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ACTING DIRECTOR

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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

DECISION

No 737-N of 5 June 2025

ON APPROVING THE PLAN FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CONFORMITY CERTIFICATES FOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND PRODUCTS

Taking as a basis points 1, 3, 8 and 15 of part 1, part 2 of Article 4 and point 5 of part 2 of Article 6 of the Law "On industrial policy", the Government of the Republic of Armenia ***hereby decides to:***

1. Approve the "Plan for Assistance in Obtaining Conformity Certificates for Management Systems and Products", pursuant to the Annex.

2. Establish that the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised body") shall be deemed the authorised body for implementation of the Plan approved under point 1 of this Decision.

3. Assign the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia to:

(1) approve, within a one-month period upon entry into force of this Decision, the sample form of the agreement on the provision of assistance in obtaining conformity certificates for management systems and products;

(2) submit, within a two-month period upon entry into force of this Decision, to the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia proposals on making a redistribution and supplement to the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On the 2025 State Budget of the Republic of Armenia" and making relevant amendments and supplements to Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No 2060-N of 27 December 2024 "On the actions ensuring performance of the 2025 State Budget of the Republic of Armenia".

4. This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the official promulgation and shall be in effect until 10 November 2027.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia **N. Pashinyan**

6.06.2025
CERTIFIED
BY ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

Annex

to Decision of the Government

of the Republic of Armenia

No 737-N of 5 June 2025

PLAN

FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CONFORMITY CERTIFICATES FOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND PRODUCTS

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The "Plan for Assistance in Obtaining Conformity Certificates for Management Systems and Products" (hereinafter referred to as "the Plan") shall regulate the relations pertaining to the provision of assistance to actually operating legal persons registered in the "Agency for State Register of Legal Entities" of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as "the organisations") or individual entrepreneurs.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN AND CONCEPTS USED

2. The objective of the Plan shall be to help boost manufacturing of agricultural and industrial products, and improve production management systems, by partially reimbursing:

   (1) the expenses incurred for implementation of the processes linked to the scheme (module) for certification of the management systems introduced in manufacturing, in case the beneficiary obtains the certificate provided for by the Plan;

(2) the expenses incurred for implementation of the processes linked to the certificates prescribed by paragraphs "c"-"l" of sub-point 2 of point 3 of the certification scheme (module) and plan for "halal", "organic", "transition period organic" of Global Good Agricultural Practice (hereinafter referred to as “Global G.A.P.”), in case the beneficiary has obtained the certificate provided for by the Plan.

3. The concepts used within the meaning of the Plan shall have the meanings of the concepts prescribed by the existing legislation in the field of accreditation:

(1) beneficiary — an organisation registered in the state register and actually operating in the Republic of Armenia or a person record-registered as an individual entrepreneur, except for economic operators deemed microentrepreneurship entities during the year of submission of the letter of application or during the preceding calendar year, which:

a. shall be deemed a taxpayer having carried out activities in the general taxation system and the system of turnover tax, as well as an economic operator having obtained state registration (record-registration) or having resumed the activities during the current year, in case of being registered during the year of submission of the letter of application and during the preceding year, and in case of the legal person being registered during the given year or being record-registered by the individual entrepreneur during the given year — only during the given year;

b. in respect of which there is no decision on levying the beneficiary with tax liabilities in the amount of AMD 1 million and more in relation to revenues controlled by the tax authority during the 365 days preceding the day of submission of the letter of application prescribed by the Plan, and does not have overdue liabilities on revenues controlled by the tax authority as of the day preceding the day of submission of the application;

c. is not engaged in the process of bankruptcy or liquidation;

d. the beneficiary has established and carried out at least 80% of activities — included in the 01.1 (Growing of non-perennial crops), 01.2 (Growing of perennial crops), 01.3 (Growing of seedlings and other planting materials), 01.4 (Livestock farming) and 03.2 (Fish breeding) groups of “A Agriculture, Forest Economy and Fishing” section, in “C Processing Industry” section of the “Classifier of Types of Economic Activities” (except for activities included under 18 “Polygraphic activities, multiplication of recorded carriers”, 33 “Repair and installation of machines and equipment”) approved under Order of the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia No 874-N of 19 September 2013 — based on the calculations of the VAT and turnover tax presented for every completed reporting period in the year preceding the day of submission of the letter of application and during the current year, and in case a legal person is registered during the current year or is record-registered by an individual entrepreneur during the given year — only during the given year;

(2) certificate:

a. certificate granted in accordance with any of the ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, ISO 9001 or ISO 14001 standards by the authority for certification of the management systems accredited by the accreditation body which is a party to the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement of the International Accreditation Forum (hereinafter referred to as "the IAF") or the "National Accreditation Body" State Non-Commercial Organisation of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as "the ARMNAB");

b. certificate certifying organic agricultural product conformity issued by product certification bodies entitled to apply the organic labels and signs of the EU Organic (EU Regulation 2018/848), Standard Conformity Assessment Body accredited by the International Organic Accreditation Service (IOAS), or USDA National Organic Program, 7 CFR 205/, and the accreditation body (EU) which is a party to the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), or the Japan Agricultural Standards (JAS) Organic Standard Conformity Assessment Body, as well as recognised by Great Britain and the Swiss Confederation and entitled to apply the organic labels and signs, certificate of "Global G.A.P.", "Halal" product issued by the product certification bodies accredited by the accreditation body which is a party to the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement of the IAF or the International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF);

c. the "Business Social Compliance Initiative" (BSCI) certificate for ensuring business-social compliance, issued by Amfori association for initiatives;

d. "Social Accountability 8000" — SA8000 certificate, for compliance of company working conditions and social accountability, issued by the Social Accountability International organisation (SAI);

e. "WRAP" certificate certifying compliance with social, ethical and environmental standards of production, issued by the Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP);

f. "SEDEX" certificate for product supply chain transparency, and social and ethical conditions compliance, issued by the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (SEDEX) organisation;

g. OEKO-TEX Standard 100 certificate certifying that a product does not contain substances harmful to human health, issued by the OEKO-TEX® organisation;

h. GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) certificate for ensuring compliance with higher ecological and social standards for the processes of manufacturing textile products from organic materials;

i. BCI (Better Cotton Initiative) certificate certifying compliance of used cotton;

j. certificate attesting conformity of the whole manufacturing of textile products —from raw material to end products, issued by Fairtrade International (the process undergoes independent checks and audits, which guarantee that the product was made in socially fair manner and in a manner responsible for the surrounding environment);

k. EU Ecolabel certificate attesting compliance with the high ecological standards of a product;

l. Cradle to Cradle (C2C) certificate attesting compliance with the higher ecological, social and economic standards for a product or service;

(3) certification costs, according to the certificate, the sum paid to certification bodies for issuance of the certificate referred to in paragraphs "a"-"l" of sub-point 2 of this point by the certification body specified therein (in accordance with the documents proving payments).

4. The tax calculations of the value added tax or turnover tax, presented for the periods prescribed under the conditions of the action by the taxpayer, shall be taken as a basis for the requirement prescribed by paragraph "d" of sub-point 1 of point 3 of the Plan being met.

3. PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

5. The Plan envisages the partial reimbursement of the costs incurred by the beneficiary for certification, in the amounts provided for by point 6 of the Plan which does not cover the costs incurred for supervision over compliance of the certificate issued for each year.

6. The certification costs provided for by point 5 of the Plan shall be partially reimbursed in the following amounts:

   (1) in case of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certificates — in the amount of 50% of the certification costs, but not more than AMD 1 000 000 (one million);

   (2) in case of ISO 22000 and FSSC 22000 certificates — in the amount of 50% of the certification costs, but not more than AMD 1 500 000 (one million five hundred thousand);

   (3) in case of "Global G.A.P.", "Halal", "organic" and "transition period organic" certificates — in the amount of 50% of the certification costs, but not more than AMD 1 500 000 (one million five hundred thousand);

   (4) in case of certificates prescribed by paragraphs "c"-"l" of sub-point 2 of point 3 of the Plan — in the amount of 50% of the certification costs, but not more than AMD 1 500 000 (one million five hundred thousand).

7. The beneficiary may, upon own choice, only apply for reimbursement of the certification costs, in which case the certification costs shall be reimbursed in the amount prescribed for partial reimbursement of certification costs under point 6 of the Plan.

4. CONDITIONS FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

8. Assistance shall be provided, where:

(1) the beneficiary meets the conditions prescribed by sub-point 1 of point 3 of the Plan;

(2) the beneficiary has applied to the certification body to obtain the certificate starting from the day following the day of entry into force of the Plan (the expenses incurred by the beneficiary before the entry into force of the Plan shall not be reimbursed).

9. In the case provided for by sub-point 1 of point 2 of the Plan, to receive assistance, the beneficiary must submit a letter of application to the authorised body electronically (e-mail address: secretariat@mineconomy.am), pursuant to Form No 1, which shall indicate the following:

(1) the carbon copy of the registration number of the organisation of the beneficiary registered in the state register or of the record-registration number of an individual entrepreneur;

(2) the written consent given by the beneficiary, complying with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, for the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia to provide to the authorised body the information requested with regard to the beneficiary within the scope of the Plan;

(3) the certificate provided for by sub-point 1 of point 2 of the Plan and the carbon copy thereof;

(4) the documents corroborating the certification costs provided for by the Plan;

(5) the bank account number of the beneficiary and the bank account excerpt confirming payment of the certification costs on the part of the beneficiary;

(6) the written consent of the beneficiary to return to the State Budget of the Republic of Armenia the full sum to be reimbursed within 10 (ten) working

days, by applying the requirement prescribed by Decision of the Board of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia No 283-N of 9 November 2010, in case after the provision of assistance, it is found that:

a. the beneficiary has provided incomplete, distorted or false information to receive assistance, in which case the beneficiary will be held liable as prescribed by the Administrative Offences Code of the Republic of Armenia;

b. after receiving assistance, a decision on levying tax liabilities was adopted under the administrative proceedings for levying tax liabilities instituted against the beneficiary during the period of validity of the Plan.

10. The beneficiary must submit the application upon receipt of any of the certificates provided for by point 6 of the Plan, but no later than within 4 months.

11. In the case provided for by sub-point 2 of point 2 of the Plan, to receive assistance, the beneficiary must submit the following to the authorised body:

(1) letter of application, pursuant to Form No 2;

(2) the carbon copy of the registration number of the organisation of the beneficiary registered in the state register or of the record-registration number of an individual entrepreneur;

(3) the contract on provision of service for conformity assessment, concluded between the beneficiary and the conformity assessment body (the certification body);

(4) the settlement document (tax account, etc.) presented to the beneficiary by the conformity assessment body;

(5) the bank account excerpt confirming payment made for provision of the service for conformity assessment, based on the contract prescribed by sub-point 3 of this point;

(6) the certificate provided for by sub-point 2 of point 2 of the Plan;

(7) the bank account number of the beneficiary;

(8) the written consent given by the beneficiary, complying with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, for the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia to provide to the authorised body the information requested with regard to the beneficiary within the scope of the Plan;

(9) the written consent of the beneficiary to return to the State Budget of the Republic of Armenia the full sum to be reimbursed within 10 (ten) working days, by applying the requirement prescribed by Decision of the Board of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia No 283-N of 9 November 2010, in case after the provision of assistance, it is found that:

   a. the beneficiary has provided incomplete, distorted or false information to receive assistance, in which case the beneficiary will be held liable as prescribed by the Administrative Offences Code of the Republic of Armenia;

   b. after receiving assistance, a decision on levying tax liabilities was adopted under the administrative proceedings for levying tax liabilities instituted against the beneficiary during the period of validity of the Plan.

12. Where there are shortcomings in the letter of application or in the attached documents, or the submitted information is incomplete, the authorised body shall, within 5 working days following the day of receipt of the letter of application, electronically notify the beneficiary thereon (to the e-mail address

indicated in the letter of application), by offering to eliminate the shortcomings, submit complete information requested within the scope of the Plan or submit a new letter of application.

13. The beneficiary shall, within 5 working days following the day of being notified, eliminate the shortcomings and submit to the authorised body the corrected versions of the letter of application and the attached documents or submit complete information requested within the scope of the Plan.

14. The beneficiary may submit a new letter of application to the authorised body:

    (1) where he or she has not submitted the relevant information within the time limit prescribed by point 13 of the Plan;

    (2) where the beneficiary submits to the authorised body documented rationales to the effect that fixing the shortcomings is due to the actions of third parties or the state body and the duration thereof.

15. Assistance shall be provided based on the letter of application and attached documents submitted by the beneficiary to the e-mail address secretariat@mineconomy.am of the authorised body, in the prescribed manner.

16. Where shortcomings are not detected in the letter of application and attached documents submitted by the applicant, the authorised body shall make an inquiry to the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia in order to receive information about the taxation systems of the applicant, the absence of overdue liabilities on revenues controlled by the tax authority, a decision on levying tax liabilities in the amount of AMD 1 million and more in relation to revenues controlled by the tax authority during 365 days preceding the day of submission of the letter of application prescribed by the Plan and the classifiers of types of economic activities. The State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia shall provide the requested information to the authorised body within 5 working days after receiving the inquiry.

17. The letter of application shall be approved or rejected within 5 working days upon receipt of the response to the inquiries indicated in point 16 of the Plan.

18. The letter of application shall be rejected, where:

(1) the information or data provided in the documents submitted by the applicant are false or inaccurate or fail to meet the conditions of the Plan;

(2) the time limits prescribed by points 10 or 13 of the Plan or the requirements prescribed by point 14 have been breached;

(3) there is a decision on levying the beneficiary with tax liabilities in the amount of AMD 1 million and more in relation to revenues controlled by the tax authority during the 365 days preceding the day of submission to the authorised body the letter of application for receiving assistance, or the beneficiary does not have overdue liabilities on revenues controlled by the tax authority as of the day preceding the day of submission of the letter of application;

(4) the results of monitoring prescribed by point 19 of the Plan are negative.

19. To assess the effectiveness of the Plan, monitoring of the Plan shall be conducted in accordance with the timetable for monitoring of the Plan prescribed by the authorised body and the prescribed requirements.

20. Where the economic operator meets the requirements prescribed by the Plan and within 7 working days after summing up the positive results of the monitoring prescribed by point 19 of the Plan, a contract on provision of assistance in obtaining conformity certificates for management systems and products shall be concluded between the authorised body and the economic operator, in accordance with the form approved by the authorised body.

21. Taking as a basis the opinion drawn up based on the positive results of the monitoring prescribed by point 20 of the Plan, the sum for assistance shall be

transferred to the bank account of the beneficiary indicated in the letter of application, within 5 working days following the day of conclusion of the contract provided for by the same point.

22. Within the scope of the Plan, financing for assistance to the beneficiary will be provided within 60 working days following the day of incorporating the Plan in the Law "On the State Budget" for the given year and in Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No 2060-N of 27 December 2024 "On the actions ensuring performance of the 2025 State Budget of the Republic of Armenia".

5. OTHER CONDITIONS

23. Within the scope of the Plan, assistance shall be provided for letters of application received during the time period prescribed by point 22 of the Plan until 10 November 2027.

Form No 1

by ....
Applicant's information (name, surname, father's name, e-mail address)

TIN: ....

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Name of the organisation or name, surname of the individual entrepreneur

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Registered address (location)

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LETTER OF APPLICATION

By this Letter of Application, I request provision of assistance in obtaining the certificate within the scope of the "Plan for Assistance in Obtaining Conformity Certificates for Management Systems and Products", approved under Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No __-N of 20__.

I request provision of assistance to:

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(reference to and name of the standard)

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I declare that I meet the conditions prescribed by sub-point 1 of point 3 of the Plan.

I commit to be held liable as prescribed by the Administrative Offences Code of the Republic of Armenia and to return the full sum for assistance to the State Budget of the Republic of Armenia within 10 (ten) working days, by applying the requirement prescribed by Decision of the Board of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia No 283-N of 9 November 2010, in case after the provision of assistance, it is found that:

- I have provided incomplete, distorted or false information to receive it, in which case I am ready to bear the liability prescribed by the Administrative Offences Code of the Republic of Armenia;
- after receiving it, a decision on levying tax liabilities was adopted under the administrative proceedings for levying tax liabilities instituted against me during the period of validity of the Plan.

I hereby give my consent for the authorised body — the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia — to receive from (indicate name of organisation) the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia information about the taxation systems of the organisation, the absence of overdue liabilities on revenues controlled by the tax authority, the absence of a decision on levying tax liabilities in the amount of AMD 1 million and more in relation to revenues controlled by the tax authority during 365 days preceding the day of submission of the letter of application prescribed by the Plan and the classifiers of types of economic activities.

Please find attached:

(the documents referred to in point 9 of the Plan are attached).

Applicant: ____________________________

Form No 2

by ....
Applicant's information (name, surname, father's name, e-mail address)

TIN: ....

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Name of the organisation or name, surname of the individual entrepreneur

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Registered address (location)

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LETTER OF APPLICATION

By this Letter of Application, I request provision of assistance within the scope of the "Plan for Assistance in Obtaining Conformity Certificates for Management Systems of Organisations Operating in the Republic of Armenia, and of Products", approved under Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No __- N of 20__.

I request provision of assistance:

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_____________________________________ with regard to the conformity assessment service ("Global G.A.P.", "Halal", "organic" and " transition period organic" certificates, certificates prescribed by paragraphs "c"-"l" of sub-point 2 of point 3 of the Plan).

I declare that I meet the conditions prescribed by sub-point 1 of point 3 of the Plan.

I commit to return the full sum for assistance to the State Budget of the Republic of Armenia within 10 (ten) working days, by applying the requirement prescribed by Decision of the Board of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia No 283-N of 9 November 2010, in case after the provision of assistance, it is found that:

- I have provided incomplete, distorted or false information to receive it, in which case I am ready to bear the liability prescribed by the Administrative Offences Code of the Republic of Armenia;
- after receiving it, a decision on levying tax liabilities was adopted under the administrative proceedings for levying tax liabilities instituted against me during the period of validity of the Plan.

I hereby give my consent for the authorised body — the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia — to receive from (indicate name of organisation) the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia information about the taxation systems of the organisation, the absence of overdue liabilities on revenues controlled by the tax authority, the absence of a decision on levying tax liabilities in the amount of AMD 1 million and more in relation to the revenues controlled by the tax authority during 365 days preceding the day of submission of the letter of application prescribed by the Plan and the classifiers of types of economic activities.

Please find attached:

(the documents referred to in point 11 of the Plan are attached).

Applicant: __________________

Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister
of the Republic of Armenia **A. Harutyunyan**

6.06.2025
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