



The Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan adopted a draft law providing new requirements for messengers and online platforms

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Briefly

On September 15, 2021 in the first reading Mazhilis of the Republic of Kazakhstan have adopted the draft Law "On Amendments and Additions to Certain Legislative Acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the Protection of the Rights of the Child" ("**Draft Law**"), which provides for a number of new requirements for messengers and online platforms.

Among other things, the amendments introduce new terms and provide for the mandatory registration of a legal entity or a branch for owners and other legal representatives of foreign online platforms and instant messaging services in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

In details

The Draft Law provides for the following amendments:

- Definitions of the terms "Online platform" and "Instant messaging service" have been introduced to the Law "On informatization";
- To carry out activities on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the owners and other legal representatives of a foreign online platform or instant messaging service will be obliged to register a legal entity or a branch (representative office) in the Republic of Kazakhstan within 6 months after the entry into force of these amendments;
- Foreigners or stateless persons cannot be a heads of branches (representative office) of a foreign online platform or instant messaging service in the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- If the owners and other legal representatives of a foreign online platform or instant messaging service fail to register a legal entity or a branch within 6 months, their activities will be limited in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- The head of the branch (representative office) of a foreign online platform, after receiving an order from an authorized body in the field of information is obliged to execute it within 24 hours by removing information that violates the requirements of the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan and restricting its distribution;

Are you interested in this topic?

- We would be pleased to discuss with you the above amendments and how they can impact your business
- We can analyze and implement possible steps to ensure compliance with the new requirements

If you are interested in additional information, please contact PwC specialists working as part of a group serving your company, or to any of the persons listed.

