



## SME DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: SETTLED ISSUES

### Tax area

- ✓ The charge rate for electronic signatures has been reduced.
- ✓ The number of cases for providing the Tax Inspectorate with the information on the amount of calculations performed with a cash controlling machine has been reduced from 12 times to 4 times.
- ✓ Opportunity of acquisition of a monthly patent fee, instead of quarterly has been established.
- ✓ Improvement of conditions of purchasing new cash control machines for SMEs.
- ✓ Imposing a sequestration by Tax Authorities on one bank account in the amount of tax liability: introduction of unified electronic system
- ✓ Implementation of a "Family business" regime with exemption from business taxes.
- ✓ Adoption of the RA Law "On state support to Information Technologies sector" with a goal to support startup companies.
- ✓ Review of the Turnover tax percentage for the trade area businesses with an opportunity to reduce the rate in context with expense documentation for goods.
- ✓ Establishment of an opportunity for small B&B businesses to use the privileges of "Family business" regime.
- ✓ Clarification of a 3-year violation validity period for fines and other liabilities.
- ✓ Introduction of a new sector for Turnover Taxpayers: restaurants, public food venues, etc.
- ✓ Clarification of the procedure of passing an inheritor's non-performed liabilities to the inheritee
- ✓ Introduction of a warning prior to fining for patent fee payers in case of non-registration of the patent fee.
- ✓ Cash control machine check adopted as an expenditure document.

### Customs area

- ✓ The process of the transit carriage of products and vehicles through RA Customs area has been improved.
- ✓ Proportionate penalties for customs declaration violations have been set (Customs Code Art. 203).
- ✓ Combined cargo transportation rules elaboration
- ✓ Simplification of complex requirements on submission of documentation during importing food.
- ✓ Simplification of the procedures of country of origin certification and testing act acquisition.
- ✓ Simplification of customs clearance procedures and exemption from customs fees in case of importing and exporting goods under 200 EUR.

### Business registration and liquidation area

- ✓ The state registration process of legal entities has been simplified.
- ✓ The liquidation process of individual entrepreneurs has been simplified.
- ✓ The process of changing the functional significance of apartments for an office use has been simplified.
- ✓ Information leaflet has been introduced in order to provide informational support to newly registered to start-up businesses.

### Other

- ✓ The charge rate for electronic signatures has been reduced.
- ✓ The issue concerning imposing a sequestration on bank accounts of legal entities by Judicial Acts Enforcement Service employees only in accordance with the disputed amounts has been clarified in practice.
- ✓ Improvement of conditions of purchasing new cash control machines for SMEs.
- ✓ Review of the Local fees for alcohol and cigarettes trade in favor of SMEs: the local fees are set by the Municipal Councils and the amount of the fee will be set in accordance with the business square.