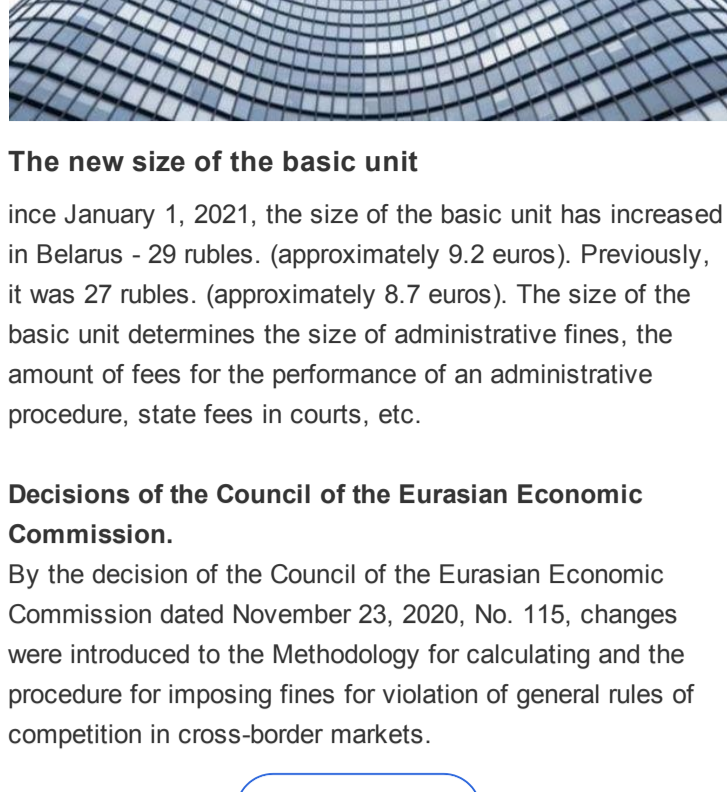


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The new size of the basic unit
 Since January 1, 2021, the size of the basic unit has increased in Belarus - 29 rubles. (approximately 9.2 euros). Previously, it was 27 rubles. (approximately 8.7 euros). The size of the basic unit determines the size of administrative fines, the amount of fees for the performance of an administrative procedure, state fees in courts, etc.

Decisions of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission.
 By the decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated November 23, 2020, No. 115, changes were introduced to the Methodology for calculating and the procedure for imposing fines for violation of general rules of competition in cross-border markets.

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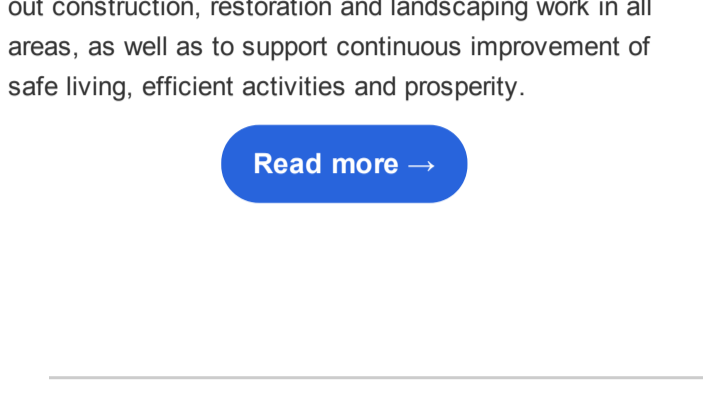
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Azerbaijan



Establishment of the "Karabakh Revival Fund" public legal entity
 The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has signed a Decree on the establishment of the "Karabakh Revival Fund" public legal entity (January 4, 2021).

Under the Decree, the "Karabakh Revival Fund" public legal entity has been set up in order to ensure a modern and decent living conditions in the liberated territories, to carry out construction, restoration and landscaping work in all areas, as well as to support continuous improvement of safe living, efficient activities and prosperity.

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Import of polyethylene packaging products is banned

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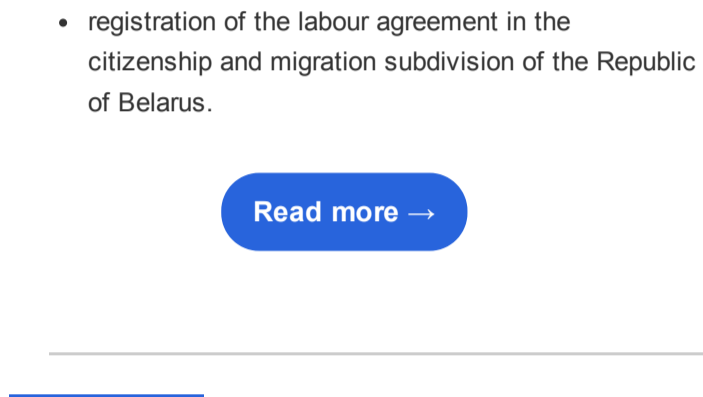
Period of the law "On full deposit insurance" is extended

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Belarus



The employment of remote foreign worker in Belarus
 The Belarusian labour law provides for the possibility to conclude labour agreements for remote work. Foreigners can also be hired under such an agreement. However, certain labour and migration law requirements shall be met.

For convenience, we can distinguish the following stages in the process of employment of the remote foreign worker:

- receiving permissions
- hiring
- registration of the labour agreement in the citizenship and migration subdivision of the Republic of Belarus.

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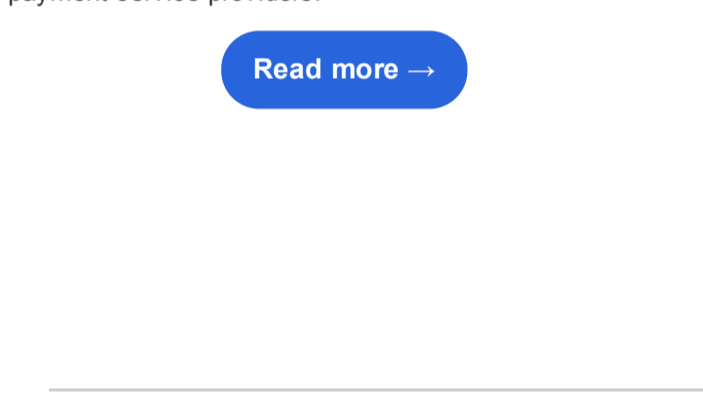
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Georgia



On 3 September 2020, Order of the President of the National Bank of Georgia on the approval of the regulation on Payment Card

On 3 September 2020, Order of the President of the National Bank of Georgia on the approval of the regulation on Payment Card Instrument was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.

The aim of the regulation is to govern the issuance of payment card instruments in Georgia, relationships between the parties involved in the process of utilizing payment card instruments, ensuring the transparency of payment services and protection of consumer's rights, as well as the increase of consumer confidence in payment instruments and card payments.

Regulation is applicable to licensed commercial banks, registered microfinance organizations and registered payment service providers.

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Parliament of Georgia adopted the new law on Rehabilitation and Collective Satisfaction of Creditors

Parliament of Georgia adopted the Organic Law of Georgia on Amendments to the Organic Law of Georgia "Labor Code of Georgia"

Parliament of Georgia adopted the new law on Labor Inspection

Government of Georgia adopted the resolution on Determining the Status of an International Company, its Permitted Activities and On the Approval of the List of Separate Expenses

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Kazakhstan



Reformation of the Gas Market in Kazakhstan: Major Problems and Legal Aspects

Kazakhstan gas sector has vast potential as recoverable gas reserves in Kazakhstan are approved at the level of 3.9 trillion cubic meters, which is 1.7% of the world's gas reserves. A significant part of natural gas resources is concentrated in Atyrau region (43%), Mangistau region (29%) and West Kazakhstan region (19%). According to the Statistics Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the volume of natural gas production in 2018 in physical terms amounted to 55.5 billion cubic meters, in 2017 – 52.9 billion cubic meters, in 2016 – 46.7 billion cubic meters. Natural gas production in 2016-2018 increased by 18.8% (by 8.8 billion cubic meters). Natural gas exports from Kazakhstan in January 2019 in physical terms amounted to 3.1 billion cubic meters. The main buyers of natural gas are China, which accounts for 36% (1.1 billion cubic meters), Russia – 16% (888.1 million cubic meters) and Ukraine – 18 % (566.9 million cubic meters).

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Moldova



Since January 1, in Moldova, cash payments between enterprises are allowed only within the limits of 100 thousand lei per month

At the same time, the size of one transaction between enterprises cannot exceed 10 thousand lei. The corresponding changes in the legislation came into force on January 1, 2021. To enterprises, institutions and organizations, regardless of their type of ownership and legal form, making payments for their financial obligations in cash, including through a cash payment terminal (cash-in terminal), in an amount exceeding the monthly limit of 100 thousand lei, sanctions will be applied.

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Mongolia



Legal alert: updates on measures against Covid-19 pandemic

The Capital city of Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar) has shifted to higher level of preparedness from 11 January 2021 until 31 March 2021 and the Governor of the Capital City decided to open the activities of all kinds of manufacture, trade, and services.

While trades of electrical goods, furniture, and mobile phones, fast service points and ski resorts is opened from 18 January 2021. All other trade and services will be open from 07:00 to 22:00 under adherence to the infection control instruction. Also, citizens and business entities are obliged to follow the "QR code registration system for traffic information of citizens".

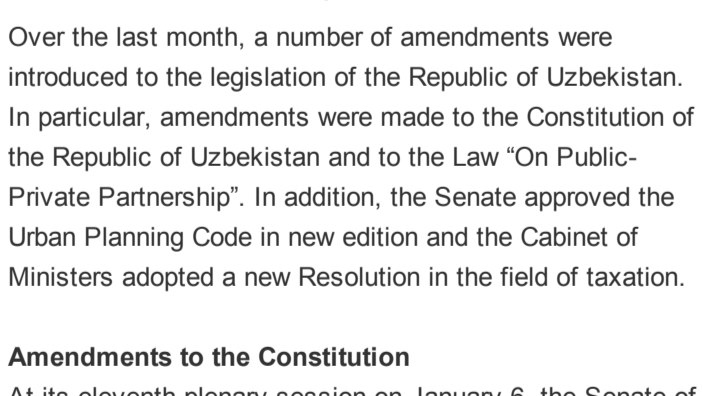
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Uzbekistan



Amendments to the Legislation of Uzbekistan
 Over the last month, a number of amendments were introduced to the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In particular, amendments were made to the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan and to the Law "On Public-Private Partnership". In addition, the Senate approved the Urban Planning Code in new edition and the Cabinet of Ministers adopted a new Resolution in the field of taxation.

Amendments to the Constitution
 At its eleventh plenary session on January 6, the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan approved the Law "On Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan".

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Protocol on the Contract for the international carriage of goods by road entered into force for Uzbekistan

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