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1. On April 8, 2020, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed a decree on amendments to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on improving state support for agriculture and leasing in the agricultural sector and several issues related to stimulating financing in the agricultural sector.

The limits, terms and interest rates of loans issued to business entities were changed with this Decree. As a result, business entities can be provided with soft loans at the expense of the Agency in the following limits and terms.

- Up to 15,000 manats -micro-credits;
- From 15,001 to 30,000 manats- small credits;
- For micro-credit- for up to 3 years.

At the same time, a clause on providing collateral for microcredits was added to that Decree. This clause indicates the procedure for calculating the amount of collateral on microcredits issued by the Agency to authorized credit organizations at 2.5% per annum.

In order to ensure the efficient distribution of the Agency's funds among authorized credit organizations, the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall submit relevant information to the Agency on financial and statistical indicators of authorized credit organizations by February 1 of each year. Besides, the Agency shall immediately submit to the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan information on authorized credit organizations violating the terms of the project.

**Note: To effectively ensure the changes in this Decree, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed an Order on April 14, 2020, on allocation of funds (30 million manats) to improve**

**the provision of micro-credits to agricultural procedures during and after the Coronavirus pandemic.**

2. According to the Decision dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, a lump sum payment of 190 (one hundred ninety) manats per month to persons registered as unemployed in the "Employment" subsystem of the Centralized Electronic Information System 2 of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Azerbaijan during the special quarantine regime in connection with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic filing has been identified.

It is worthy to mention that according to the Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers on social protection of persons registered as unemployed in the state employment service in the fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which came into force on April 7, 2020 continuation of unemployment insurance payments to the unemployed who have expired by April 1, 2020, as well as payment to the participants of the courses interrupted in the process of vocational training until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following the end of the special quarantine regime in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan

3. According to the Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020, to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the country, the special quarantine regime in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan was extended until 00:00 on May 31, 2020.

At the same time, this decision provides for the gradual resumption of the activities of prohibited areas of work and services from 00:00 on May 4, 2020. It should be noted that the requirements of this Decision apply to the territory of Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja, Lankaran and Absheron region.

4. On April 25, 2020, Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan amended the article on full insurance of the protected deposit of the protected depositor of the law on full insurance of deposits. According to this law, all protected deposits are fully insured for 4(four) years and 9 (nine) months by the participating banks of the Fund, which have a special agreement

(license) to carry out banking activities, regardless of the amount.



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