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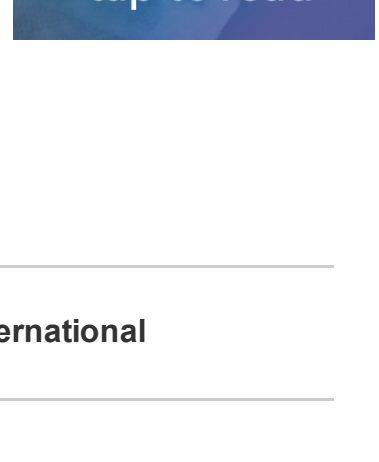
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International Arbitration 2020: Uzbekistan

Arbitration is becoming more and more popular in Uzbekistan as an alternative to litigation. With adoption of the Arbitration Law in 2006, the number of arbitration tribunals established in Uzbekistan reached 247 in 2020. One of the most active is a network of arbitration courts under Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan (CCI).

The CCI confirms that 10,623 cases were heard by all CCI arbitration courts across Uzbekistan in 2019.

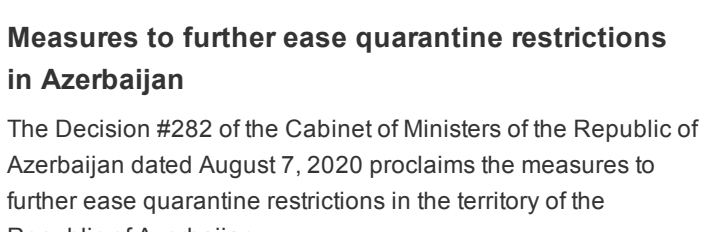
The enactment of the new rules on issue of accompanying notes was postponed for the third time.

Thus, the enactment of the new rules on issue of accompanying notes was postponed from 1 July 2020 to 1 October 2020 in respect of the following goods.

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Azerbaijan



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Extension of the special quarantine regime in Azerbaijan

Changes to the tight quarantine regime in Azerbaijan

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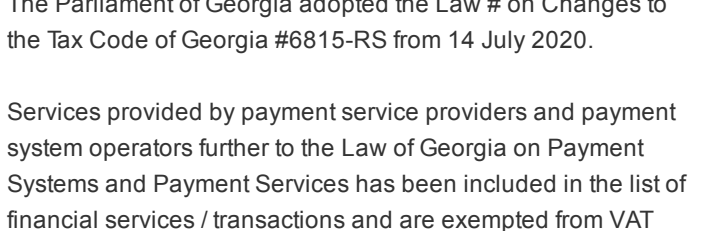
Measures to further ease quarantine restrictions in Azerbaijan

The Decision #282 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated August 7, 2020 proclaims the measures to further ease quarantine restrictions in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

According to a relevant decision of the Cabinet of Ministers, the following activity areas are allowed to operate in the cities of Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja, Yevlakh, Masalli, Jallilabad and Mingachevir, and Absheron, Barda, Salyan, Khachmaz, Goranboy and Goygol districts from 00.00 on 10 August 2020:

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Georgia



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Parliament of Georgia adopted the law on Promotion of Employment

Parliament of Georgia adopted a new law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Parliament of Georgia adopted the law on Investment Funds

Parliament of Georgia adopted the law on the Introduction of Anti-dumping Measures in Trade

President of the National Bank of Georgia adopted the order №142/04 on the Approval of the Rule on the Activities of Foreign Exchange Market Participants

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Parliament of Georgia adopted a new law on Changes to the Tax Code of Georgia

The Parliament of Georgia adopted the Law # on Changes to the Tax Code of Georgia #6815-RS from 14 July 2020.

Services provided by payment service providers and payment system operators further to the Law of Georgia on Payment Systems and Payment Services has been included in the list of financial services / transactions and are exempted from VAT without a right to deduct.

The new law considers definitions for VAT Chapter XXI, such as:

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News in the Medicines Price Regulations and Medicines Advertising Rules

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Naphtyzinum: 'Soviet' Trademark or Public Interest?

Despite the attempts of the government of Kazakhstan to make its Islamic finance market more attractive, Islamic products are still rarely used in Kazakhstan. Currently, according to the National Bank of Kazakhstan, the share of Islamic banking assets in Kazakhstan represents an insignificant part of the total assets of the banking sector: 0.21% (a year earlier the share was 0.16%). According to the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC), the target to achieve by 2025 is 5–7%.

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Russia



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Tax changes for IT companies. What's new?

The state дума proposed to cancel the transport tax on the russian cars

The Republic of Cyprus has agreed to a new double tax Treaty with Russia

Changes in the Personal Income Tax in 2020

All financial assets must now be accounted for

Transition to a simplified tax system in 2020

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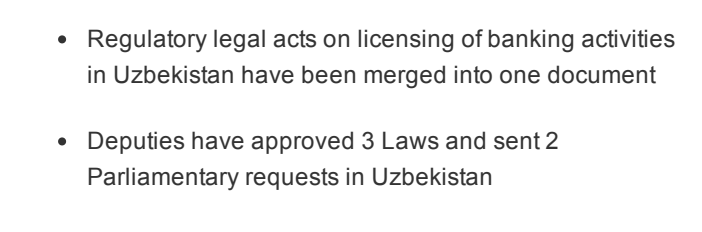
New rules for liquidation firm-employers

Amendments to the Labor code and the law on state registration of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs will come into force in mid-August.

The amendments are intended to change the approach to protecting the rights of people who remain unemployed after the company closes. This problem has become particularly urgent in connection with the coronavirus pandemic. Many companies closed, and not all of their employees received the necessary payments.

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Uzbekistan



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Legal developments in Uzbekistan for July-August 2020

- Uzbekistan partially eased quarantine restrictions starting from 15 August
- Regulatory legal acts on licensing of banking activities in Uzbekistan have been merged into one document
- Deputies have approved 3 Laws and sent 2 Parliamentary requests in Uzbekistan
- A corruption rating of governmental bodies and regions will be launched in Uzbekistan
- Preferences for green energy producers
- Uzbekistan will transfer airports to investors' management on a "package principle"
- A Presidential Decree on improving the efficiency of justice has been signed
- The President has signed a number of regulatory acts on Sanitary and Epidemiology Services
- Regulation on the application of the Convention on Temporary Admission has been approved
- Industrial clusters will appear in every region of Uzbekistan
- Excise tax on imported vehicles and recycling fee

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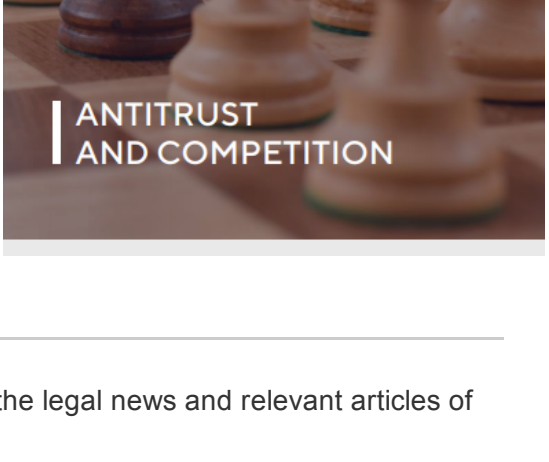
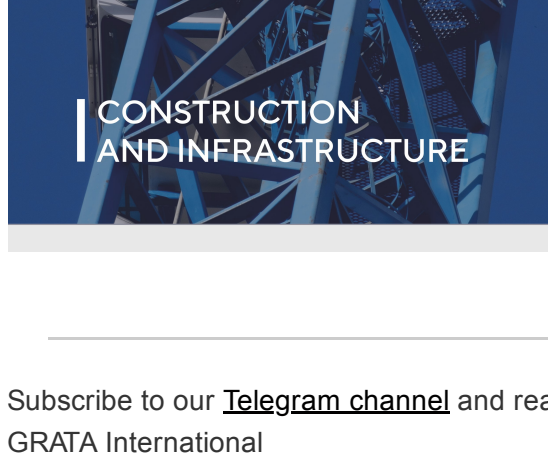
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