



Amendments to legislation on improving the Kazakhstan business climate

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In brief

The Ministry of National Economy has presented a Bill aiming to reduce barriers to competition and increase the effectiveness of antitrust regulation in the Majilis.

In detail

The following are planned under the draft Bill:

- to enable registration as a VAT payer within 1 (one) day by e-application on the website of the State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan;;
- to provide public access regarding (i) encumbrances on real estate (ii) real estate ownership rights (encumbrances) of legal entities. Currently this data is private and cannot be obtained by third parties;
- to oblige SMEs to open a bank account and insure employees from accident during electronic state registration of the legal entity in e.gov.kz;
- to introduce a “deadlock” mechanism in solving disputes between participants of a limited liability partnership;
- to simplify the procedure on the second examination of the design (estimate) documentation of construction projects financed by private or state funds;
- to amend the process of providing (recalling) consent to the processing of personal data, with clear affirmative action required;
- to reduce the number of documents to be submitted when applying for consent for economic concentration;
- to introduce an administrative fine for anti-competitive agreements of market participants during bids and procurement;
- to include in the definition of “market entity”, in addition to legal entity, a branch carrying out business activity. The amendment is to align the definition of a market entity with the Administrative Code;
- to provide the state with a right to give exclusive rights for the production and sale of any product to legal entities, which are not state monopoly entity;
- to introduce an administrative fine, on state enterprises and quasi-public sector entities, for creation, expansion and (or) change of the types of activities of state enterprises without the consent of the Antimonopoly authority.

The Bill is available at the following link: online.zakon.kz.