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Resolution No 447 of the Government of Georgia On Approval of the Concept of the Natural Gas Market Model

On 2 September 2021, the Government of Georgia adopted Resolution No 447 On Approval of the Concept of the Natural Gas Market Model.

The Concept lays down the guiding principles for the organization and functioning of the natural gas market in Georgia and outlines its structure.

The document has the following objectives:

- to identify market segments for facilitating effective trade and network balance
- to reduce dependence on the dominant source of supply/import by facilitating market development and introducing interim measures
- to define the roles and functions of market participants
- to promote market liquidity and competitive pricing
- to provide a general outline of the target market model and set forth the temporary measures required to achieve it.

The Concept provides for public service obligations (PSOs) that can be imposed on market participants as a temporary measure for common economic interest. PSOs will be further regulated by legal acts of the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission and the Government of Georgia.

The Resolution entered into force upon its publication on 3 September 2021.

Amendments to the Law of Georgia on Vines and Wine

On 14 September 2021, the Committee for Agriculture of the Parliament of Georgia discussed the bill On Amendments to the Law of Georgia on Vines and Wine initiated by the Government of Georgia, according to which mandatory certification of alcoholic beverages will be introduced in the local market starting from 2023.

The bill introduces four essential amendments:

- a new wine category – Dealcoholised Wine – is added to wine categories
- wine-based drinks become subject to regulation
- A significant change is related to the mandatory certification of wine in the local market, starting from January 2023, aiming to exercise more control over the local market
- The National Wine Agency becomes authorised to conduct expert analysis of transit consignments upon request of the relevant authorities.

The bill is intended to establish a stricter control over the local wine market and make wine-based products and dealcoholised wine subject to regulation.

Along with this bill, amendments have been initiated to the Code of Georgia on Administrative Offences to establish sanctions for non-compliance with the Law of Georgia on Vines and Wine.

The Committee for Agriculture approved the bills for the first hearing at the Parliament.

The State Inspector approves new rules for examining legality of personal data processing

On 15 September 2021, Order No 8 of the State Inspector “On Approving the Rules for Examining the Legality of Personal Data Processing” came into force.

On top of approving the new rules, the order introduces a new form of the application to be filed with the State Inspector by personal data subjects in case of suspected illegal processing of their personal data (PD).

The new rules regulate:

- the objectives and types of examining legality of PD processing
- the prerequisites for scheduled and unscheduled inspections by the State Inspector and related procedures
- the procedure for reviewing complaints over [allegedly] illegal PD processing
- the rights and obligations of the applicant, data processors, authorised persons, and personnel of the State Inspector’s office when examining legality of PD processing.

The new rules aim to facilitate communication with the State Inspector's office while ensuring transparency of data processing and increasing efficiency of this public service.

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