

Tax and Legal Alert

Overview of changes in Georgian Legislation
April, 2021



Legal news:

1) On April 7, 2021, amendments were made to the Resolution of the Government of Georgia on the approval of the rules of isolation and quarantine. A change has been made in the article regulating the gathering, in particular restricting the gathering of more than 10 individuals related to socially established social events, including mass entertainment (for example: weddings, any anniversaries, celebrations, etc.)

It is prohibited to transfer / concede a place / space to a person for a fee or free of charge when it is used for a social / entertainment event.

The person transferring / conceding the place / space is obliged to:

- Take all reasonable measures (including by imposing a specific restriction in the contract) to avoid violating of this norm when using the place / space.
- Upon receipt of information about the violation, immediately notify the relevant services.

Legislation gives the transferor of the space the freedom to determine the form of regulation of the contract with the lessee, however, it is recommended to define from the beginning powers of the lessee and the purpose of the transfer of space.

It is noteworthy that after the discovery of a violation of the law, the lessor will be fined for the first time, and in repeated cases will be charged with criminal liability.

Source:

Resolution of the Government of Georgia № 158 April 7, 2021 Tbilisi

<https://matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5145927?publication=0>

2) Amendments were made to the Resolution № 322 of the Government of Georgia of 23 May 2020 on the Approval of the Rules of Isolation and Quarantine.

From 3-12 May 2021, municipal transport will not run throughout Georgia; during the holidays, access to cemeteries will be limited from 2 May 2021 to 4 May 2021.

In connection with the Easter Liturgy, the restriction on movement, will not have an effect, from 21:00 to 23:00 on 1 May 2021 and from 04:00 to 05:00 on 2 May 2021.

Source:

Resolution of the Government of Georgia № 187 April 27, 2021 Tbilisi

<https://matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5158822?publication=0>

3) The Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and the Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia have identified the entrepreneurial entities and / or activities whose continuous functioning is important for the normal functioning of the society and which will not be covered by the holidays defined by the № 175 resolution of the Government of Georgia of April 16, 2021, It is noteworthy that the days from 4 May 2021 to 8 May 2021 and 10-11 May 2021 were declared as holidays.

Source:

Resolution of the Government of Georgia № 175, April 16, 2021, Tbilisi

<https://matsne.gov.ge/document/view/5153001?publication=0>

4) Amendment has been made to the Order № 01-34/N of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories of Georgia, concerning the procedure for reimbursement of leave for pregnancy, childbirth and child care, as well as for the adoption of a newborn, in particular, it came in line with the Labor Code reform. A record has been made of fathers right to take leave, although not in the classical sense, because the employed parent (father) will not be granted child care leave if the civil servant mother has taken full advantage of the leave.

The amount of remuneration is noteworthy, namely: in case of partial use of leave by the mother, if the remuneration received is less than 1000 GEL, the amount of remuneration for the employed parent (father) will be calculated for a total of not more than 1000 GEL for both parents.

Upon his request, the child's father is granted 550 calendar days of leave after the birth of a child due to child care, 90 calendar days from the days of leave shall be reimbursed only if the mother of the newborn has not benefited from the paid leave in full. In case of use of a certain part of the leave by the mother, the child's father shall be reimbursed for the leave in proportion to the unused days of paid leave by the mother, but not more than 90 calendar days.

The order also defined the list of documents to be submitted to the territorial unit of the Agency to receive remuneration by the employee.

Source:

Order of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, № 01-34/N, April 15, 2021, Tbilisi.

<https://matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5150310?publication=0>

Tax News

No significant amendments have been made in Georgian Tax Legislation in April.

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In case you need additional information, our tax and legal experts will be happy to comment and clarify all possible matters on the amendments.

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