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**ON MAKING AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO THE LAW
"ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND EXPERT EXAMINATION"**

Article 1. The word "concerned" shall be deleted from part 1 of Article 2, part 2 of Article 16, from the title of Chapter 7 of the Law HO-110-N of 21 June 2014 "On environmental impact assessment and expert examination" (hereinafter referred to as "the Law"), and the words "the public concerned" in the title of Article 28 shall be replaced with the word "Public" and the words "The public concerned" in the same Article shall be replaced with the word "The public".

Article 2. In part 1 of Article 4 of the Law:

(1) new point 17.1 shall be added which reads as follows:

"(17.1) public shall mean one or more natural or legal persons or the companies, organisations or groups thereof, in accordance with the legislation or practice of the Republic of Armenia;"

(2) point 18 shall be amended to read as follows:

"(18) public concerned shall mean the public directly or potentially affected as a consequence of implementation of the fundamental document or carrying out of the proposed activity, or showing interest in relation to decisions adopted thereon;"

Article 3. Point 12 of part 1 of Article 9 of the Law shall be amended to read as follows:

"(12) ensuring the opportunity for notification of the public and participation of the public concerned in the process of expert examination in the cases and through the procedure prescribed by this Law;"

Article 4. In Article 12 of the Law:

(1) in part 3:

a. sub-point "a" of point 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

"a. installations where chemical or biological processes for the production of basic pharmaceutical products shall be used;"

b. the word "transfer" in sub-point "c" of point 6 shall be replaced with the word "disposal";

- c. the word "the size of" in sub-point "c" of point 7 shall be replaced with the words "the limit or value of", and sub-point "d" shall be supplemented with the words "with a melting production capacity of" after the word "items";
- d. sub-point "f" of point 7 shall be amended to read as follows:
 - "f. facilities envisaged for the extraction of asbestos, for the processing and transformation of asbestos and asbestos-containing products and for the production of asbestos-cement products – annual production capacity exceeding 20,000 metric tonnes of finished products; facilities envisaged for friction materials — annual production capacity exceeding 50 metric tonnes of finished products; and facilities envisaged for other uses of asbestos with a volume of more than 200 metric tonnes per year,";
- e. in sub-point "b" of point 9, the number "20" shall be replaced with the number "10";
- f. sub-point "a" of point 11 shall be supplemented with the words "or other water retention facilities" after the word "basins";
- g. point 11 shall be supplemented with a new sub-point "f" which reads as follows:
 - "f. commercial ports, as well as inland waterways and ports for inland shipping which permit the passage of vessels of more than 1,350 metric tonnes,";
- h. sub-point "a" of point 14 shall be amended to read as follows:
 - "a. production of paper or cardboard with a production capacity exceeding 20 tonnes per day;".

(2) in part 4:

- a. sub-point "a" of point 3 shall be supplemented with the words "or other water retention facilities" after the word "basins";

- b. the words "with more than 1 km non-stop length" shall be deleted from sub-point "c" of point 6;

(3) part 5.1 shall be added which reads as follows:

"5.1 The construction of a new school (educational complex) or kindergarten on land plots assigned to existing schools under state or community subordination and kindergartens under state or community subordination, or on land plots adjacent thereto, or the reconstruction or major repair of an existing school (educational complex) or the sports hall, canteen, or assembly hall of a school (educational complex), or of a kindergarten, as well as the reconstruction or major repair of stadiums or sports schools or sports complexes on state- or community-owned land, shall not be subject to expert-examination. In such cases, the authorised body shall provide its position on the environmental impact during the comprehensive state urban development expert-examination of architectural and construction projects.

The implementation of the types of activities referred to in this part on other land plots allocated for that purpose within the same settlement, as well as the construction of stadiums or sports schools or sports complexes, shall not be subject to expert-examination where this is provided for in accordance with the procedure established by point 3 of part 1 of Article 8 of this Law."

Article 5. In part 1 of Article 20 of the Law, the words "by the authorised body" shall be added after the words "be revoked".

Article 6. Article 21 of the Law shall be amended to read as follows:

"Article 21. Types of fundamental documents subject to SEA and expert-examination

1. Draft fundamental documents relating to the fields of agriculture, forestry, fish farming, energy, industrial sectors, subsoil use, transport, territorial development, waste use, water economy, communications, tourism, and urban development shall be subject to SEA and expert-examination if they establish grounds for the future implementation of projects listed in Annex 1 to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention "On Environmental Impact Assessment in a Trans-boundary Context" or grounds for the future implementation of projects listed in Annex 2 thereto which, in accordance with Article 12 of this Law, shall be subject to environmental impact assessment and expert-examination.
2. Whether draft fundamental documents not referred to in part 1 of this Article, but establishing grounds for the future carrying out of the types of proposed activities listed in Article 12 of this Law, shall be subject to SEA and expert-examination shall be determined by the authorised body, based on the results of consultations conducted jointly with the authorised body for management in the field of healthcare, in accordance with the SEA procedure approved by the Government.
3. Whether draft fundamental documents not referred to in part 1 of this Article and which may have an impact on specially protected natural areas and forest areas, as well as on historical and cultural monuments, shall be subject to SEA and expert-examination shall be determined by the authorised body, based on the results of consultations conducted jointly with the initiator, in accordance with the SEA procedure approved by the Government.
4. The authorised body, based on the results of consultations conducted jointly with the initiator and the authorised body for management in the field of healthcare,

shall also determine whether the use of small areas at the local level and minor amendments to fundamental documents are subject to SEA and expert-examination, in accordance with the SEA procedure approved by the Government.

5. Draft fundamental documents of a financial or budgetary nature, as well as draft fundamental documents the sole purpose whereof is to serve national security, defence, and civil emergencies, shall not be subject to SEA and expert-examination."

Article 7. Part 2 of Article 22 of the Law shall be amended to read as follows:

"2. Phases of carrying out SEA shall be as follows:

- (1) preliminary assessment;
- (2) determining scope of the SEA;
- (3) drawing up a SEA report;
- (4) taking into account the results of the SEA in the fundamental document."

Article 8. Article 24 of the Law shall be supplemented with part 4 which shall read as follows:

"4. Where additional information regarding the significant trans-boundary impact of a proposed activity, which was not available at the time of issuance of the state expert-examination opinion and which could have significantly affected that opinion, becomes known to the authorised body before the commencement of carrying out of that activity, then:

- (1) in the case of being a state of origin, the authorised body shall immediately notify the relevant authorised body of the affected state thereof, in accordance with the procedure established by this Law and other legal acts;
- (2) in the case of being an affected state, the authorised body may submit a request to the authorised body of the state of origin for the organisation of consultations and for consideration of the need to review that opinion."

Article 9.

1. This Law shall enter into force on the tenth day following the day of its official promulgation.
2. Secondary regulatory legal acts arising from this Law shall be adopted within six months after the entry into force of this Law.
3. The relations with regard to the expert-examination process having been launched prior to the entry into force of this Law and pending at the moment of the entry into force of this Law shall be regulated by secondary regulatory legal acts effective at the moment of launching the expert-examination process.

President of the Republic of Armenia

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