains the right to tax such dividends. In this case, the tax collected at source shall not exceed 10% of the gross amount of the dividends.

- Interest may be taxed both in the country of which the recipient is a resident and in the country from which the interest originates. However, if the beneficial owner of the interest is a resident of the other country, the tax charged in the source country shall not exceed 5 percent of the gross amount of the interest income.
- Royalties may be taxed both in the country from which they originate and in the country of which the recipient is a resident. However, if the beneficial owner of the royalties is a resident of the other country, the tax levied by the source country shall not exceed 5 percent of the gross amount of the royalties.
- The cases of taxation of capital gains are as follows:
- 1.Income derived from immovable property shall be taxed in the country in which the property is situated;
- 2.Capital gains arising from the alienation of ships, aircraft, or other specified assets operated in international transport shall be taxed only in the country of which the enterprise disposing of such property is a resident;
- 3. Gains derived from the sale of shares or comparable interests in companies whose value is derived primarily from immovable property may be taxed in the country in which such immovable property is situated. However, if the shares are sold on a recognized stock exchange and the seller holds 5 percent or less of the class of shares or comparable interests being sold, the gain shall be taxed only in the country of which the seller is a resident;
- 4. In the case of other property, the gain shall be taxed only in the country of which the seller is a resident.

"On the Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Cooperation in the Field of Migration" (HO-284-N, September 11, 2025, effective from October 7, 2025)

- Under the Agreement, the Contracting Parties intend, on the basis of reciprocity, to establish rapid and effective procedures concerning the regulation of migration processes.
- The ratification of the Agreement provides for cooperation between the Parties in the field of migration (including the protection of the rights of citizens of one Party residing in the territory of the other Party), as well as in the field of information cooperation.

"On the Ratification of the Loan Agreement between the Republic of Armenia and the Asian Development Bank for the 'Health Care Quality Improvement Program'" (HO-283-N, September 11, 2025, effective from October 7, 2025)

- The loan program proposed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) envisions attracting a loan worth EUR 45.3 million.
- The objective of the loan program is to promote reforms in the following areas:
- 1.Construction and improvement of healthcare facilities,
- Assessment of the quality of healthcare services and the digitization and institutionalization of accountability,
- 3. Licensing of medical institutions,
- 4. Development of human capital in the healthcare sector,
- 5.Implementation of a pilot telemedicine program,
- 6. Improvement of the application of electronic healthcare tools.

On Amendments and Supplements to the Law "On the Organization of Cultural Auctions" and a Number of Related Laws (<u>HO-276-N</u>, September 11, 2025, effective from October 16, 2025)

- The purpose of adopting the new law is to regulate the procedure and conditions for organizing and conducting auctions of cultural values and items of cultural significance, as well as the relationships related to auction activities.
- Cultural auctions are classified according to chronology and types, and the auctions may be open or closed. The cultural auction market is divided into primary and secondary levels. It is envisaged that only participants of the cultural auction and the organizer of the cultural auction may directly participate in the cultural auction.

"On the Ratification of the Convention on Violence and Harassment, 2019 (No. 190)" (HO-282-N, September 11, 2025, effective from October 7, 2025)

- The ILO Convention No. 190 "On Violence and Harassment" protects workers and other persons, regardless of their contractual status, as well as trainees, including interns and apprentices, workers whose employment has ended, volunteers, jobseekers, and applicants for employment. It also applies to persons exercising the authority, duties, or responsibilities of an employer.
- The Convention defines the concept of "violence and harassment" in the world of work, as well as the measures that a Member State should take to prevent and eliminate violence and harassment at work. The Convention applies to both the private and public sectors, in both the formal and informal economy. It covers violence and harassment that occur in the course of work, are connected with work, or arise out of work.

"On the Ratification of the Statute of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure" (HO-280-N September 11, 2025, effective from October 7, 2025)

- The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) was established in 2019 and currently includes 40 Member States, as well as a number of international and regional organizations, including the UNESCAP, the World Bank, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the EU, and others.
- The main mission of the organization is the development and enhancement of new and existing infrastructure aimed at strengthening resilience to climate change and disaster risk prevention.
- Armenia's membership in the organization is consistent with the priority directions established by the 2023-2030 Disaster Risk Management Strategy (Resolution No. 1717-L of the Government of October 5, 2023).

CHANGES TO GOVERNMENT RESOLUTIONS

"On defining the cases, procedure, and terms for including information on control (identification) marks and their quantities in the accounting document in the case of the supply of goods subject to mandatory stamping with control (identification) marks" (No. 1276-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- By the supplement made to Article 55 of the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia by Law No. HO-491-N of December 4, 2024, it has been established that in the case of the supply of stamped goods subject mandatory stamping with control (identification) marks, information on the control (identification) marks and quantities shall be mandatorily included in the tax invoice or in the adjustment tax invoice — in the cases, procedure, and terms defined by the Government.
- The Resolution defines the cases, procedure, and terms for including information on the control (identification) marks and their quantities in the accounting document.
- The cases and terms are as follows:
- Starting from January 1, 2026, in the case of supply of tobacco products classified under codes 2402, 2404 11 000 9, 2404 12 000 0, 2404 19 000 of the "Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Nomenclature" (FEACN), and alcoholic beverages classified under codes 2204, 2205, 2206 00, 2207, and 2208.
- Information on the control (identification) marks and their quantities shall be included in the accounting documents:
- 1.at the time of issuing the accounting document, through the electronic invoicing system (e-invoicing) of the tax authority, by attaching the control (identification) marks to the accounting document, or
- 2.through the mobile application developed by the national operator of goods stamping with identification means and agreed with the SRC, by scanning the control (identification) marks and attaching them to the accounting document, but no later than the signing of the accounting document by the recipient.
- The authority to make changes regarding the stamping codes of control (identification) marks included in the accounting document shall automatically pass to the recipient of the stamped goods at the end of the day following the date of supply of the goods. However, if the accounting document is signed by the recipient before that deadline, the authority shall pass from the moment of signing, or, if before that deadline the recipient confirms the verification of the control (identification) mark data, from the moment of such confirmation.

- The confirmation of the verification of the control (identification) mark data shall be carried out through the mobile application.
- The transfer of the authority to make changes regarding the stamping codes of control (identification) marks included in the accounting document shall apply only to valid stamping codes.
- Information on the control (identification) marks and their quantities included in the accounting documents may be modified until the moment when, according to point 6 of this annex, the authority to make changes regarding the stamping codes of the control (identification) marks included in the accounting document automatically passes to the recipient of the stamped goods.
- If, before signing (validating) the accounting document, the recipient declares that the stamped goods supplied under the accounting document are intended for final consumption, the recipient may make a note stating "The goods are intended for final consumption," after which the stamping codes of the goods included in the accounting document shall automatically receive the status "Withdrawn from circulation."
- In cases of cancellation or invalidation of accounting documents, as well as in cases where the recipient deletes the accounting document, the authority to make changes regarding the control (identification) marks shall automatically pass to the issuer of the document (the supplier).

"On making an amendment and a supplement to Resolution No. 534-N of April 17, 2014, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1269-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- The Resolution enables job seekers to register online through the e-work.am platform and receive services from the Territorial Center of the Unified Social Service, while employers are provided with the opportunity to register online through the same platform. This will allow employers to participate in state employment programs in accordance with the procedure defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia and to fill their available vacancies.
- The platform aims to consolidate the Armenian labor market within a state platform, create a bridge between employers and job seekers, and strengthen the connection between the state, employers, and job seekers.

"On making amendments to Resolution No. 1164-N of July 29, 2004, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (Resolution No. 1263-N, adopted on September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025) and "On making amendments to Resolution No. 1699-N of October 24, 2024, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1268-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- On March 5, 2025, the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia adopted amendments and supplements to a number of laws, whereby the function of regulating the gaming sector has been assigned to the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia, while the field of public-private partnership development has been transferred to the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Armenia.
- As a result of the adoption of these laws, the Ministry of Economy has been designated as the body responsible for developing government policy in the field of gaming activities.
- For the implementation of these amendments, the Government of the Republic of Armenia has adopted a series of resolutions establishing a unified procedure for licensing, supervision, and blocking of internet games of chance and lotteries.
- According to these procedures, the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia is designated as the competent authority responsible for identifying, blocking, and supervising websites of internet games of chance and lotteries organized by entities that do not hold a foreign license.

"On approving the procedure and amounts for providing (paying) monetary incentives to cultural figures, including self-employed or independent creators, who have participated in and received awards at internationally recognized festivals and award ceremonies in the field of culture" (No. 1280-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 6, 2025)

- The purpose of the Resolution is to establish monetary incentives for cultural figures who have participated in and received awards at internationally recognized festivals and award ceremonies in the field of culture.
- The establishment of monetary incentives is aimed at valuing achievements in the cultural and creative sectors, enhancing the recognition of artistic and cultural results, contributing to the creation of a favorable environment for cultural figures, and introducing mechanisms of state support in cultural fields.
- The need for this Resolution arose from the necessity to implement systems of encouragement for cultural figures and to create a supportive creative environment for self-employed artists.

"On making supplements and amendments to Resolution No. 385-N of March 26, 2020, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1279-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 6, 2025)

- For the purpose of implementing the package of laws "On making supplements and an amendment to the Law on Ensuring Road Traffic Safety," "On making supplements to the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Republic of Armenia," and "On making supplements to the Law on State Duty" which establish the legal basis for digital driver's licenses and registration certificates and regulate the legal relations arising in connection therewith, an amendment was also anticipated to Government Resolution No. 385-N of March 26, 2020.
- The Resolution introduces the digital version of the driver's license, which will become available either instead of, or simultaneously with, the national driver's license:
- 1.to individuals who have passed the qualification exams for obtaining a driver's license with positive results,
- 2.to holders of valid national driver's licenses as of the date this Resolution enters into force, and
- 3.in cases where a national driver's license of the Republic of Armenia is issued or exchanged based on driver's licenses obtained in other countries that meet the requirements established by the Convention on Road Traffic and its subsequent amendments and supplements.
- The Resolution also defines the means of accessing the digital version of the driver's license: through the official website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, after authentication in the "YesEm" identification platform using an identification card or mobile identification card, or via a state mobile application developed for the provision of such services.

"On defining the cases and procedure for the electronic transmission of information on identification means of goods marked with identification means" (No. 1264-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- For the purpose of ensuring full control over the circulation of goods marked with identification means and the complete functioning of the system, Article 381 of the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia was supplemented with Part 3.2 by Law No. HO-255-N of July 3, 2025. According to this provision, in the cases and procedure defined by the Government, transmission of information the on identification means of goods marked with identification means shall be carried out electronically.
- For the implementation of the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia, this Resolution defines the cases and procedure for the electronic transmission of information on the identification means of goods marked with identification means. In particular, it is established that information regarding the withdrawal from circulation of identification means of goods marked with identification means shall be transmitted through a mobile application before the withdrawal of the marked goods from circulation, in the following cases:
- l.when goods marked with identification means are used in the production (manufacture) of another good or for own needs;
- in the case of partial disposal of goods marked with identification means (excluding group packaging and product sets);
- 3.during the provision of a service where a good marked with an identification means is used and its value is included in the value of the service:
- 4.in other cases not specified in the subparagraphs above, where there is no record of sale or payment at the moment of sale through cash registers (CRs) or software/technical means connected to CRs by organizations and individual entrepreneurs using such devices.
- In cases of withdrawal from circulation due to the decommissioning of goods marked with identification means, the information regarding those identification means shall be transmitted to the monitoring system before the decommissioning of the identification means of the marked goods, in the following cases:

- 1.when the marked goods are written off and considered a documented loss in accordance with the procedure defined by Government Resolution No. 1261-N of October 5, 2017;
- 2.in the case of confiscation of goods marked with identification means or relinquishment in favor of the state;
- 3.in the case of export of goods marked with identification means;
- 4.when goods marked with identification means are written off for expert examination or laboratory testing purposes;
- 5. when the importer returns the goods marked with identification means to the supplier.

"On making an amendment to Resolution No. 1976-N of December 3, 2020, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1272-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- According to subpoint 7 of point 17 of Annex No. 3 to Government Resolution No. 1976-N of December 3, 2020, a violation of the rules for the use of cash registers (CRs) was considered the failure to transmit information on the control (identification) marks available on goods marked with control (identification) marks to the unified database of the tax authority during their sale. For such a violation, the liability established under Article 416 of the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia was applicable.
- As a result of the adoption of the Law No. HO-255-N of July 3, 2025, "On making supplements and amendments to the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia," a new Article 416.1 was added to the Code, providing for liability for failure to transmit information on identification means or for transmitting information differing from the required data. This article establishes a fine of AMD 30,000 for each violation, which is not related to CR operations.
- Consequently, it has become necessary to repeal subpoint 7 of point 17 of Annex No. 3 to Government Resolution No. 1976-N of December 3, 2020, in order to avoid the issue of double liability for the same act.

"On repealing Resolution No. 2121-N of November 15, 2005, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1289-N, September 11, 2025, effective from January 1, 2026)

- The Resolution provides for the repeal of Government Resolution No. 2121-N of November 15, 2005, "On approving the list of microorganisms, helminths, and biologically derived toxins of pathogenicity groups 1–4 for humans."
- At the same time, the Ministry of Health has developed, and the Minister of Health has approved by order, the "List of Microorganisms, Helminths, and Biologically Derived Toxins of Pathogenicity Groups 1–4 for Humans and Animals," with an effective date set for January 1, 2026, since the order can enter into force only after the repeal of the Government Resolution.
- The adoption of this Resolution ensures that the sectoral legal regulations comply with the requirements established by the Law on Public Health.

"On making supplements and amendments to Resolution No. 867 of June 29, 2002, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1316-N, September 11, 2025, effective from January 1, 2029)

- This Resolution establishes the licensing procedures for the following activities in the Republic of Armenia: the production of medicines, pharmacy operations, provision medical care and services organizations or individual entrepreneurs, of wholesale distribution medicines, production of medical devices, and servicing of medical devices, as well as the forms of licenses for carrying out these activities.
- Considering recent legislative amendments, which introduced changes in the subtypes of laboratory-diagnostic medical care and services and added new types of medical care and services, it became necessary to align the types of laboratory activities with licensing requirements.
- At the same time, the Resolution addresses the need to establish new conditions and requirements for licensing laboratory activities, as the current licensing requirements include types of outdated equipment that are rarely used in modern laboratory research processes.

"On making amendments and supplements to Resolution No. 702-N of May 12, 2011, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1299-N, September 11, 2025, effective from November 1, 2025)

- The adoption of the draft Government Resolution "On making amendments and supplements to Resolution No. 702-N of May 12, 2011" is necessitated by the need to eliminate several internal inconsistencies and editorial shortcomings in the existing Resolution.
- In particular, the Resolution provides that at state border checkpoints, officials of the Border Guard Service shall make corresponding entries in the passports or replacement documents of individuals crossing the state border, the forms and designs of which are defined in the annex to the Resolution.
- To reduce the risks of forgery, enhance recognizability, clear visibility, and legibility, ensure compliance with international standards, and improve the effectiveness of border control, it is proposed to revise the forms of these entries. In addition, it is proposed to modify the size of date-stamps in order to optimize the use of the relevant passport pages.
- At the same time, the implementation of the necessary technical and organizational measures for these changes requires certain time resources. Therefore, it is proposed to set the effective date of the Resolution as November 1, 2025.

"On making an amendment to Resolution No. 1467-N of December 13, 2018, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1326-N, September 18, 2025, effective from September 19, 2025)

- According to Part 2 of Article 122 of the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia, the natural loss of property is deducted from the gross income to an extent not exceeding the amount established by the Government during the tax year in which the loss occurred or was detected.
- However, for the purpose of determining the taxable base under profit tax, the amounts of natural losses arising during the preservation of certain types of fruits and vegetables (such as apples, oranges, tangerines, lemons, grapefruits, kiwis, etc.) have not been established.
- The Resolution proposes to define the amounts of natural losses arising during the preservation of certain types of fruits and vegetables for the purpose of determining the taxable base under profit tax, which are deductible from gross income.

"On making an amendment to Resolution No. 374-N of April 3, 2025, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1327-N, September 18, 2025, effective from September 19, 2025)

- The adoption of this Resolution is necessitated by the shortening of the permissible deadline for the import of products intended exclusively for circulation within the territory of the Republic of Armenia (without mandatory labeling requirements, including the EAEU unified mark for product circulation).
- Although economic operators have been regularly informed of the requirements established by the Government Resolution, which were designed to reduce their additional time and financial burden, since April 2025, these operators have failed to comply with the Government-mandated requirements and have not carried out the conformity assessment procedures with the specific features established by the Government Resolution when importing food products.

"On establishing the procedure and conditions for the protection of strategic objects under state security by the Police Guard, as well as ensuring the security of special cargo transportation, including on a contractual basis" (No. 1335-N, September 18, 2025, effective from November 1, 2025)

- On December 26, 2024, Resolution No. 1201-A was adopted by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, approving the list of measures for the implementation of the laws "On Amendments and Supplements to the Law on the Police Guard" and "On Amendments and Supplements to the Law on the Police." According to point 1 of the annex to that decision, a draft Government Resolution was to be submitted to the Prime Minister's Office on "establishing the procedure and conditions for the protection of strategic objects under state security by the Police Guard, as well as ensuring the security of special cargo transportation, including on a contractual basis."
- Accordingly, this Resolution has been developed, proposing that the Government define the procedures for the Police Guard to assume responsibility for protecting strategic objects under state security, implement their protection, ensure access control, and regulate the escorting of special cargo.
- The Resolution establishes key definitions essential for its application, the procedure for protecting strategic objects, the procedure for ensuring the security of special cargo transportation, and related regulations.

"On making supplements and amendments to a number of resolutions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1375-N, September 25, 2025, effective from September 27, 2025)

- The adoption of this Resolution aims to ensure the implementation of measures established by the Resolution of the Prime Minister No. 564-A, clarify the functions of the State Property Management Committee of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure (MTAI), and align them with amendments made to the Land Code, the Law on State Property Management, and the Law on Administrative-Territorial Division, particularly regarding the privatization, disposal, donation, and gratuitous use of state-owned land parcels.
- According to these legal acts, lands owned by the state, as well as lands transferred to subordinate state bodies, can be provided for permanent (gratuitous) use or donation in accordance with the procedures established by the Law on State Property Management and regulated by the authorized body for state property management under the Land Code or other legislation on allocation or donation.
- The Resolution provides for amendments and supplements to a number of legal acts to clarify the processes of gratuitous use and donation of lands owned by the state or transferred to state bodies and organizations. In particular:
- In Government Resolution No. 16-N (January 14, 2010), considering that property, including land parcels, is provided for gratuitous use only for a specific period, and that the institution of permanent use is no longer practically applied, the amendments aim to eliminate the term "permanent use" from the legal framework and align existing regulations with the current legal and practical situation.
- In Government Resolution No. 2037-N (December 19, 2024), a reference is added to lands transferred to the ownership of state bodies or subordinate organizations.
- In Government Resolution No. 595-N (April 21, 2023), it is clarified that lands transferred to state bodies or subordinate organizations may also be provided for gratuitous use.
- In Government Resolution No. 286-N (April 12, 2001), it is established that the disposal, allocation of construction, and use rights of such lands shall be carried out in accordance with the Law on State Property Management and the procedures established by the Government through the authorized body for state property management.
- As a result, these amendments ensure the alignment of existing sub-legal acts with changes in land legislation and establish a unified approach to state property management.

"On making an amendment to Resolution No. 1256-N of November 8, 2018, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1356-N, September 25, 2025, effective from September 26, 2025)

- According to point 4 of the technical and professional requirements for the delivery of medicines established by Resolution No. 1256-N of November 8, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the "delivery requirements"), the delivery of vaccines containing narcotic and psychotropic substances, provided free of charge or under preferential conditions, was prohibited. This prohibition was based on the procedure approved by Government Resolution No. 1402-N of November 9, 2017, according to which, from October 1, 2018, such medicines could be dispensed from pharmacies only in the presence of properly completed paper prescriptions.
- Considering Government Resolution No. 287-N of February 29, 2024, establishes that prescriptions for certain medicines are issued only in electronic form, the amendment proposes to reword point 4 of the delivery requirements. This revision maintains the prohibition on the delivery of medicines containing narcotic psychotropic substances, taking into account the risk of abuse, while allowing the delivery of other prescription medicines, provided that a valid electronic prescription is presented.

"On approving the criteria and procedure for selecting the association of tourism service providers that provides classification to hotel industry facilities" (No. 1380-N, September 25, 2025, effective from October 6, 2025)

- According to the law "On Tourism", the classification of hotel industry facilities shall be carried out by an association of tourism service providers. If it is not possible to select such an association, the classification process shall be carried out by the Tourism Committee.
- Specifically, the Resolution establishes:
- 1. Key definitions in the annexes that are essential for the sector, such as "competition," "competition commission," and others;
- 2. Criteria for selecting the association of tourism service providers responsible for classifying hotel industry facilities;
- 3. Procedure for selecting the association of tourism service providers that will provide classification;
- 4. The procedure for participating in the competition, including the verification and evaluation of submitted documents and information, among other related matters.
- This Resolution is necessitated by the need to ensure that hotel services comply with international quality standards.

"On establishing the technical requirements, descriptions, classification procedure and criteria, and the form and validity period of the classification certificate for hotel industry facilities" (No. 1383-N, September 25, 2025, effective from October 6, 2025)

- A significant portion of hotels does not meet tourist expectations and fails to comply with the standards required for obtaining classification.
- Based on data collection, significant gaps were identified, which this Resolution addresses. Specifically, the Resolution proposes to establish: technical requirements and descriptions for hotel industry facilities, the classification procedure and criteria, the form of the classification certificate.
- The Resolution further defines:
- 1. Key terms essential for its proper implementation, such as the concepts of an international classification body and hotel facility classification;
- 2.Technical requirements and descriptions applied by internationally recognized classification institutions;
- 3. The stages of hotel facility classification;
- 4. The validity period of the classification certificate and other related matters.

"On making an amendment to Resolution No. 1482-N of September 19, 2024, of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (No. 1360-N, September 25, 2025, effective from September 26, 2025)

- The adoption of this Resolution is necessitated by the need to amend the format of the professional qualification certificate for transport managers in the Republic of Armenia.
- In 2024, to localize the specifics of interstate freight transport under the International Road Transport Quality Charter within the framework of the multilateral quota system of the Transport Ministers' European Conference (TMEC), the relevant legislative framework was developed, including the Government's Resolution No. 1482-N of September 19, 2024, "On establishing the professional qualification of transport managers, requirements for professional qualification exams, description of the professional qualification certificate, and the procedure for issuing the professional qualification certificate."
- Due to the provision of the qualification certificate on two different bases, it became necessary to amend Resolution No. 1482-N to allow explicit indication on the certificate regarding the basis for its issuance.
- The amendment aims to make the certificate more practical by presenting it as a bilingual, single-page document, thus avoiding duplication of official seals and signatures.

DRAFT LAWS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT

"On approving the Draft Law 'On Amendments to the Law of the Republic of Armenia on Human Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights'" (No. 1251-A, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- The adoption of this draft law is necessitated by the Constitutional Court's decision No. SDO-1775, according to which points 1 and 2 of part 1 of Article 12 of the Law "On Human Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights," which established age restrictions for exercising the right to use assisted reproductive technologies, were recognized as contrary to the Constitution, and therefore invalid.
- Accordingly, the draft law removes the agebased restrictions for the right to use assisted reproductive technologies from the law, thereby eliminating the previously established age limits for women and men.

"On approving the proposal to sign the loan agreement between the Republic of Armenia and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the 'Yerevan Customs and Logistics Center' project" (No. 1253-A and 1257-A, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- For the purposes of the State Revenue Committee (SRC) of the Republic of Armenia, it is planned to construct the Yerevan Customs and Logistics Center through the conclusion of loan and grant agreements between the Republic of Armenia and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
- Under the project, the Republic of Armenia is to receive financial resources totaling EUR 45.0 million, of which EUR 39.0 million will be loan funds and EUR 6.0 million will be grant funds.
- The project envisions the construction of an External Economic Activity (EEA) center and the SRC administrative building.
- The establishment of the Yerevan Customs and Logistics Center will enable EEA participants to ensure the necessary efficiency for customs control.

"On the proposal regarding the draft law of the Republic of Armenia 'On making amendments and supplements to the Law on Employment'" (No. 1243-N, September 4, 2025, effective from September 5, 2025)

- The Government's proposal concerns significant amendments to Article 20 of the law "On Employment." The new wording introduces a mandatory quota system for the employment of persons with disabilities.
- · According to the amendments:
- 1.State bodies, community institutions, and organizations where the state's share exceeds 50% must ensure that at least 4% of their average annual workforce are persons with disabilities.
- 2.Other organizations must ensure that at least 2% of their average annual workforce are persons with disabilities, provided the average number of employees during the year is 100 or more.
- Failure to meet the quota requires organizations to make contributions to the state budget, which will be used to promote the employment of persons with disabilities.
- The new regulations also clearly define: the method for calculating the quota, the procedure for submitting reports, and employers' rights and cooperation mechanisms with state employment authorities.
- Overall, the amendments aim to promote the labor inclusion of persons with disabilities and ensure balanced participation of both the public and private sectors in the implementation of employment policies.

"On the Draft Law of the Republic of Armenia 'On the Ratification of the Temporary Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and Its Member States, on the one hand, and Mongolia, on the other hand" (No. 1283-A, September 11, 2025, effective from September 12, 2025)

- The temporary trade agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and its member states, on the one hand, and Mongolia, on the other, was signed on June 27, 2025, in Minsk.
- The purpose of the agreement is to liberalize and simplify trade between the Parties, including through the reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers, support economic and trade cooperation between the Parties, and encourage the expansion and diversification of trade between the Parties.

"On Approving Armenia's Subscription Instrument to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)" (No. 1285-A, September 11, 2025, effective from September 12, 2025)

- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), established in 2015 by China, is a multilateral development bank aimed at promotina sustainable economic development in the Asia-Pacific region and enhancing welfare by improving infrastructure in close collaboration with international multilateral and bilateral development institutions.
- Armenia's subscription to AIIB involves subscribing to the bank's share capital through both paid-in and callable shares, with each share valued at USD 100,000.
- The subscription is significant for boosting political Armenian-Chinese dialogue, creating opportunities for modernizing Armenia's transport infrastructure through Chinese-backed investments, and enabling Armenia to participate in large-scale regional while investment projects cooperating with other multilateral and bilateral development institutions.
- This step strengthens Armenia's integration into regional development initiatives and international financial networks.

"On Approving the Proposal to Sign the Agreement on the Customs Examination and Research Center of the Customs Services of the CIS Member States" (No. 1320-A, September 18, 2025, effective from September 19, 2025)

- The Customs Examination and Research Center of the Customs Services of the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) member states is an intergovernmental body designed to facilitate cooperation among expert institutions of the CIS customs authorities. It also promotes constructive collaboration with international and research organizations.
- The purpose of signing this agreement is to grant a specialized state authority or institution of a CIS member state the status of a Customs Examination and Research Center, fully authorized under that state's legislation to conduct customs-related examinations and research.
- The Center's main areas of activity include:
- 1.Conducting customs examinations and research while ensuring informationanalytical and scientific-methodological cooperation among the Parties;
- Organizing practical and scientific-technical cooperation between the Parties during customs examinations and research;
- 3. Developing standardized approaches to the organization of customs authorities' work when appointing and conducting customs examinations and research.

"On Approving Draft Laws on "Amendments and Supplements to the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia" and "Amendments and Supplements to the Law on State Duty"" (No. 1349-A, September 25, 2025, effective from September 26, 2025)

- The adoption of the Resolution is conditioned by the need to reduce congestion arising from the collection of taxes and fees upon the entry of transport vehicles at the land border checkpoints of the Republic of Armenia and to establish an exemption from the payment of road tax in certain cases.
- The main proposed changes are as follows:
- 1. Postponement of Environmental and Road Tax Payments: Payments can now be made up to 15 days after entry into the Republic of Armenia, and in case of exit before this period, up to the exit from the Republic of Armenia. The customs authorities will have the possibility to collect unpaid taxes and calculate penalties at the time of exit.
- 2.Amendments to the Law on State Duty: It is proposed to revise the existing rates. The new rates will be as follows: up to 3 tons AMD 7,000; 3–10 tons AMD 13,000; 10–25 tons AMD 18,000; 25–60 tons AMD 24,000; more than 60 tons AMD 35,000.
- 3. Unification of Environmental Tax Rates: It is proposed to establish a single rate for vehicles not registered in the Republic of Armenia, taking into account that cases of exceeding emission standards are already covered by other legislative liability mechanisms.
- 4. Road Tax Exemption in Extraordinary Cases: If the exit of cargo vehicles from the territory of Armenia becomes impossible due to the inaccessibility of roads, the obligation to calculate and pay road tax will be suspended for the relevant period, based on a certificate issued by the authorized body.
- With these changes, the government aims, on the one hand, to lighten administrative burdens and the load on taxpayers, and on the other hand, to ensure the effectiveness and transparency of the tax and duty system.

UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

THE FOLLOWING DRAFT LAWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IN THE FIRST READING.

On Making a Supplement to the Law "On Ensuring Road Traffic Safety" (available here); On Making an Amendment to the Code on Administrative Offenses of the Republic of Armenia (available here)

- To prevent the disturbance of public peace and noise pollution, it is proposed to prohibit the installation of additional amplifiers and speakers in vehicles to prevent loud music emanating from them, as well as to prohibit the installation of non-standard mufflers on vehicles.
- Furthermore, administrative liability for violating the law will be established by the Code on Administrative Offenses.

On Making Supplements to the Law "On Automobile Transport" (available <u>here</u>); On Making an Amendment to the Code on Administrative Offenses of the Republic of Armenia (available here)

- Currently, the program for the liberalization of cabotage transport within the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) is not fully regulated by law in the Republic of Armenia.
- This draft has been developed for the implementation of the process, which stipulates that cabotage transportations may be carried out on the territory of the Republic of Armenia by carriers from the member states of the EEU. The requirements for submitting necessary information for carrying out cabotage transportations in the territory of the Republic of Armenia by carriers from the member states of the Union will be approved by the authorized body.
- The purpose of the program is to establish a common market for motor transport services within the Union and to facilitate access to motor transport services throughout the entire territory of the Union for carriers of the Union member states, regardless of their citizenship or the state of registration.
- Additionally, administrative liability shall be established for the performance of cabotage transportations within the territory of the Republic of Armenia by means of transport registered in another state, in cases not defined by international agreements, or for the performance of cabotage transportations by carriers of the EEU member states in violation of the requirements established by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

On Making Amendments to the Law "On Language" (available <u>here</u>)

• The adoption of the draft envisions supplementing the Law with an authorizing norm that will enable the adoption of the draft "Procedure for the regulation of the use of translated and borrowed concepts and proper names applied in state document circulation and legislation", the composition and working procedure of the commission formed for the purpose of regulation, which was adopted by the Language Committee, and make the process of language standardization in the state complete.

On Making an Amendment to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia (available here);

On Making Supplements and an Amendment to the Law "On Military Police" (available here)

 The package of draft laws defines the forms of avoiding training gatherings, clarifies the description of the committed criminal act, tightens the liability for avoiding training gatherings combined with a number of unlawful circumstances and clarifies the scope of the powers of the Military Police.

On Making Supplements and Amendments to the Law "On Mediation" (available <u>here</u>); On Making Supplements and an Amendment to the Civil Procedure Code (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft proposes the definition and specifics of co-mediation, the possibility for the Ministry of Justice to appoint a mediation institution when appointing a mediator, the procedure for certifying settlement agreements in Armenia that are approved by a Republic of Armenia licensed mediator and involve foreign persons.
- In particular, the draft is aimed at regulating the institution of co-mediation, the purpose of which is to make the mediation process more effective and targeted, especially in cases where it is necessary to combine different mediation styles for complex cases.
- In addition, the law lacks certain regulations related to the additional costs arising when carrying out mediation with the involvement of mediation institutions and the distribution of those costs. The draft proposes including these additional costs in the list of expenses related to mediation as well. Amendments are also proposed to the RA Civil Procedure Code, particularly regarding cases related to the requirement for the court to certify a settlement agreement concluded out of court with the participation of a licensed mediator.

On Making Supplements to the Law "On Medical Aid and Service to the Population" (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft proposes:
- 1.to enshrine the authority of the state authorized body in the field of healthcare to evaluate the compliance of the implemented quality management system, as well as exceptions to the general requirement for organizations carrying out laboratory activities to implement a quality management system, which are already defined by Government Resolution No. 1413-N of September 2, 2021;
- 2.to define a legal consequence for the nonimplementation of a quality management system in an organization carrying out laboratory activities, as well as to define the fact that confirms the elimination of the cause of the violation when the license is suspended on the aforementioned grounds;
- 3.the suspension of the medical aid and service license as a legal consequence. If the draft is adopted, the licensing body will be authorized, in the event of a quality management system not being implemented, to suspend the medical aid and service license for the laboratory-diagnostic type of an organization carrying out laboratory activities, based on Point 12 of Part 1 of Article 36 of the Law "On Licensing."
- 4.granting the Government the authority to adopt the Resolution "On Forming the Register of Organizations Carrying Out Laboratory Activities in the Republic of Armenia and Approving the Procedure for its Maintenance."

On Making Amendments and a Supplement to the Tax Code of the Republic of Armenia (available here)

- According to the proposed changes, the following shall also be considered income derived from sources in Armenia: income paid to employees hired by a non-resident organization for work performed and/or services rendered in the territory of Armenia, provided that the income paid is considered an for the permanent expense establishment of the non-resident organization registered in the Republic of Armenia (regardless of the circumstance of deducting that expense from gross income, and/or the involvement of the employees hired by the non-resident organization in the activities of the permanent establishment).
- Furthermore, if the draft is adopted, the tax authority shall provide a certificate of being considered an Armenian tax resident electronically or shall electronically confirm the form of the certificate establishing the fact of Armenian residency as defined by the legislation of a foreign state.

On Making Amendments and Supplements to the Constitutional Law "On the Human Rights Defender" (available <u>here</u>)

• The amendments envision new powers for the Human Rights Defender. In particular, the Defender will be authorized to submit a legal position (amicus brief) regarding applications filed with the Constitutional Court, concerning issues of compliance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Defender will also carry out research on issues related to human rights and freedoms, as well as measures aimed at raising the level of public awareness.

On Making a Supplement to the Law "On the State Border" (available <u>here</u>)

- It is proposed to enshrine the fact of the operation of the SECT system (State Electronic Cross-border Traffic System) for the purpose of ensuring the implementation of border control, to define general conditions for using the system and inputting information into it, as well as to clarify the scope of issues subject to regulation at the sub-legislative level concerning the system and the functions of the authorized body.
- It is envisioned that state bodies may have access to the SECT system and input data into the system within the scope of the powers granted to them by law and to the extent necessary for the exercise of those powers. The set of data reflected in the SECT system is also defined.

On Making a Supplement and Amendments to the Law "On the Academy of Justice" (available <u>here</u>)

• The draft proposes to remove the regulations from the law that concern the payment of scholarships to listeners undergoing professional training at the expense of the state budget by the Academy of Justice and the regulations directly related to it. It is also proposed to stipulate that the Rector of the Academy of Justice shall conclude employment contracts with persons involved in the teaching process at the Academy.

On the Code of Integrity and Disciplinary Conduct of the Police and on Making Amendments and Supplements to other related laws (available <u>here</u>)

• The draft law establishes regulations concerning the rules of conduct, incompatibility requirements, other restrictions, and conflicts of interest for police officers. The powers of the Police Ethics Commission and the incentives applied to police officers are defined.

On Making Supplements and Amendments to the Law "On State Registration of Rights to Property" (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft establishes that the electronic system of the official website of the State Register of Real Estate shall be considered the primary and main option for applying to the State Register of Real Estate, while visiting a service office shall be considered an exception for cases clearly defined in the Law "On State Registration of Rights to Property."
- The adoption of the draft is expected to clearly define the documents required for the state registration of rights to real estate and their termination, the procedure for submitting them in paper format to the Cadastre Committee and the procedure for converting them into electronic format. The submitted application and the attached documents shall be scanned and entered into the electronic system of state registration. The applicant shall certify, with their signature via the corresponding electronic signature device, the compliance of the submitted documents with the scanned documents, as a result of which the latter shall acquire equal legal force with the submitted documents, and then all documents presented by the applicant shall be returned to them.
- It is envisioned that in case of a contradiction between the documents submitted to the State Register of Real Estate and their other copies, preference shall be given to the documents submitted to the State Register of Real Estate. Also, it is stipulated that the head of the State Register of Real Estate shall approve the procedure for entering the documents attached to the application into the electronic system of state registration and the photographing of the applicant by technical means, as well as the form of the excerpt containing a barcode provided to the applicant.

On Making Amendments to the Law "On State Non-Commercial Organizations" and on Making Supplements and Amendments to related laws (available here)

• The draft legislative package provides that state bodies will lease state property instead of using it gratuitously (free of charge) from the state. Lease agreements make it possible for the state to calculate how much money is spent for a given area, even though it is provided for the use of state bodies. Thus, state bodies must pay rent, which leads to an improvement in the process of recognizing and accounting for expenses.

 If the legal acts are adopted, the process of leasing property managed by state bodies, including state non-commercial organizations and Closed Joint Stock Companies with 100% state participation, by the latter will be regulated. The goal of this is to increase the efficiency of state property use by identifying unused areas.

On Making Supplements and Amendments to the Mining Code of the Republic of Armenia (available here):

On Making an Amendment to the Code of the Republic of Armenia on Administrative Offenses (available here)

- Taking into account the current problems created around the Araks River, the Mining Code has established a ban on the extraction of riverbed material (sand/gravel) from the channel of border rivers.
- The Code on Administrative Offenses provides for a significantly high limit of administrative liability for the extraction of sand from the river channel by the subsurface user, in the amount of twenty thousand times the established minimum wage. If the extraction of sand from the river channel by the subsurface user is repeated during the entire term of the subsurface use right, the termination of the subsurface use right is envisioned.

On Making Supplements and Amendments to the Law "On Energy" (available <u>here</u>)

- Based on the complexities arising in the field of electric vehicle charging, this draft proposes:
- 1.to stipulate that electric vehicle charging services may be provided by any person, including a consumer, and that this is not a type of activity subject to licensing in the field of energy and is not subject to regulation within the meaning of the mentioned law. It also proposes to create an opportunity for the consumer to consume the electricity supplied to them also in their own parking lot located outside the area of consumer's consumption svstem. independently carrying out the connection of these systems to each other in compliance with the current requirements;
- 2.to create an opportunity for autonomous power producers with a capacity exceeding 150 kW to participate in the competitive electricity market on equal terms with other persons having the same status, thereby also promoting competition in the electricity market:
- 3.to stipulate that the relationships between the participants of an autonomous group are determined by the mutual agreement of the autonomous group participants.

On Making Supplements and Amendments to the Law "On State Registration of Rights to Property" and related laws (available <u>here</u>)

• Currently, the bodies imposing restrictions, with the exception of courts, submit documents on the imposition and lifting of restrictions on real estate to the State Register of Real Estate through the "Electronic System for Submission of Documents Required for State Registration of Rights and Restrictions on Real Estate." It is expected to ensure the full applicability of the electronic system by also submitting the acts issued by the courts regarding the imposition or lifting of restrictions on real estate to the State Register electronically.

On the Adoption of the Law on Realtor Activity and on Making Supplements and Amendments to related laws (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft legislative package is aimed at establishing unified regulations in the realtor sector. The scope of realtor services is defined, which includes intermediary services carried out for the conclusion of transactions related to the alienation and leasing of real estate and the property rights existing over it, as well as the organization of auctions and tenders for real estate and the property rights existing over it, and property management.
- The requirements for the form and the essential terms of the contract for the provision of realtor and property management services are envisioned. The "Unified Information System" is being introduced, into which the contracts for the provision of realtor or property management services, the contracts concluded by the property manager within the scope of property management, as well as other data defined by law, must be entered. Failure to enter the data will lead to the invalidity of contracts. Only realtors organizations registered by the authorized body in the manner prescribed by law may engage in realtor activity.
- Property management is also envisioned as a type of realtor activity, which is a service offered by individuals and legal entities for the everyday management of residential, public, industrial, and other real estate.

On Making a Supplement to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia (available here)

• It is envisioned to establish criminal liability for obstructing the lawful professional activity of a medical worker. An aggravating circumstance is also established for cases where the aforementioned act is committed with the threat of violence.

On Making Amendments to the Law "On Tax Service" (available <u>here</u>)

On Making Amendments to the Law "On Customs Service" (available <u>here</u>)

- It is envisioned to define the grounds, conditions, and limits for the use of physical force, special means, and weapons by public servants of the tax body and the customs body.
- Public servants will have the right to apply physical force, as well as weapons and special means, in the cases and procedures provided by law.

On Making Supplements to the Land Code of the Republic of Armenia (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft proposes to expand the possibilities for supporting the implementation of investment programs through increasing the public utility of land plots and the effective management of land plots assigned to the disposal of state bodies and subordinate state bodies.
- The adoption of the draft will regulate the processes of long-term lease of lands belonging to state and community ownership (in this case, agricultural lands) which have been assigned (secured) to state or subordinate state bodies, for the purpose of implementing investment programs (based on the volume of the latter).

On Making Supplements and Amendments to the Family Code of the Republic of Armenia and other related laws (available <u>here</u>)

- The purpose of the legislative change is the implementation of norms provided for by international agreements and the distribution of functions between different bodies. Among other changes:
- 1.In case of an urgent need for alternative care, it is envisioned to establish a provision regarding the de facto guardian and trustee;
- 2.The mandatory assurance of the child's best interests is established in matters concerning them, including in cases of adoption and foster care;
- 3. The clear functions of specialized social workers in the community in the field of child protection are established. It is also envisioned to create multi-disciplinary child protection councils by the regional governor's staff (Marzpetaran), and in the city of Yerevan, by the Municipality, to assist in the implementation of child protection functions;
- 4. The obligation of mandatory notification (alert) in case of violence or risk of violence is also established.

On Making a Supplement and an Amendment to the Law "On State Duty" (available <u>here</u>)

- It is envisioned that claimants in claims for compensation for non-pecuniary damage caused by the violation of fundamental rights provided for by the Civil Code may also benefit from the deferral of the state duty payment deadline, provided that the preliminary investigation body, the prosecutor, or the court has established the fact of a rights violation resulting from a decision, action, or inaction of a state or local self-government body or its official.
- The mentioned persons also benefit from duty payment privileges for appeals and cassation appeals against court judgments and decisions.

On Making Supplements to the Law "On the Prevention of Domestic and Household Violence and the Protection of Persons Subject to Domestic and Household Violence" (available here);

On Making Supplements to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft proposes to establish an obligation for the person who committed violence in the family to wear an electronic monitoring device, while the draft law "On Making Supplements to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia" envisions liability for evading or refusing to wear an electronic monitoring device.
- Simultaneously, it is proposed to set March 1, 2026, as the effective date for the laws.

On Making Amendments and Supplements to the Code on Administrative Offenses of the Republic of Armenia (available here) On Making Supplements to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia (available here)

- The draft laws propose to define the acts that constitute violations related to the sale of unstamped goods that are subject to stamping with excise stamps, labels, or control (identification) marks, and to increase the amount of existing fines by introducing stricter administrative penalties.
- Specifically, in order to prevent such violations, the draft provides that in the case of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages (including spirits), the confiscation of the items that constitute the direct object of the administrative offense will be introduced as an additional administrative sanction.
- It is also proposed to establish criminal liability for the production, storage, transportation, shipment, acquisition, use, or sale of counterfeit control (identification) marks intended for sale.

On Making Amendments to the Law "On Procurements" (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft:
- 1.clarifies that the contracting authority cannot change the subject matter of the procurement provided for by the concluded contract, and the cases and procedure for changing the requirements presented to the specifications (technical specifications, terms of supply and payment) shall be defined by the Government;
- 2. envisions that in cases where the participant, recognized as the winner of the tender, must present the contract and qualification securities in the form of a bank guarantee, the contracting authority shall initially provide for the deadline for their submission in the invitation, which cannot be less than 10 days;
- 3. envisions that the specifications of the subject matter of the procurement must be objectively justified and stem from the need for which the given procurement is being carried out, and must include a complete description of the non-price terms.

On Making Supplements to the Law "On Education" and Making Supplements and Amendments to related laws (available <u>here</u>)

- The amendments concern the change in the subordination of general education schools, under which a transition will be made to a centralized model under the authority of the state education management body.
- The centralized management by a single authorized body, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports, aims to ensure unified and comprehensive interaction of functions at the state, regional, and local levels, directed toward providing quality education.

THE FOLLOWING DRAFT LAW HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN THE FIRST READING AND IN FULL.

On the Law on Higher Education and Science and on Making Amendments and Supplements to related laws (available here)

- The Law shall regulate the relations connected with the legal organization and financial issues in the higher education and science system of Armenia and shall define the principles for the formation and implementation of state policy in that field.
- The Law shall define the main concepts in the field, regulate the licensing of institutions, the issuance of warnings, suspension of licenses, institutional accreditation, recognition of foreign qualifications, and university admissions.

Drafts placed for public discussion on the E-DRAFT platform

Draft Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Armenia "On making amendments to Resolution No. 534-N of May 18, 2017 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia" (available here)

- The need to make amendments to the proposed regulation is conditioned by the necessity to align the requirements for procedures of procurements carried out through auctions with the regulations established by Resolution No. 526-N of 04.05.2017 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, as a result of which possible anti-competitive agreements during the auction process will be excluded.
- In particular, there are cases when participants propose a very low price, and other organizations participating in the auction are deprived of the opportunity to reduce their prices.
- As a result, the participant who has submitted the lowest price offer is recognized as the selected one, and the applications of the other participants are rejected. Where the selected participant refuses to conclude the contract, taking into account that there is no next-ranked participant, the auction is considered not held.
- It is planned to limit these instances by establishing that if the selected participant refuses to conclude the contract, the auction will restart among the remaining participants.

Draft Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Armenia "On defining the list of dangerous goods transported by road transport" (available <u>here</u>)

- The draft was developed with the aim of regulating the field of transportation of dangerous goods by road transport.
- It is planned to define the list of dangerous goods transported by road transport, which has been fully aligned with the requirements of the Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR).
- The list presents internationally accepted data on dangerous goods, the name of the dangerous goods, the UN identification number, the classification code, and the packaging requirements.

Draft Order of the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia "On defining the form of the report on the activities of private security organizations and the list of information to be included therein" (available here)

- In connection with the establishment of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, according to Resolution No. 270-L of March 14, 2023, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia ensures the implementation of the licensing process for private security activities, as well as the administration related to compliance with license requirements.
- The National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia adopted the Law No. HO-93-N "On amendments and supplements to the Law on Private Security Activities," which, inter alia, establishes a legislative requirement for private security organizations to submit reports to the authorized body.
- Pursuant to part 4 of Article 8 of the same Law, the authority is vested with the power to define the form of the report on the activities of private security organizations and the list of information to be included therein.
- Based on the above, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia has developed the Draft Order of the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia "On defining the form of the report on the activities of private security organizations and the list of information to be included therein," which proposes to establish the form of the report on the activities of private security organizations and the list of information to be included therein.

Draft Resolution "On approving the draft laws of the Republic of Armenia on making a supplement to the Law on Procurement and on making amendments and supplements to the Civil Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia" (available here)

- The regulations proposed by the drafts exclude unforeseen suspensions of procurement processes resulting from the appeals of actions (inactions) and decisions of the contracting authority and the evaluation commission within the procurement process, thereby eliminating unplanned delays in the process.
- If the procurement process announcement contains information indicating that the process is organized for the purpose of ensuring public interests or the interests of defense and national security, then the appeal of actions (inactions) and decisions of the contracting authority and the evaluation commission within the procurement process shall not suspend the procurement process. At the same time, the Government may establish limitations and conditions for including such information the announcement.
- The execution of final judicial acts of the court concerning disputes related to the appeal of actions (inactions) and decisions of the contracting authority and the evaluation commission cannot be suspended on the grounds that appellate or cassation complaints have been accepted for consideration against those acts.
- An appeal in cassation against the decisions adopted by the appellate court as a result of the examination of complaints regarding judgments made in disputes related to procurement (except for decisions on termination of proceedings based on reconciliation or withdrawal of an appellate complaint) may be filed within fifteen days from the moment of publication of those acts.

Thank you!