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Amendments were made to the Code of Administrative Offences of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 14 June 2019.

The amendments impose the administrative fine ranging from 300 to 400 Manats on company executive officers for the company's bookkeeping and accounting that are maintained in breach of the "Accounting" law; interestingly, for such failure of the company management the company itself will be fined with the much higher fine ranging from 1,500 to 2,000 Manats. The company executive officers will also be fined in the range from 300 to 400 Manats for the failure to organise an accounting unit in or engage a professional accountant for, the company. The same penalty would apply for engaging a layman to the position of a chief accountant by executive officer(s) of an organisation of public importance, a large business entity, an organisation financed from the state budget and a public legal entity which publish its annual (consolidated) financial statements.

Decree dated 18 June 2019 approved by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan regarding increase of the minimum monthly salary.

According to the Decree, it was determined that the minimum monthly salary shall be 250 Manats. This amendment comes into force from 1 September 2019.

The Law on Amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Suspension of Inspections of Entrepreneurial Activities" has been enacted.

Starting from 30 May 2019 the moratorium on state inspections will be lifted and the relevant state authorities may resume inspections of business entities in the following areas:

- fire safety control;
- construction control;
- supervision over potentially dangerous facilities;
- supervision over safe exploitation of mining areas; and
- radiation safety control.

On 24 May 2019, the Law was enacted on Amendments to the "Insurance Activity" Law and "Non-Bank Credit Institutions" Law.

According to the amendments to the "Insurance Activity" Law and "Non-Bank Credit Institutions" Law the financial market supervision body will supervise the compliance with the provisions of "Accounting" Law by insurers and non-banking credit institutions respectively.

The "List of Services Provided for Legal Protection of Inventions, Utility Models, Industrial Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indications and Service Fees Payable to the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan" approved on 27 May 2019.

The Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 27 May 2019 approved fee rates for the following services:

1. Legal protection of inventions, utility models and industrial designs;
2. Legal protection of trademarks and geographical indications;
3. Attestation of patent attorneys.

Regulation of State Support to Internal Market Research for Stimulation of Competitive Production in Micro, Small and Medium Businesses was approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 29 May 2019.

Under the Regulation organization of support and payment of the support amount shall be arranged by the Small and Medium Business Development Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Payment of the respective support amount will be made only by wire transfer. Likewise, the Regulation refers to internal market research stages, sources of state financial support for internal market research and criteria of SMEs eligible for the support.