

## April 2021

### In this update:

1. *28 April, 2021*

The Law on Execution has been amended: new termination ground is added.

2. *27 April, 2021*

The new public legal entity “Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azercosmos)” has been established.

3. *22 April, 2021*

A Technology Commercialization and Transfer Center has been established in Azerbaijan.

4. *19 April, 2021*

The Charter of the Agency for State Support to Non-Governmental Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been approved.

5. *2 April, 2021*

The Civil Code has been amended: Employment contracts will not create civil rights and obligations.

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1. The Law on Execution envisages certain grounds and procedure for the termination of execution. With the amendment from 28 April, 2021 new ground has been included to the list of cases when the execution can be ceased:

on transfer of debts and interest on taxes secured by a court decision and imposed financial sanctions (except for compulsory state social insurance, unemployment insurance and compulsory health insurance premiums) to the state budget - after expiration of 5 years from the date of entry into force of the relevant court decision.

2. In order to maintain the achievements and development in the field of space activities in the Republic of Azerbaijan, to make the most of our country's rapid technological progress, to improve the management, regulation, coordination and control mechanisms in the field of space activities, the Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azercosmos).

The Agency is a public legal entity which participates in the formation and implementation of state policy in the field of space activities, performs functions of national and public importance in the field of regulation and control, telecommunications, Earth observations and other satellites, participates in international space projects, cooperates with relevant international organizations and relevant foreign government agencies in the field of peaceful use of space.

3. On April 22, 2021, Cabinet of Ministers executed Presidential decree on establishment of the Technology

Commercialization and Transfer Center Subordinated to the Intellectual Property Agency of Azerbaijan Republic. In this way, it is appointed that the center provides technology for the connection between science and industry, mutual order and supply relations, technology transfer and commercialization of intellectual activity to increase the quality and application of inventive activity, to support innovative development, including startup projects, commercial and non-commercial research results. It is a public legal entity involved in the provision of services for the transfer of technologies and projects to target markets, coordination of activities in this area, aimed at the transfer for commercial use, as well as to generate income from these results.

4. The President of Azerbaijan Republic has approved the Charter of the Agency for State Support to Non-Governmental Organizations (hereinafter - the Agency). According to the presidential decree the Agency was established to evaluate and comment on the topics of their initiatives, programs and projects, as well as the activities of non-governmental organizations in the development of international cooperation.

The directions of the Agency's activity are defined as follows:

- to ensure the development of the relevant field;
- to participate in the formation and implementation of state policy in the relevant field;
- to develop and promote cooperation mechanisms between public-private and non-governmental organizations;
- to evaluate the topics of projects put forward by non-governmental organizations on issues of importance to the state and society and to give an opinion on them;
- to promote the activities of non-governmental organizations in the field of public control;
- to develop international cooperation of non-governmental organizations;
- to participate in the implementation of control over the proper use of grants allocated by the state budget by non-governmental organizations;
- to provide informational, advisory, methodological and financial assistance to non-governmental organizations;
- to act in other directions determined by its Charter.

5. On April 02, 2021, the President signed a Decree on amendments to the Civil Code of the Azerbaijan Republic. With this Decree, labor contracts were removed from the list of grounds for formation of civil rights and obligations.

According to the Code, formation of civil rights and obligations occurs as follows:

“Civil rights and obligations arise from the grounds provided for in civil law, as well as from the actions of individuals and legal entities that give rise to civil rights and obligations by virtue of the principles of civil law, although not provided by law.”

Further, the Code envisages the list of grounds for the formation of civil rights and obligations among which are contracts and other agreements regulated by the legislation as well as contracts and agreements not regulated by the legislation but not contradicting with it. Although employment contracts have formed an integral part of these regulations, with the new amendment they are considered as an exception and do not generate civil rights and obligations.

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