



The concept and conditions for legal protection of a trade secret and a know-how

There is no special law in the Republic of Kazakhstan that regulates the protection of trade secrets. Moreover, the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan does not provide for an exhaustive definition of the term 'trade secret'. The provisions on trade secrets are differentiated through various regulatory legal acts, which causes some inconvenience in determining how far the definition of trade secrets can extend.

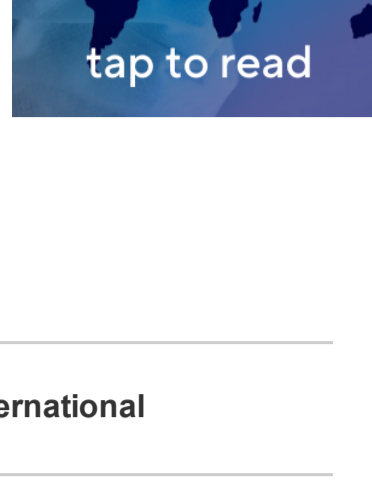
Attempts to adopt a separate law on trade secrets in the Republic of Kazakhstan were made in the early 2000. The draft law of the Republic of Kazakhstan 'On Trade Secrets' was submitted for consideration by the the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 1104, dated 25 July 2000. For unknown reasons, however, this draft law was withdrawn in 2001.

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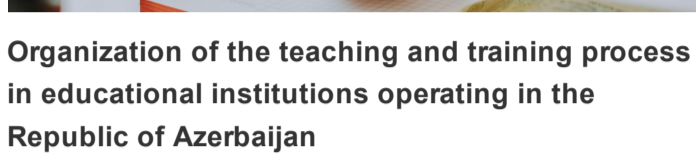
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Organization of the teaching and training process in educational institutions operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan

The Decision #312 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated August 29, 2020 proclaims the procedure for organizing the educational process in all educational institutions operating on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Until the resumption of education in the traditional form, the training process in educational institutions will be organized remotely from September 15, 2020.

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Is Kazakhstan finally a rising star for public-private partnerships?

The 66 km Big Almaty Ring Motor Road concession project, also known as BAKAD, finally reached a financial close on the 7th August 2020, making it the largest public-private partnership (PPP) project in Central Asia. The project is supported by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Bank of China, PGGM, Eurasian Development Bank and the IsDB.

BAKAD is a groundbreaking PPP project for Kazakhstan because it is the first large-scale PPP project in the Central Asian region structured with the involvement of international advisors through an open, international competitive process and in accordance with international best practices.

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The current tax legislation provides various forms of support for organizations whose activities are aimed at developing infrastructure, supporting cultural institutions, social non-profit organizations, etc. One form is the application of an investment tax deduction.

Due to the difficult economic situation in 2020, associated with the spread of a new coronavirus infection, many areas of business have suffered serious losses, including landlords who were forced to reduce rental rates.

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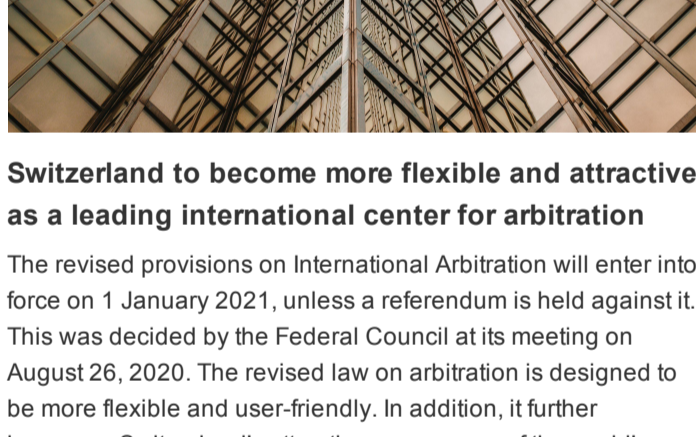
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Switzerland to become more flexible and attractive as a leading international center for arbitration

The revised provisions on International Arbitration will enter into force on 1 January 2021, unless a referendum is held against it. This was decided by the Federal Council at its meeting on August 26, 2020. The revised law on arbitration is designed to be more flexible and user-friendly. In addition, it further increases Switzerland's attractiveness as one of the world's leading places of arbitration.

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Uzbekistan



The Rules for conducting foreign exchange transactions have been approved in the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Resolution of Board of the Central Bank as registered with the Ministry of Justice under No.3281 dated 31 August 2020 approved the Rules for conducting foreign exchange transactions in the Republic of Uzbekistan. These Rules entered into force on 1 September 2020.

The Rules have introduced a number of amendments to facilitate the simplification of the procedure for conducting foreign exchange transactions within the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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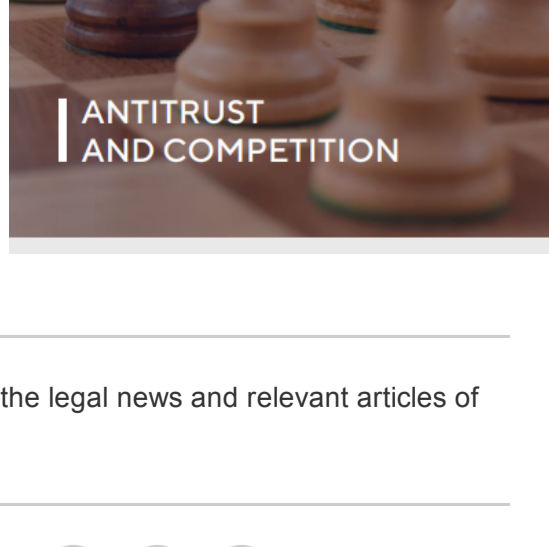
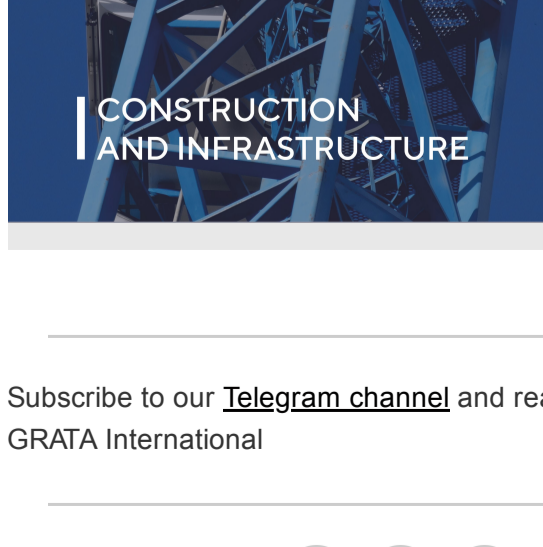
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