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## LEGISLATION UPDATE

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## Date, heading

**1 February, 2023**

*AML policy updated*

**4 February, 2023**

*Protection of radiofrequency*

**7 February, 2023**

*Administrative court proceedings*

## Updates

The new Law on the fight against the legalization of property obtained through crime and the financing of terrorism is adopted, which regulates relationships directed at detection, prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing and creating conditions that exclude the possibility of using the country's economic system for illegal purposes, the fulfilment of the obligations arising from the international agreements that the Republic of Azerbaijan is a party, as well as the implementation of effective domestic and international cooperation in order to protect the interests of the state and society.

The Law enters into force from 1<sup>st</sup> February, and with this, the previous Law of the same name is abolished.

Link to the newly adopted law:

<https://e-qanun.az/framework/53369>

New provisions added to the Law "On telecommunication" regulate allocation of radio frequencies, designing, installing and operating radio electronic devices using radio frequencies.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/58821>

In addition to the above regulations, the Administrative Code of Offences has also been amended to include responsibility and relevant sanctions for "designing, installing and operating radio-electronic devices without proper authorization" (art. 362-3) and "illegal use of telecommunication means and devices and their illegal circulation" (art. 363).

New Articles 9-1 and 9-2 are added to the Administrative Procedural Code regulating the electronic conduct of administrative court proceedings.

Now, in the courts where the "Electronic court" information system is applied, based on the plaintiff's (applicant's) choice, administrative court proceedings can be conducted electronically, and the general procedural rules are being regulated by the Code.

**8 February, 2023**  
*Labour pensions raised*

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/58863>

On February 8, President Ilham Aliyev signed a law On Amendments to the Law "On Labour Pensions".

According to the amendments, from February 1 2023, the size of labour pension are raised from 240 to 280 AZN.

**8 February, 2023**  
*Convention approved*

On February 8, President Ilham Aliyev signed a law On the approval of Convention № 155 of International Labour Organization on Occupational Safety and Health.

**8 February, 2023**  
*Law on Electric Energy is amended*

With the amendments to the Law on Electric Energy, a number of definitions are added. Besides, the new Article 8-1 regulates the connection of construction objects to the electrical network.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/58869>

**9 February, 2023**  
*Novelty in Electronic Government Information System*

The amendments have been made to the number of Laws of Azerbaijan Republic related to the access to information through the Electronic Government Information System. From now on, if it is possible to obtain the necessary documents or information from the relevant state body (institution) through the Electronic Government Information System, those documents or information are not required from the applicant. In cases where it is not possible to obtain such documents or information through the Electronic Government Information System, their submission is requested from the relevant government body (institution) with the consent of the applicant or provided by the applicant.

The relevant amendments have been made to the following Laws: Code of Civil Procedure, Code of Administrative Procedure, Migration Code, Tax Code, Family Code, Urban Planning and Construction Code, the Law on "Registration by place of residence and location", the Law on "Trademarks and geographical indications", the Law on "Passports", the Law on "The identity card of a citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan", the Law on "Military duty and military service", the Law on "Social Allowance", the Law on "Mortgage", the Law on "The State Register of the Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan", the Law on "Lotteries", the Law on "Investment funds", the Law on "Licenses

**10 February, 2023**  
*Moratorium prolonged*

and permits”, the Law on “Social service”, the Law on “Banks”, the Law on “Non-banking crediting organisations”, the Law on “Insurance activity”.

**20 February, 2023**  
*Food safety regulations expanded*

Amendment has been made to the Law "On the suspension of inspections in the field of entrepreneurship" which suspended the inspection of private businesses for another year. The period of suspension is established until 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.

The new regulations in the field of food safety are added to the Customs Code, the Law “on Protection of consumer rights”, the Law “on State Duty”, the Law "on the list of items not allowed to be in civil circulation (excluded from civil circulation)", the Law “on the Veterinary”, the Law “on conservation and efficient use of genetic resources of cultivated plants”, the Law “on Licenses and permits”.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59000>

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