

## Askar Konysbayev

promoted to the position of Partner and a Co-Head of the Litigation Department GRATA International (Almaty)

### Promotion announce

We are pleased to announce the promotion of [Askar Konysbayev](#) to the position of a Partner and a Co-Head of the Litigation Department from 1 May 2020.

Askar has greatly contributed to the development of the practice; he has represented the firm at various events with the participation of international companies and investors where he has delivered reports on the issues of judicial and arbitration practices. Apart from that, Askar is actively engaged in the firm's youth policy and cooperation with universities.

Askar independently leads a number of projects and is actively involved in the management of the Department. We would particularly want to note Askar's integrity and hard work. His professional attitude and respect towards colleagues deserves separate praising.

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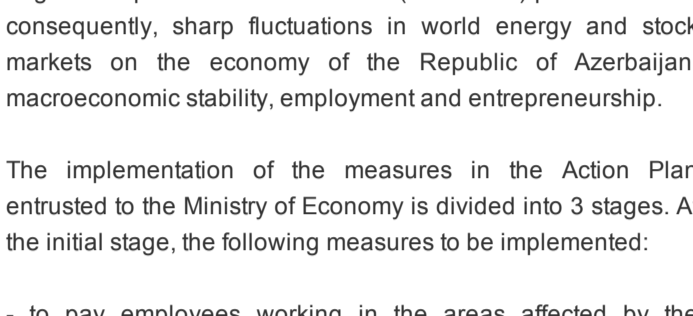
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#### Brief information on the mechanism of providing financial support to entrepreneurs affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in Azerbaijan

The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted Action Plan in accordance with the paragraph 10.2 of the Order #1950 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated March 19, 2020.

The Action Plan dated April 4, 2020 is focused on reducing the negative impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and, consequently, sharp fluctuations in world energy and stock markets on the economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, macroeconomic stability, employment and entrepreneurship.

The implementation of the measures in the Action Plan entrusted to the Ministry of Economy is divided into 3 stages. At the initial stage, the following measures to be implemented:

- to pay employees working in the areas affected by the pandemic a part of the salary
- to provide financial support to individual (micro) entrepreneurs, - tax benefits in order to protect economic activity.

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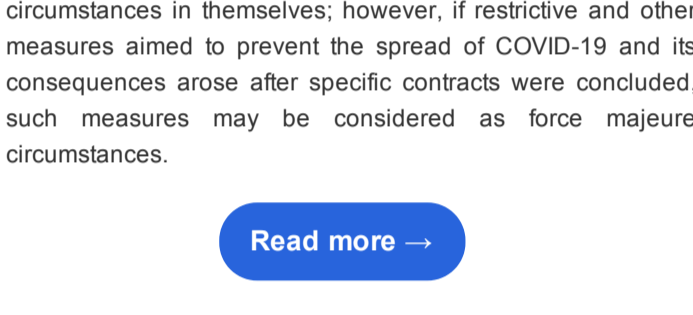
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#### Approach to Force Majeure in Belarus

The BelCCI considers that COVID-19 or the epidemic and pandemic that arose in connection with it are not force-majeure circumstances in themselves; however, if restrictive and other measures aimed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and its consequences arose after specific contracts were concluded, such measures may be considered as force majeure circumstances.

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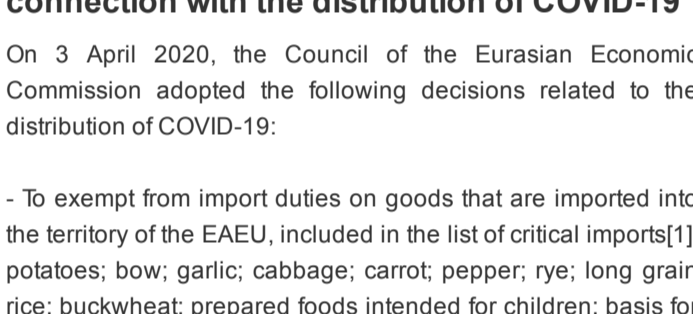
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#### EAEU decisions which were adopted in connection with the distribution of COVID-19

On 3 April 2020, the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission adopted the following decisions related to the distribution of COVID-19:

- To exempt from import duties on goods that are imported into the territory of the EAEU, included in the list of critical imports[1]: potatoes; bow; garlic; cabbage; carrot; pepper; rye; long grain rice; buckwheat; prepared foods intended for children; basis for the production of breast-milk substitutes; juices; medicines; Pasteur disposable sterile pipettes; mobile disinfection unit named after Komarov; endoscopes; thermometers and pyrometers, not combined with other devices, electronic.
- To expand the list of goods exempted from import duties and included into the EAEU territory by the following items[2]: goods for the medicines production; paraffin tape; containers for the safe collection and disposal of medical waste; laboratory thermobags; Dewar vessel; medical freezers.

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#### Establishing a local company with foreign participation in the Kyrgyz Republic: specific features for the foreign founder

One of the first steps for a foreign investor after deciding to start a business in the Kyrgyz Republic is the creation of a local company. It should be noted that the legal entities registration system in the Kyrgyz Republic is not that complicated. Taking the overall 70th place from 190 countries in Doing Business 2019 report, the country takes a rather high 35th place in the «starting a business» category.

Generally, to register a local legal entity a foreign founder must submit to the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic (registration authority) the following documents:

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#### Measures to be undertaken by Employer during Covid-19

The Government of Mongolia is implementing the necessary measures to prevent the spread of the virus named as Covid-19 that World Health Organization declared the rapidly spreading corona-virus outbreak as a pandemic.

These measures have had a negative impact to the Employer of the business entity such as creating financial risk decreasing their profit due to failure of contractual obligation due to temporary closure of some border points, prohibited the organizing any public activities, restricted the local movement of transportation, private vehicles and scheduled flights or train.

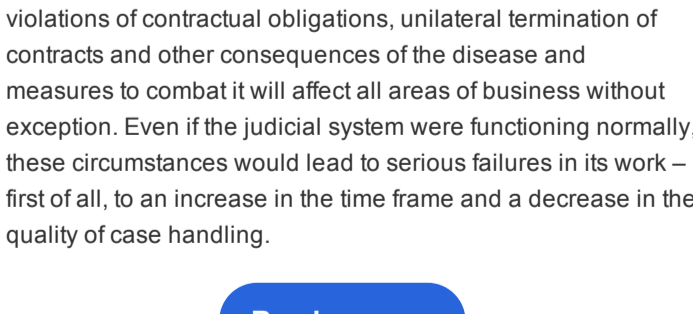
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#### COVID-19. About restriction of activity of state courts and alternative dispute resolution methods.

The "Black swan" of coronavirus has already led such economic sectors as tourism, air transportation, hotel business, and non-food retail to a deep crisis. We can confidently predict that violations of contractual obligations, unilateral termination of contracts and other consequences of the disease and measures to combat it will affect all areas of business without exception. Even if the judicial system were functioning normally, these circumstances would lead to serious failures in its work – first of all, to an increase in the time frame and a decrease in the quality of case handling.

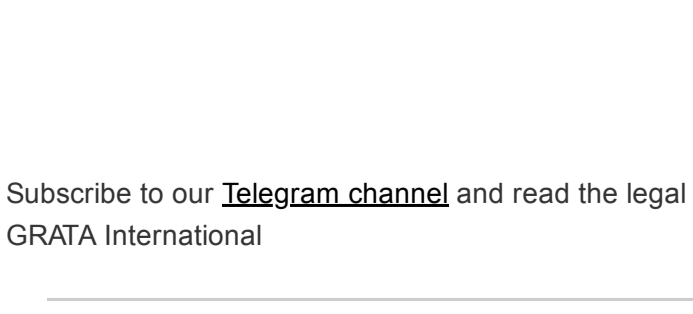
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#### Benefits and exemptions for businesses in quarantine conditions

The Presidential Decree No.UP-5969 "On Priority Measures to mitigate the negative impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the global crisis phenomenon" dated March 19, 2020, provides for a number of measures to ensure the smooth operation of industries and economic sectors, to stimulate foreign economic activity and effective social community support. The main measures to achieve the above goals are as follows:

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