



**Amendments to the Rules “On submission and publication of the annual and consolidated financial statements by commercial legal entities”**  
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The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan dated 21 October (“Resolution”) introduced amendments to the Rules “On submission and publication of the annual and consolidated financial statements by commercial legal entities” dated 27 May 2010.



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According to the Resolution, the content of the annual financial statements of commercial entities has been amended and set as below:

1. Statement on financial condition
2. Statement on profit or loss and other comprehensive income
3. Statement on changes in equity
4. Cash flow statement
5. Significant accounting policies and explanatory notes.

**Ministry of Economy approved criteria for selection of foreign countries, public venues, mass media, shops, including duty free shops in foreign countries to promote "Made in Azerbaijan" brand**



On 18 October 2016, the Ministry of Economy of Azerbaijan approved criteria for selection of shops in foreign countries, including duty free shops to place shelves with "Made in Azerbaijan" brand ("Brand") and criteria for selection of foreign countries, mass media and public venues, where advertisement will be placed to promote the Brand. Such criteria include, amongst others:

- economic and trade relations between Azerbaijan and the foreign country
- export potential of Azerbaijani products in the foreign country
- requests of entrepreneurs.

Additionally, such criteria as broadness of media audience as well as high density of population in the places where advertisement is intended to be placed shall also be considered.

**New standard forms on procurement of food products in centralized manner at the of the state budget have been approved**



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On 27 October 2016 the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan approved the standard forms for procurement of food products in a centralized manner at the expense of the state budget by state enterprises, such as:

1. Information on demand for food products of a purchasing entity
2. Announcement on food products intended to be purchased, their prices and purchase conditions (also purchasing cycle)
3. Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan and "Procurement and Supply of Food Products" Open Joint Stock Company ("OJSC")
4. Agreement between the purchasing entities and the OJSC
5. Agreement between the OJSC and producers or sellers of food products
6. Information on agreements between purchasing entities and the OJSC
7. Information on agreements between the OJSC and producers or sellers of food products.

### **Amendments to the Law "On Combatting Corruption" have been adopted**

On 14 October 2016, the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On making amendments to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan On Combatting Corruption" was adopted ("Amendment").



The Amendment reinstated each individual's right to report on corruption both in verbal and written manner. Additionally, senior officials of state enterprises, municipalities, legal entities owned by the state or municipalities or legal entities, where the state or municipalities own interest, shall appoint a person or create a unit (department) responsible for collection of information regarding corruption. Employees of the aforementioned entities may report law breaks related to corruption to the authorized person or unit (department).

The Amendment eliminates the opportunity for the person who is the subject of the reported information or who may have any direct or indirect interest in the results of the investigation to get involved in the respective corruption investigation.

The Amendment introduces protection of the interests of the person reporting the corruption case. Thus, the authorized person, unit (department), senior officials of the state enterprises, the respective state authorities are obliged to keep information regarding the reporting person confidential. Such information can be disclosed only with the written consent of the reporting person.

Furthermore, the Amendment stipulates the opportunity for the individuals intending to report the corruption case to refer to the prosecution officials in cases when there is a real threat of death, damage to health, pressure, and usage of physical force against them or their relatives.

### **Azerbaijan signed the Convention of the Council of Europe on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism**



On 7 November 2016, Azerbaijan signed the Convention of the Council of Europe On Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism dated effective as of 01 May 2008 ("Convention").

The Convention includes provisions, which facilitate international co-operation and mutual investigation of crimes, seizure and confiscation of the criminal proceeds.



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