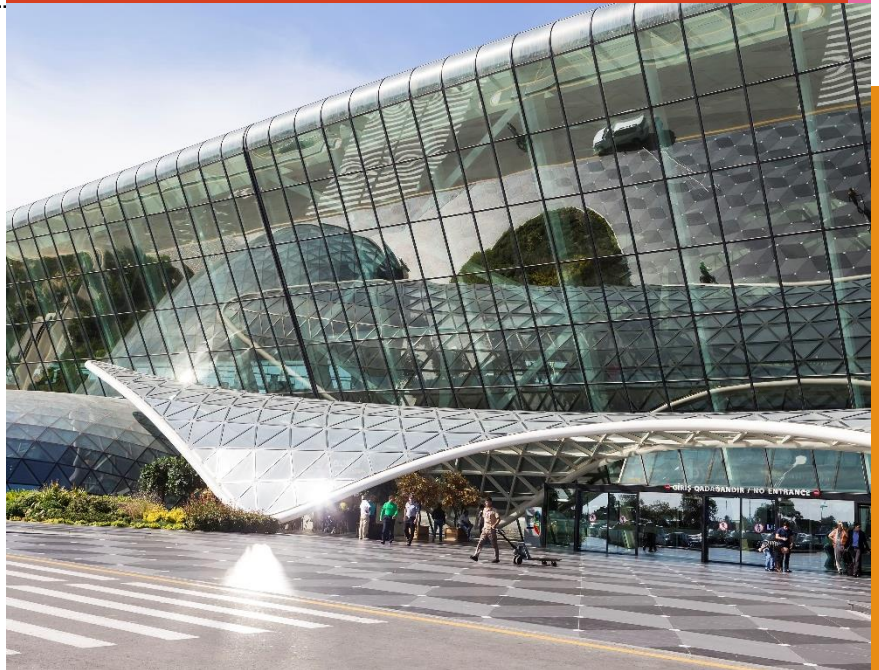


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Presidential Decree on "Strategic roadmaps of national economy and main sectors of economy"

Development of a sustainable and competitive non-oil sector in Azerbaijan is the main direction of economic policy of the Republic. Taking this priority into account, President approved following strategic roadmaps:

- "Strategic Roadmap on perspectives of the national economy of Azerbaijan";
- "Strategic Roadmap on development of oil and gas industry (including chemicals) in Azerbaijan";
- "Strategic Roadmap on production and processing of agricultural products in Azerbaijan";
- "Strategic Roadmap on production of consumer goods in Azerbaijan at the level of small and medium-sized enterprises";
- "Strategic Roadmap on development of heavy industry and engineering in Azerbaijan";

- "Strategic Roadmap on development of specialized tourism industry in Azerbaijan";

- "Strategic Roadmap on development of logistics and trade in Azerbaijan";

- "Strategic Roadmap on development of housing at affordable prices in Azerbaijan";

- "Strategic Roadmap on development of professional education and education in Azerbaijan";

- "Strategic Roadmap on development of financial services in Azerbaijan";

- "Strategic Roadmap on development of telecommunication and information technologies in Azerbaijan";

- "Strategic Roadmap on development of public utilities (electric and heat energy, gas and water) in Azerbaijan".

Presidential Administration has been assigned responsible for the overall management and implementation of abovementioned roadmaps.

Presidential Administration has also

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been instructed to take measures to ensure compliance of government programs, development concepts, strategies, action plans projects, which will be prepared after the entry of this Decree into force with the strategic roadmaps approved by the Decree and to submit proposals to the President of Azerbaijan in connection with the mechanisms of implementation of the approved by this Decree strategic roadmaps.

Central and local executive authorities, public entities and entities controlling stake (shares) of which belongs to the state have been instructed to consider the approved strategic roadmaps in the preparation of strategic plans, government programs, development of concepts, strategies, projects, activities related to their work plans in the economic sphere.

The Cabinet of Ministers is responsible for the preparation and submission of proposals on bringing existing regulatory and legislative act into compliance with the Decree within 3 (three) months.

Approval of the "Rules of currency transactions of residents and non-residents"

According to the Rules approved by the Board of Directors of Central Bank daily of foreign currency transfers outside of Azerbaijan by individuals (residents and non-residents) without opening a local bank account has been limited to equivalent of USD 1 thousand, yet, not exceeding USD 10 thousand per month.

Similar limits are set on transfers abroad to close relatives (husband/wife, parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters).

Transactions from local bank accounts outside of Azerbaijan in foreign currency are possible without any limits on transactions listed in the Rules. Some of them are listed

below:

- payment of salaries to non-residents employed by residents;
- investments put into the charter capital of a legal entity established outside of Azerbaijan;
- payments of securities;
- payments of dividends by residents to non-residents;
- payment of educational or medical fees by residents or non-residents for themselves or for other persons.

The Rules will come into force on 08.12.2016.