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## Georgian Legal News Refer to the Law

### Minister of Justice approves instruction on Registration of Entrepreneurial and Non- entrepreneurial (Non-commercial) Legal Entities

On 31 December 2021, the Minister of Justice of Georgia issued Order No 797, approving Instruction On Registration of Entrepreneurial and Non-entrepreneurial (Non-commercial) Legal Entities and abolishing the current Instruction On Registration of Entrepreneurial and Non-entrepreneurial (Non-commercial) Legal Entities (approved by Order No 241 of 31 December 2009).

The Instruction sets forth the conditions for the registration and regulates maintenance of the Register of Entrepreneurs and Non-Entrepreneurial (Non-Commercial) Legal Entities by the National Agency of Public Registry in line with the requirements of the new Law on Entrepreneurs.

The instruction aims to regulate the legal and procedural issues of registration and issuance of information by the National Agency of Public Registry and to determine the contents, format, and technical parameters of registration documents, public information, and other data.

## Stricter regulation of gambling and prize draws

On 22 December 2021, the Parliament of Georgia approved the third reading of a bill amending the Law on Lotteries, Gambling and Prize Draws, together with the enclosed legislative package.

According to the amendments, the age limit for participation in gambling and prize draws is increased to 25 years for Georgian citizens and 18 years for foreign citizens and stateless persons.

The legislative package also envisages the creation of a list of gambling addicts and a list of restricted persons and bans public officials and socially disadvantaged groups from gambling and prize draws.

Seven other laws were changed to accommodate the amendments, including the Law of Georgia on Advertising and the Law of Georgia on Broadcasting: advertising of gambling, totalizators, lotto and bingo games, as well as advertising of their organisers in any form and by any means, is now restricted. Broadcasting of such advertisements, sponsorship statements, and respective product placement in broadcast programmes is also prohibited.

Amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2022.

## Amendments to the Law on State Inspector

On 30 December 2022, the Parliament of Georgia adopted amendments to the Law on the State Inspector, using the fast-track procedure.

According to the amendments, the State Inspector and the Office of the State Inspector are abolished to form two separate agencies, The Special Investigation Service and The Personal Data Protection Service.

The Special Investigation Service will investigate misconduct of public officials, while The Personal Data Protection Service will oversee the legality of personal data processing.

The law also takes care of further employment of the State Inspector's Office employees working in the Investigation and Personal Data Protection departments by the newly formed agencies.

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