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Industry Update

Expert discussion of drafts of regulatory acts governing the management of production and consumption waste

The discussion of drafts of regulatory acts governing the management of production and consumption waste was held on May 24.

The roundtable was organized by the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic with the support of the Kyrgyzstan, UNDP and UNEP Partnership Initiative on Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals into Development Planning Processes Project and Management and Disposal of PCBs in Kyrgyzstan Project (UNDP/GEF).

The roundtable participants included representatives from the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry and its subdivisions, other state agencies such as the State Committee for Statistics and the State Inspectorate for Environmental and Technical Safety, the Sanitary and Environmental Inspection Unit of the Bishkek Mayor's Office, and natural resource users.

Among the drafts of waste management regulatory acts discussed were:

1. Guidelines for setting waste treatment rates in the Kyrgyz Republic;
2. Guidelines for collecting, transporting, processing and disposing hazardous industrial waste;
3. Guidelines for determining the maximum allowable accumulation of hazardous industrial

Legal Update

Kyrgyz Law of April 18, 2013 No. 54 “On Amendments and Modifications to the Kyrgyz Code of Administrative Liability”

The above Law introduces amendments and modifications to the Kyrgyz Code of Administrative Liability related to toughening liability for ecological violations. In particular, penalties for violations are increased in the following articles of the Code:

- Article 167 (Emission of pollutants into the environment, placement of waste, physical and other negative environmental impact without authorization);
 - Article 174 (Non-compliance with the requirements for protection and reasonable use of natural resources during storage and burning of industrial and domestic waste);
 - Article 179 (Destruction, spoiling, damage of specially-protected objects and territories);
 - Article 180 (Use of natural resources without special permission);
 - Article 181 (Violation of ecological requirements during storage (placement), transportation, use, neutralization and burial of toxic industrial waste and production and consumption waste);
 - The Code was also supplemented with the new Article 179-1 (Pollution of specially-protected natural territories by household waste, refuse and litter).
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waste;

4. Guidelines for keeping primary records of hazardous waste treatment.

The participants gave their recommendations regarding many questions, for example, comments and suggestions on the structure of the waste record-keeping log based on their own experience and practices. The received comments will be taken into account and considered during the course of further revisions to the regulatory acts.

EBRD to allocate more than 5 ml. Euros to renovate the water supply and sewage system of Kant town

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will allocate 5 ml. 121 thousand Euros to renovate the water supply and sewage system of Kant town, announced the Deputy Minister of Finance Arzybek Kozhoshev at the session of the Committee for agricultural policy, water resources, ecology and regional development on April 1st. According to Kozhoshev, EBRD will also allocate 5 ml. Euros to renovate the water supply and sewage systems of Talas town.

Earlier, the Ministry of Finance announced that 5 million Euros was allocated to renovate the water supply and sewage system of Karabalta town. 3 million Euros will be allocated as a grant and 2 million Euros as a loan for 15 years with a grace period of 3 years. The loan will be repaid from the local budget. It is noted that the same conditions apply to the towns of Talas and Kant.

International donors to participate in Greening up the Mountains and reforestation projects in Kyrgyzstan

The International Program in Agriculture and the Global Environment Facility have launched a project titled "Sustainable management of mountain forests and land resources of the Kyrgyz Republic". The project involves the respective agencies of the country.

The project will continue for 5 years and will involve the greening up of tens of thousands of hectares of mountains together with reforestation. It is also planned to involve residents of mountainous areas in the entrepreneurship activities and teach them how to process and sell different forest and mountain berries. The main goal of the project is to both ensure the conservation of nature and to involve

Kyrgyz Government Resolution of May 23, 2013 No. 279 "On Amendments to the Kyrgyz Government Resolution "On Approving the Regulations for the Ysyk-Kel Biosphere Area of January 24, 2000 No. 40"

In order to provide free access for citizens to the Ysyk-Kel biosphere area, Clause 31 of the Regulations for Biosphere Areas was declared ineffective. Clause 31 provided for the establishment of ecological posts and the collection of payment from cars entering the Ysyk-Kel biosphere area.

Kyrgyz Government Resolution of April 17, 2013 No. 206 "On the Establishment of Dashman State Wildlife Reservation of July 12, 2012 No. 482"

The above Government Resolution changed the borders of the Dashman state wildlife reservation. Thus, the area of the reservation decreased from 8,189.6 hectares to 7,958.1 hectares.

Kyrgyz Government Resolution of June 13, 2013 No. 347 'On the Draft Law "On the Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals" signed on June 23, 1979 in Bonn'

The draft law "On the Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals signed on June 23, 1979 in Bonn" provides that the Kyrgyz national authority responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this Convention is the Kyrgyz agency for environmental protection and forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. It is provided that the Agency will appoint a qualified Kyrgyz expert as a member of the Scientific Council of the Convention.

Also, according to the indicated resolution, after accession to the Convention the Agency will pay a contribution to the extent permitted by the national budget for the respective year.

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Kyrgyzstan is first among CIS countries to draft a law on glaciers

Following discussion of the Kumtor issue, Parliament developed a draft law on glaciers, reported the secretariat of the Respublica fraction on March 15.

One of the initiators of the draft law, a member of the Respublica fraction, Cholpon Sultanbekova, noted the necessity of creating a new registry of glaciers in Kyrgyzstan. Currently, the total area of glaciers constitutes 4.2 % of the total area of the country. There are 6,582 glaciers registered in the territory of Kyrgyzstan. Experts claim that some glaciers have melted and disappeared from sight, which complicates the calculation of their exact number.

According to Ch. Sultanbekova, the above-mentioned draft law is the only one in the territory of the CIS countries, while the existing registry of glaciers was created during the Soviet Union period. Since independence, no updates to the list of glaciers have taken place, and the question has gradually gotten out of the state control.

The MP also added that in the course of the discussions Parliament received suggestions for creating a state authority or agency for the control of glaciers.

Extended session of the Interdepartmental Committee on cooperation between Kyrgyzstan and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) held in Issyk-Kul region

The Interdepartmental committee on cooperation between Kyrgyzstan and the Global Environment Facility held its extended session under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Atadjanov, Director of the State Agency, with the support of the UNDP program "Environmental protection for sustainable development" on August 29-30, 2013 in Chok-Tal village, Issyk-Kul region.

During the session, UNDP, FAO and UNEP presented the results of the projects implemented with the funds of the GEF in the framework of the fourth and fifth cycles.

In the framework of the fourth cycle the UN Development Program successfully implemented two joint projects directed at restoring the endemic fish fauna of the Issyk-Kul lake and also integrated pasture management in the Suusamyr

Kyrgyz Government Resolution of May 3, 2013 No. 224 "On Establishing Rates of Penalty for Damages to Flora and Fauna Species by Legal Entities and Individuals"

The indicated resolution was adopted by the Government to ensure the protection of biodiversity, the proper protection of flora and fauna species including endemic species and of those recorded in the Kyrgyz Red Book, and also to toughen the liability for the unlawful use of raw materials containing medicinal-bitumen.

The resolution approved the following rates of penalties for damage to flora and fauna:

- rates of penalties for damage to unique flora species (narrow endemics and protected species) by legal entities and individuals;
- rates of penalties for damage caused by the unlawful cutting of trees and bushes, unauthorized appropriation (theft) of wind-fallen trees by legal entities and individuals;
- rates of penalties for damage caused to flora and medicinal-bitumen mineral raw materials by legal entities and individuals;
- list of medicinal and technical plants, permitted for collection on the territory of the country, together with the limits for their collection by legal entities and individuals;
- rates of penalties for damage caused to fauna species on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic by legal entities and individuals;
- rates of penalties for damage caused to fish resources and water biological resources of the Kyrgyz Republic by individuals and legal entities;
- rates of penalties for damage caused by unauthorized hay mowing, cattle grazing, placement of beehives and apiaries on the lands of the state forestry fund by legal entities and individuals.

In accordance with the resolution, 70% of the penalties collected for damage caused to the flora species will be transferred to the national budget, and 30% will be spent for the payment of bonuses to persons who revealed and reported violations.

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Currently, UNDP together with GEF are implementing three projects directed at increasing power-efficiency in buildings (implemented together with the Ministry of Construction), developing small hydroelectric power plants (implemented together with the Kyrgyz Ministry of Energy) and managing polychlorinated biphenyls (implemented together with the Kyrgyz Ministry of Energy and Industry).

One of the main achievements of the UNDP and GEF Project "Improvement of energy efficiency in buildings" is the construction of the first energy efficient school in Kyrgyzstan (Osh city, with 850 spots) and a gym for the school in Ak-Kashat village (Chui oblast). Also, since January 1, 2010 the Kyrgyz construction rules and regulations "Construction Thermal Physics" and the Kyrgyz construction regulations "Design of Thermal Protection of Buildings" were enacted and included in the Kyrgyz Government's list of rules and regulations for compulsory execution.



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