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1. On May 6, 2020, the list of licenses and permits which have to be notified to the State Customs Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic on transfer, suspension, restoration, or cancellation was determined. Thus, the list includes permits for export, re-export, import, re-import and transit of goods (works, services, results of intellectual activity). The categories for permission are as accordingly:
  - Oil and gas activities;
  - Items belonging to a participant in civil turnover;
  - Zoological and biological activities;
  - Passenger transportation;
  - Food products;
  - Medicines;
  - Industrial parks;
  - Cultural resources.
2. On May 12, 2020 the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed a Decree on ensuring the activities of the Ministry of Economy and changes in its responsibilities. This Decree approves the “Regulations of the State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan”, “Regulations of the State Service for Property Issues” and “Regulations of the State Service for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control”. According to this Decree, the above listed state agencies (Public Services) are the legal successors of the Ministry of Taxes, the State Committee for Property Affairs, and the State Agency for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control. At the same time, all their rights and obligations, as well as their property are transferred to the above-mentioned Public Services and remain unchanged for a certain time. The changes made in the positions of

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the Ministry by this law are as follows:

- To determine the classification of high (medium, low-risk, groups of goods, works, services) according to the established criteria, depending on the degree of threat to human life and health, environment, property and interests of the state through the relevant body included in the structure;
- To approve and publish the list of referenced standards to ensure the basic requirements defined in the technical regulation through the relevant body included in the structure;
- To maintain a register of certificates of conformity and declarations of conformity, as well as a register of results of recognition of documents of foreign origin through the relevant body included in the structure;
- To carry out control measures for goods that do not meet the requirements of technical regulations in the consumer markets through the relevant body included in the structure, to ensure the withdrawal of goods that do not meet the requirements of technical regulations to ensure consumer safety and to keep records of such goods;

**3.** This law has made certain changes in terms of issuing and suspending guarantees.

Thus, the documents to be submitted by the borrower to the authorized bank have been changed as accordingly:

- If the borrower and guarantor are legal entities, credit reports on individuals and (or) legal entities with a share of 25% or more in their authorized capital;
- Documents confirming the identity of individuals with a share of 25% or more in the authorized capital of the borrower, as well as individuals who provided collateral for the loan (guarantors, mortgages, etc.)

The guarantee requirement has been changed on the condition that the loan-to-loan ratio is not less than 15% and not more than 85%, and the condition of suspension of the guarantee is determined as follows:

- Payments on guarantees to the authorized bank shall be suspended when the total amount of guarantee payments to one authorized bank (minus the funds received by the Fund on loans repaid under the guarantee)

and the current payment demand of the authorized bank exceeds 10% of the remaining balances of all guarantees issued by the Fund to the authorized bank.

When the total amount of guarantee payments to one authorized bank (minus the funds received by the Fund on loans repaid under the guarantee) and the current demand of the authorized bank exceed 10% of the remaining amount of all guarantees issued by the Fund to the authorized bank, warranty is suspended.

4. This Resolution, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on May 16, 2020, defines the rules for identifying newly established business entities as micro, small, medium or large businesses.
  - Determination of the increased income indicator for the period from the date of state registration or tax registration to the end of the reporting year;
  - Implementation based on the number of employees;

Based on the above, the income and number of employees are specified, and the distribution of the taxpayer according to the criteria is redefined on the basis of the higher ones.

5. This Law, adopted by the Parliament on May 29, 2020, stipulates when considering, evaluating and comparing tender proposals, the preferential adjustment shall be determined by the body (agency) designated by the relevant executive authority to stimulate investment in the production of non-oil products. Any stage of the process shall also apply to goods carried out in the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic
6. According to the Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers, dated 29<sup>th</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 June 15, 2020.

The following work and service areas with restricted activities should be restored from 00:00 on May 31, 2020:

- Activities of large shopping centers in the country (except for children's and other entertainment centers, cinemas and public catering);
- On-site service to customers in public catering establishment in Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja,

Lankaran, and Absheron districts, as well as in restaurants, cafes, and tea houses from 08:00 to 22:00 (use of hookah, equipment in all public catering facilities across the country 2 and 10 with the exception of the organization of mass festivities, meetings with more than one person);

- Full activity of employees of state bodies (institutions);

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