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## LEGISLATION UPDATE

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<p><b>10 March, 2025</b> <i>Amendment to the Code</i></p>	<p>Article 51.2-1 has been added to the Housing Code with the following content:</p> <p><i>“51.2-1. Other citizens belonging to the category specified in Article 48.1 of this Code, as determined by legislation, may be registered as in need of housing only once for the purpose of obtaining residential premises from the state housing fund under a social rental agreement.”</i></p> <p>For further details: <a href="https://president.az/az/articles/view/68297">https://president.az/az/articles/view/68297</a></p>
<p><b>11 March, 2025</b> <i>Amendment to the Law</i></p>	<p>The first and third parts of Article 2 of the Law "On Technical Safety" have been amended as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Facilities engaged in the acquisition, production, processing, transportation, use, and disposal of hazardous substances (listed in Annex 1) that pose a danger to the population and the environment, as well as those possessing radioactive and ionizing radiation sources, explosion-prone and other accident-hazardous buildings, structures, and equipment, including industrial, supply, transportation, and social-purpose facilities, are considered hazard-potential facilities.</i></li> <li><i>3. Hazard-potential facilities must be registered in the unified state register. The procedure for maintaining the unified state register of hazard-potential facilities is determined by the relevant executive authority.</i></li> </ol> <p>For further details: <a href="https://president.az/az/articles/view/68305">https://president.az/az/articles/view/68305</a></p>
<p><b>11 March, 2025</b> <i>New Decisions</i></p>	<p>The Cabinet of Ministers has recently issued several decisions concerning competition legislation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. According to the Decision No. 63 “On the approval of cases, activities, and products to which the requirements of the Competition Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan are not applied or are applied in a limited manner”, the requirements of the Code do not apply or apply in a limited manner in the following cases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When martial law is declared across the entire territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan or in specific areas (in this case, within the boundaries of the area(s) where martial law is declared);</li> <li>b. When a state of emergency is declared in specific areas of the Republic of Azerbaijan (within the area where it is declared).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>For further details: <a href="https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/azerbaycan-respublikasi-reqabet-mecellesinin-teleb-8691">https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/azerbaycan-respublikasi-reqabet-mecellesinin-teleb-8691</a></p>

2. Decision No. 64 “On the approval of criteria regarding agreements leading to or capable of leading to restrictive outcomes on competition” establishes the criteria for determining whether horizontal and vertical agreements lead to or may lead to competition-restrictive outcomes.

For further details: <https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/sazislerin-reqabeti-mehdudlasdiran-neticelere-sebe-8694>

3. Decision No. 65 “On the approval of criteria for determining compliance of agreements with the conditions stipulated in the Competition Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as for the exemption of agreements related to technology transfer, market research, and development” defines the criteria for assessing whether agreements comply with the conditions outlined in Article 13.1 of the Competition Code and for determining whether agreements related to technology transfer, market research, and development are eligible for exemption.

For further details: <https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/sazislerin-azerbaycan-respublikasi-reqabet-mecelle-8695>

4. Decision No. 66 “On the approval of the rules for calculating market shares in the relevant market, determining the product and geographic boundaries, volume, structure, and participants of the relevant market” establishes that the product boundaries of the relevant market are determined first, followed by the geographic boundaries.

For further details: <https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/muvafiq-bazarda-bazar-paylarinin-hesablanmasi-muva-8693>

5. Decision No. 67 “On the approval of the criteria and rules for calculating and imposing financial sanctions under the Competition Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan” prepared in accordance with Article 77.14 of the Competition Code, sets out the criteria and rules for calculating and imposing financial sanctions for violations of competition law as specified in Articles 77.1–77.3, 77.5, and 77.12 of the Competition Code.

For further details:

<https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/azerbaycan-respublikasinin-reqabet-mecellesine-uyg-8696>

*15 March, 2025  
New Law Adoption*

The Republic of Azerbaijan acceded to the Charter of the Economic Cooperation Organization of the Developing Eight Countries, signed in Islamabad on November 22, 2012.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/68333>

*18 March, 2025*  
*New Rules*

The "Rules for the Transport of Dangerous Goods on Civil Aircraft" have been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. These Rules have been prepared in accordance with the first sentence of Article 47.4, as well as Articles 47.7 and 47.10 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Aviation", and establish the general requirements for the transportation of dangerous goods to and from the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan by civil aircraft.

For further details: <https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/tehlukeli-yuklerin-mulki-hava-gemilerinde-dasinmas-8718>

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