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# **LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

## **ON STATE DUTIES**

Adopted by National Assembly  
December 27, 1997

### **CHAPTER I**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **Article 1. Subject of the Law Regulation**

This Law shall establish in the Republic of Armenia

- the concept of state duty
- the types and rates of state duties
- the payers of the state duty
- the procedures and conditions for collection, the return of the state duty, and the granting of privileges regarding state duty and shall regulate other relations associated with state duty.

##### **Article 2. The Concept of State Duty**

State duty in the Republic of Armenia is a mandatory payment to the State and/or municipal /community/ budgets of the Republic of Armenia of a sum to be collected from physical and legal persons, for services and actions established by this Law due to implementation of the power of state bodies.

### **CHAPTER II**

#### **PAYERS OF STATE DUTY, THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

##### **Article 3. Payers of State Duty**

Payers of the state duty in the Republic of Armenia shall be physical and legal entities (hereinafter referred to as payers of the stamp duty) who make use of the services or actions specified in Article 7 of this Law.

##### **Article 4. Rights of State Duty Payers**

The payer of the state duty shall have the right to do the following:

- require of the agency that collects the state duty that it perform calculation of the duty, and recalculation, if necessary;
- appeal the actions of the agency or official who collect the state duty in a court of appeals, as well as in a court of law;
- apply to the appropriate state agencies for privileges regarding the payment of the state duty;
- receive information on the payment of the state duty;
- require and receive the amount for state duty to be returned in the cases specified by this Law.

## **Article 5. Liabilities of State Duty Payers**

The payers of the state duty shall be obliged to

- pay the state duty established by this Law on a timely basis and in full;
- submit to the agencies or officials performing services or actions involving payment of the state duty documents substantiating that the state duty has been paid;
- submit documents confirming that privileges have been granted the payer with regard to the payment of the state duty;
- in cases specified by this Law, pay to the State Budget any penalties computed for late payment of the state duty.

## **Article 6. Suspension of State Duty Payment Liabilities**

The obligation of legal entities to pay the stamp duty shall cease upon the fulfilment of that obligation, exemption from payment of the state duty, or cancellation of the state duty or upon other grounds established by Law; the obligation of physical persons to pay shall cease upon the fulfilment of that obligation, exemption from payment of the state duty, cancellation of the state duty, or death of the payer.

# **CHAPTER III**

## **ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO STATE DUTY**

### **Article 7. Activities Subject to State Duty**

The state duty in the Republic of Armenia shall be collected for the following:

- a) for claims, applications and complaints passed to court, for appeals to reconsider court decisions as well as for issuing copies of documents given by the court;
- b) the performance of notarial acts by notary offices, the issuance of copies of notarized documents, the compilation by those offices of draft transactions and applications, the copying of documents and issuance of excerpts from them.
- c) the recording of certificates of registration and the issuance to citizens of duplicate registration certificates and certificates involving the alteration of, addition to, correction of, or restoration of entries in certificates of registration;
- d) the receipt of Republic of Armenia citizenship and change of the Republic of Armenia citizenship;
- e) performance of consular services or actions;
- f) state registration;
- g) the issuance of certificates for the right to export cultural assets or temporarily take cultural assets out of the country;
- h) legal actions associated with the legal maintenance of inventions, utility models, designs, trademarks, service marks, toponymy of commodity origin, name of the firm (industrial properties), topology of integral micro-schemes;
- i) the issuance to physical persons of documents that have legal significance, specific services or actions;
- k) the issuance of licenses for activities that must be licensed;
- l) other services and activities defined by Article 20 of this Law.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **STATE DUTY RATES**

#### **Article 8. State Duty Rates**

State duty rates shall be set in relation to the value of the property to be appraised or the base rate established by this Law.

The base duty shall be set at 1,000 dram.

#### **Article 9. State duty rates for claims, applications and complaints passed to court, for appeals to reconsider court decisions as well as for issuing copies of documents given by the court**

The state duty rates for claims, applications and complaints passed to court, for appeals to reconsider court decisions as well as for issuing copies of documents given by the court are the following:

1. for claims and applications asking for participation of the third party that has its own demands in terms of the dispute
  - a) property demand 2% of the claim cost but not less than 150% of the base duty
  - b) non-property demand 4 fold the base rate
2. for applications of declaring legal persons bankrupt 500 fold the base duty
3. for applications of declaring citizens bankrupt 100 fold the base duty
4. for applications of special cases
  - a) to declare the teenager fully capable to work the base duty
  - b) for other applications 3 fold the base duty
5. For applications on approving facts of legal nature 2 fold the base duty
6. For applications on recovering rights certified by lost securities and as to the person who submits them the base duty
7. For applications on issuing executive paper for the compulsory execution of decisions of mediator courts

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| a) property demands     | 2% of amount subject to distress but not less than 150% of base duty |
| b) non-property demands | 4 fold the base duty                                                 |
8. For re-examination complaints against court decisions
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| a) property demands     | 5% of payable amount but not less than 3 fold the base duty |
| b) non-property demands | 10 fold the base duty                                       |
| c) special cases        | 8 fold the base duty                                        |
9. For appeal complaints or complaints against valid decisions by attorneys holding special patent
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| a) property demands     | 10% of payable amount but not less than 6 fold the base duty |
| b) non-property demands | 20 fold the base duty                                        |
| c) special cases        | 10 fold the base duty                                        |
10. For issuing court (case) decision, copy of court decision on the basis of written application submitted by parties or other persons participating in the investigation of the case
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|  | 50% of base duty plus 15% of base duty per each prepared page |
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11. For issuing copies of documents attached to the claim application of the persons participating in the case on the basis of written application of the parties or other persons participating in case investigation
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|  | 20% of base duty plus 10% of base duty per each prepared page |
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#### **Article 10. State Duty Rates For the Performance of Notarial Acts**

The state duty shall be collected at the following rates for the performance of notarial acts by notary offices:

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| 1. For approving alienation contracts (except for gifts) of real estate - dwelling houses (apartments), buildings, other constructions as well as land |                       |
| a) for agricultural land                                                                                                                               | 5 fold the base duty  |
| b) other property                                                                                                                                      | 10 fold the base duty |
| 2. For the certification of agreements involving the alienation of motor vehicles, motorcycles; and other                                              | 10-fold the base duty |

self-propelled vehicles and mechanisms (except for deed-of-gift contracts):

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| 3. For certification and registration of contract of pledge (with the exception of the real estate)                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10-fold the base duty |
| 4. For certification of (hipothec) contract of pledge of the real estate                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10-fold the base duty |
| 5. For certification of other agreements subject to valuation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10-fold the base duty |
| 6. For certification of transactions involving the transfer of rights and obligations specified in earlier-concluded contracts and for certification of contracts involving sale, deed of gift, or exchange of all types of property (except those indicated in points from 1 to 4 of this article. | 10-fold the base duty |
| 7. For certification of agreements involving the division of property, contracts of guarantee, and contracts not subject to valuation.                                                                                                                                                              | 10-fold the base duty |
| 8. For certification of wills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10-fold the base duty |
| 9. For issuing certificates of inheritance rights and approving gift contracts                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| a) direct heirs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3 fold the base duty  |
| b) indirect heirs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5 fold the base duty  |
| c) other persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10 fold the base duty |
| 10. For the issuance to spouses of certificates of right to property with regard to common property (with the exception of real estate) acquired during marriage.                                                                                                                                   | 10-fold the base duty |
| 11. For certification of power of attorney to possess, use and dispose of property and to perform credit operations and deposit management.                                                                                                                                                         | 10-fold the base duty |
| 12. For certification of power of attorney to possess, use and dispose of motor vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10-fold the base duty |
| 13. For certification of other powers of attorney, including for the receipt for money from other persons, enterprises, institutions, or organizations, packages, correspondence                                                                                                                    | The base duty         |
| 14. For implementation of measures to protect inherited property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10-fold the base duty |
| 15. For verification of the accuracy of the translation of each page of documents from one language to another                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10-fold the base duty |
| 16. For the performance of executive endorsements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10-fold the base duty |
| 17. For verification of the accuracy of copies of documents and excerpts per each page                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 30% of the base duty  |
| 18. For authentication of a signature on each document, including that of the signature of the translator                                                                                                                                                                                           | 50 % of the base duty |
| 19. For the issuance of copies of documents located in the files of a notary office; the transfer of the applications of physical and legal persons, through                                                                                                                                        | 10-fold the base duty |

the notary to physical and legal persons.

20. For the drawing up of contracts, wills, powers of attorney, petitions, and other drafts, as well as the provision and filling out of printed samples of the drafts.

The base duty

21. For the copying of documents and the provision of excerpts from them.

The base duty

22. For other notarial activities

10-fold the base duty

For the notarial actions performed outside the notary office building, the state duty shall be doubled.

### **Article 11. State Duty Rates For Recording of Certificates of Registration.**

The state duty shall be collected at the following rates for the recording of certificates of registration:

1. recording of a birth, including issuance of certificates 10% of base duty
2. recording of a marriage, including issuance of certificates the base duty
3. recording of a divorce, including issuance of certificates 10-fold the base duty
4. recording of a changes, additions and amendments in last name, first name, or patronymic, including issuance of certificates 5 fold the base duty
5. issuance of duplicate certificates of the recording of certificates of registration 2 fold the base duty
6. acknowledgment of paternity (maternity) The base duty
7. recording of an adoption The base duty
8. issuance of certificates in connection with the restoration of entries regarding the recording of a birth, a marriage, a divorce, or a death The base duty
9. information on the presence or absence of the recording of certificates of registration. 2 fold the base duty
10. provision of notice of receipt of a duplicate certificate on the recording of certificates of registration based on application of state duty payer The base duty

For the recording of certificates of registration performed outside the place of operation of the agency (division) for recording certificates of registration, the state duty shall be doubled.

### **Article 13. State Duty for Getting of the Republic of Armenia Citizenship and the Change of Republic of Armenia Citizenship**

The state duty shall be collected at the following rates for getting of the Republic of Armenia citizenship and change of the Republic of Armenia citizenship:

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1. Getting of the Republic of Armenia  
Citizenship

The base duty

2. Changing of Republic of Armenia citizenship

25-fold the base duty

**Article 14. State Duty Rates for Provision to Physical Persons of Documents or Specific Services That Have Legal Significance or for Performance of an Action That Have Legal Significance.**

The state duty shall be collected at the following rates for the provision to individuals of documents or specific services that have legal significance or the performance of actions that have legal significance:

1. the issuance of a Republic of Armenia passport 10% of the base duty
2. the issuance of a residence permit to stateless persons who permanently reside in the Republic of Armenia. 150% of base duty
3. the issuance of documents involving invitations to the Republic of Armenia to foreign citizens and stateless persons 12 fold the base duty
4. for registration or recording on actual residence address in the passport of Republic of Armenia citizens, foreign citizens and stateless persons permanently residing in the Republic of Armenia (except for refugees). The base duty
5. the issuance of registration address information about physical persons (with the exception of the information received through the request of state bodies, conducting juridical, legislative, financial, taxation and real estate cadaster.) by Republic of Armenia internal affair agencies to individuals The base duty
6. the entry into the passports of citizens of the Republic of Armenia and into the residence permits of stateless persons permanently residing in the Republic of Armenia of notes regarding the validity of the passports and permits in other states for each year till the period is valid. The base duty
7. the issuance to foreign citizens of documents regarding residence status in the Republic of Armenia

a) for issuance of temporary 105 fold the base duty



residence status in the Republic of Armenia and residence card, as well as for registration annually

b) for issuance of ordinary residence status of the Republic of Armenia and residence card, as well as for registration annually 80 fold the base duty

c) for issuance of special residence status of the Republic of Armenia, special passport and for making notes on registration and authenticity annually 520 fold the base duty

d) for extension of the term of temporary residence in the Republic of Armenia annually 105 fold the base duty

e) for extension of the term of ordinary status of residence in the Republic of Armenia annually 80 fold the base duty

f) for issuance of an absence permit from the Republic of Armenia for a term of more than six months for foreign citizens with ordinary residence status of the Republic of Armenia annually 150% of base duty

g) for restoration of residence card of foreign citizens with ordinary or temporary residence status of the Republic of Armenia annually 12 fold the base duty

8. services on issuance of the entry patent to the Republic of Armenia to foreign citizens and stateless persons.

a) for issuance of one-time transit entry patent (not more than three days) to the Republic of Armenia. 10 fold the base duty

b) for issuance of multiple transit entry patent to the Republic of Armenia 18 fold the base duty

c) for issuance of tourist entry patent to the Republic of Armenia 15 fold the base duty

d) for issuance of one-time long-term entry patent with not more 36 fold of base duty

than one month residence term

e) for issuance of one-time long-term entry patent with not more than two month residence term 48 fold of base duty

f) for issuance of one-time long-term entry patent with not more than three month residence term 60 fold the base duty

g)for issuance of multiple long-term entry patent with not more than one month residence term 54 fold the base duty

h) for issuance of multiple long-term entry patent with not more than two month residence term 72 fold the base duty

i) for issuance of multiple long-term entry patent up to three-month residence term 90 fold the base duty

j)for extension of residence term for each day authorized by the tourist entry patent to the Republic of Armenia. 72 fold the base duty

k)for extension of each day of residence term issued through the Republic of Armenia long-term entry patent 150 fold the base duty

l) for restoration of patent 10 fold the base duty

9. for issuance of exit documents for permanent residence outside the Republic of Armenia 15 fold the base duty

10. for restoration of the lost exit documents on permanent residence outside the Republic of Armenia 20 fold of the base duty

11. for issuance of Russian loose leaf attached to passport of Armenian citizens The base duty

#### **Article 15. Base Duty Rates for Consular Services and Operations**

For consular services and operations the state duty (consular levy) shall be collected by the following rates:

Rates Expressed in Factors in Relation With the Base Duty (if nothing else is indicated)

	For the CIS Count- ries	For the Countries of Western Europe	For the USA, Canada, Argentina and Other Developed Countries	For Other Countries
1. For the Consular Operations Connected with Passports				
a) for the first time issuance or changing of foreign co-citizenship passport to an ex-Soviet citizens in foreign countries	53	79	53	43
b) for issuance of a new foreign co- citizenship passport in foreign countries to an ex-Soviet citizens for the lost one	63	106	69	53
c) for extension of expiry date or for making amendments in the foreign co- citizenship passport of an ex-Soviet citizen in foreign countries	19	27	19	14
d) for extension of an overdue (three months and more) foreign co-citizenship passport of an ex-Soviet citizen for each overdue year and not for the total year	9	17	22	6
e) for registration of children in the passport and writing them out of the passport	14	27	17	9
f) for entry of an exit permit in the passport	22	38	22	14
g) for issuance of a certificate for return to the Republic of Armenia, if the passport is lost through the fault of the passport owner	20	32	27	17
h) for issuance of a certificate for return to the Republic of Armenia in other cases	0	0	0	0
i) for consular registration of those who have arrived to foreign countries for permanent residence	22	38	27	17
j) for temporary consular registration (in the case of being in business trip for more than six months)	12	32	14	9

k) additional registration for each year or not for a total year in the case of being out of consular registration	27		32	12	17
2. for filing of mediate letters					
a) for filing of mediate letters for the citizens of the Republic of Armenia to receive a permanent residence permit in foreign countries	13	2	183	132	53
b) for filing of documents for the citizens of the Republic of Armenia to receive a temporary residence permit in foreign countries	53		79	53	27
c) for each year of extension of the term of temporary registration	6		17	6	4
3. for issuance of the Republic of Armenia entry patent to foreign citizens and stateless persons					
a) transit entry patent	9		9	9	9
b) tourist entry patent for 21-day term without invitation	16		16	16	16
c) one-time entry patent based on formal invitation with less than three months	17		17	17	17
d) multiple entry patent based on formal invitation with less than three months	32		32	32	32
e) diplomatic entry patent	0		0	0	0
f) additional 75 percent in the case of rapid execution of the entry patent of the Republic of Armenia within three days.					
g) additional 100 percent for the rapid execution of the entry patent of the Republic of Armenia within one day.					
4. for recording of certificate of registration					
a) for issuance of death certificate	0	0	0		0
b) for issuance of birth, wedding, paternal certificates, certificate for adoption and other certificates	17	63	27		17
c) for registration of divorce and issuance of certificate	132	157	106		79
d) for registration of changes in last name,	43	79	32		27

first name, paternal name				
e) for issuance of a double certificate	12	14	12	6
5. for notarial operations				
a) from the citizens of the Republic of Armenia to confirm the documents	9	27	22	6
b) from foreign citizens to confirm the documents	19	32	27	14
c) from citizens of the Republic of Armenia for notarial confirmation of patents	14	27	17	12
d) from foreign citizens for notarial confirmation of patents	27	32	22	22
e) seven percent of the sum indicated in the contract for notarial confirmation of gift-indeed contracts for means of transportation	22	29	17	17
f) from physical persons for notarial confirmation of the contracts	53	69	53	27
g) from legal persons for notarial confirmation of contracts	9	29	17	6
h) from the citizens of the Republic of Armenia for notarial verification of each page of the copies of documents and excerpts from these documents on education, job, certificate of registration, etc.	12	36	22	9
i) from foreign citizens for notarization of each page of copies of documents on education, job, certificate of registration, etc., and excerpts from these documents	12	29	22	9
j) for each page of translation of documents from foreign language into Armenian and their notarization	19	36	27	14
k) for each page of translation of documents (except for passports and marriage certificates) from Armenian into foreign language and their notarization	14	27	12	9
k <sup>a</sup> ) for each page of translation and notary verification of passports and marriage certificates	9	22	17	6

l) for execution and confirmation of certificates on being-alive, on residing in a certain place of a citizen and other certificates	6	17	17	4
m) from citizens of the Republic of Armenia, for notarization of authenticity of their signature	12	22	22	6
n) from foreign citizens, for notarization of the authenticity of their signature	6	17	17	4
o) from citizens of the Republic of Armenia for notarization of authenticity of the copied duplicates of documents	12	22	22	6
p) from foreign citizens for notarization of authenticity of the copied duplicates of documents	6	17	17	4
q) from citizens of the Republic of Armenia, for notarization of authenticity of photocopied duplicates of documents	12	22	22	6
r) from foreign citizens, for notarization of authenticity of photocopied duplicates of documents	6	17	17	4
s) for each page of copied documents				
t) for filing the documents certifying the fact of acquisition of means of transportation one percent of the value of that mean of transportation, but not less than	53	69	53	43
6. performance of transactions on custody, inheritance and other property issues	14	17	14	9
a)for compilation of an act on assigning a guardian				
b)for rewriting of an inheritance property and for taking measures on maintenance of that property - one percent of the value of this property, but not less than	22	14	17	17
	12	6	12	12
c)for check of rewritten property by petition of interested persons - one percent of property price, but not	17	9	19	17

less than	9		12	9
d) for notarial verification of a will		6		
e) for entry of amendments and additions in the will by the petition of testator	14	9	17	17
f) for issuance of a certificate on inheritance right - one percent of the property price, but not less than	27	17	32	38
	19		24	22
g) for sale of goods or other property - three percent of received amount but not less than		12		
	4		6	4
h) for delivery of found or demanded property - one percent of the property price but not less than		3		
	6		9	6
		4		
i) monthly amount for maintenance of a package with documents				
J) for maintenance of will, monthly	4		6	4
		3		
k) 0.1 percent of total monthly amount for maintenance of money, securities and other values (with the exception of inheritable property)	9	6	12	12
l) monthly amount for maintenance of inheritable or other property not exceeding US\$100,	27		12	12
		17		
m) for maintenance of inheritable or other property exceeding US\$100				
	22		27	27
7. for certifying of different certificates and documents for consular		14		

services of ships and	4	6	4	3
airplanes, including issuance				
of sanitary certificate,	9	6	6	6
certificate or reference for				
cargo				

8. for requesting of a document and issuance of appropriate certificates based on it

a) less than five pages

b) in addition, for each page exceeding five pages

9. for other services

10. in addition, for each hour of performance of consular operations overtime:

	6		9	6
a) from citizens of the Republic of Armenia		4		
	12	14	12	7
b) from foreign citizens				

Rates of state duty defined by this article do not include expenditures related with services and operations.

#### **Article 16. State Duty Rates for State Registration**

State duty shall be collected at the following rates for state registration:

1. for initial state registration of legal persons subject to state registration, their separated subdivisions. 12 fold the base duty
2. for current state registration of legal persons subject to state registration, their separated subdivisions. 6 fold the base duty
3. for initial state registration of individual business owners. 3 fold the base duty
4. for current state registration of individual business owners. 150% of the base duty



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| 4 <sup>1</sup> . for initial state registration of communities                                                                                                               | The base duty          |
| 4 <sup>2</sup> . for current state registration of communities                                                                                                               | 50% of base duty       |
| 4 <sup>3</sup> . for issuing the copy of the registration certificate of communities                                                                                         | 4 fold the base duty   |
| 4 <sup>4</sup> . for issuing the copy of registration certificate of legal persons subject to state registration (except for the ones mentioned in clause 3 of this article) | 24 fold the base duty  |
| 4 <sup>5</sup> . for issuing the copy of registration certificate of individual business owners                                                                              | 6 fold the base duty   |
| 4 <sup>6</sup> . for registration of institutions                                                                                                                            | 10 fold the base duty  |
| 4 <sup>7</sup> . For registration of attorneys holding special license at arbitration courts                                                                                 | 250 fold the base duty |
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| 5. for registration of banks, investment funds, insurance companies, pension funds                                                                                           | 40 fold the base duty  |
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| 5 <sup>1</sup> . for current state registration of investment funds, insurance companies, pension funds                                                                      | 20 fold the base duty  |
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| 6. for registration of branches of foreign banks, investment funds, insurance companies, pension funds                                                                       | 40 fold the base duty  |
| 7. for registration of branches of banks, investment funds, insurance companies, pension funds registered in the Republic of Armenia.                                        | 20 fold the base duty  |
| 8. for registration of representations of foreign banks, investment funds, insurance companies, pension funds                                                                | 10 fold the base duty  |
| 9. for registration of operative offices (center) of banks                                                                                                                   | 10 fold the base duty  |
| 10. for registration of district subdivisions of the Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia                                                                                 | 0                      |
| 11. for the state registration of the press and other means of mass media                                                                                                    | 10 fold the base duty  |
| 12. for entry of amendments into the certificate of registration of the press and other means of mass media                                                                  | 5 fold the base duty   |
| 13. for state registration of sociopolitical, social, religious organizations, trade unions and other organizations                                                          | 10 fold the base duty  |
| 14. for entry of amendments into certificate of registration of sociopolitical, social, religious, trade unions and other legal persons not mentioned in previous clauses    | 5 fold the base duty   |

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| 15. for recording the announcement of security releases (with the exception of announcements of the releases of securities of open-type joint-stock companies reorganized as a result of privatization) | 12 fold the base duty |
| 16. for state registration of securities                                                                                                                                                                | 6 fold the base duty  |
| 17. for issuance of state registration number for vehicles                                                                                                                                              | 12 fold the base duty |
| 18. for restoration of a lost state registration number of vehicles                                                                                                                                     | 24 fold the base duty |
| 20. for registration of means of water transportation                                                                                                                                                   | 10 fold the base duty |
| 21. for registration of agricultural self-propelled machines and issuance of registration numbers to them                                                                                               | 5 fold the base duty  |
| 22. for restoration of lost registration numbers of agricultural self-propelled machines                                                                                                                | 10 fold the base duty |
| 23. for issuance of registration numbers for motor-transportation means, trailers and semi-trailers                                                                                                     | 6 fold the base duty  |
| 24. for restoration of state registration numbers of means of motor-transportation, trailers and semi-trailers                                                                                          | 12 fold the base duty |
| 25. for issuance of state registration numbers for means of transportation belonging to diplomatic representations, consular institutions and international organizations                               | 25 fold the base duty |
| 26. for issuance of technical passport (certificate of registration) for vehicles (motor-cycle)                                                                                                         | 6 fold the base duty  |
| 27. for issuance of copy for the lost technical passport (certificate of registration) of vehicles (motor-cycle)                                                                                        | 12 fold the base duty |
| 28. for issuance of the corresponding documents on having passed examination for means of transportation                                                                                                | 6 fold the base duty  |
| 29. for issuance of the corresponding documents on having passed examination for agricultural self-propelled machines                                                                                   | 150% of the base duty |
| 30. for registration, re-registration, registration out, as well as performance of any operation in terms of amendments in registration data of cars, motorcycles, trailers                             | 150% of the base duty |
| 32. for re-registration, registration out, as well as performance of any operation in                                                                                                                   | The base duty         |

terms of amendments in registration data  
of means of water transportation

33. for registration, re-registration, registration out, as well as performance of any operation in terms of amendments in registration data of agricultural self-propelled machines 50% of the base duty

34. for registration (re-registration) of each unit of shotgun and gas gun 4 fold the base duty

a) from physical persons

8 fold the base duty

b) from legal persons

35. for state registration of medicines, pharmaceutical production, items of medical importance, medical tools, equipment and techniques or medical measure

a) for the first sample of medicine containing active substance, for the new sample of new medicine or medicine measure 70 fold the base duty

b) for new combinations of well-known medicines 40 fold the base duty

c) for the first medicine sample or medicine measure and for each following medicine sample of reproduced (generic) medicines 40 fold the base duty

d) for new prescriptions

10 fold the base duty

30 fold the base duty

e) for state registration of medicaments

f) for herb preparation, other preparations of natural origin 10 fold the base duty

g) for homeopathic medicines

2 fold the base duty

h) for production of diagnostic means – in vitro, food containing biologically active ingredients, infant food of medicinal importance and medical production. 20 fold the base duty

i) For the first class of items of medical importance, medical tools, equipment 10 fold the base duty

and techniques

- j) for the second class of items of medical importance, medical tools, equipment and techniques 20 fold the base duty
  - k) for the third class of items of medical importance, medical tools, equipment and techniques 30 fold the base duty
  - l) for re-interpretation of registered certificate on changes which are not effective on pharmaceuticals production, manufacturing company name, packaging and production security, productivity and quality. 5 fold the base duty
36. for state registration of rights for real estate
- a) for state registration of real estate and issuance of license on right of real estate 5 fold the base duty
  - b) for state registration and issuance of license on right over a real estate for land and fixed property, allotted to the citizens of the Republic of Armenia and privatized by them, for building and servicing adjoining the dwelling house land lots, gardening and dwelling buildings (with the exception of frontier, mountainous and remote settlements) 5 fold the base duty
  - c) for state registration and issuance of license on right over real estate for land lots and associated property, allotted to the citizens of the Republic of Armenia and privatized by them, for building and servicing of adjoining the dwelling house land lots, gardening (countryside) and dwelling houses in frontier, mountainous and remote settlements included in the list defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia. The base duty
  - d) for state registration and issuance of 30 fold the base duty

license on right over real estate that is privatized by enterprises and organizations

- e) for state registration and issuance of license on right over a real estate of flats of multi-flat dwelling buildings (regardless the form of privatization), individual dwelling houses, garden houses. 5 fold the base duty
- f) for state registration and issuance of license on right over real estate of separate units (garage, bakery, cow-house) of real estate. 5 fold the base duty
- g) for state registration and issuance of license on right over real estate of a contract on alienation (acquisition) of real estate, particularly land (with the exception of privatized land lots of agricultural importance) and fixed assets. 30 fold the base duty
- h) for state registration and issuance of license on right over a real estate of contracts on alienation (acquisition) of privatized land of agricultural importance. 5 fold the base duty
- i) for state registration and issuance of license on right over a real estate acquired due to a will or inheritance. 5 fold the base duty
- j) for state registration of a contract on lease and sub-lease and issuance of license on right of lease (sub-lease) of land of agricultural importance considered to be state and municipal (community) property 5 fold the base duty
- k) for state registration of contract on lease and sub-lease and issuance of license on right of lease (sub-lease) of land considered to be state and municipal (community) property 5 fold the base duty
- l) for state registration of contract on lease 5 fold the base duty

and sub-lease and issuance of license on right of lease (sub-lease) of buildings and constructions

- m) for state registration of contract on real estate lease and issuance of license to the citizens of the Republic of Armenia on right of lease over real estate considered to property. 5 fold the base duty
- n) for state registration of contracts on use of real estate and issuance of license on right over real estate. 5 fold the base duty
- o) for state registration of contracts on real estate mortgage and issuance of license on right over real estate mortgage. 30-fold the base duty
- p) for state registration of contracts on real estate exchange and issuance of license on right over real estate 5 fold the base duty
- q) for state registration of resolutions on allotment for permanent use of land and issuance of license on right over real estate 5 fold the base duty
- r) for state registration of the contract on making border changes of land lots, their unification and distribution and issuance of license on right over real estate 5 fold the base duty
- s) for state registration of contract on restriction of right over real estate including the contract on servitude 5 fold the base duty
- t) for state registration of patent on patented right of use of a real estate 5 fold the base duty
- u) for state registration of temporary, discretionary, without time limit, posthumous competence towards real estate 5 fold the base duty
- v) for state registration of divided competence right on real estate 5 fold the base duty
- w) for state registration of decisions, resolutions and court decisions on suspension of right of property over real estate 5 fold the base duty

- x) for state registration of decisions, resolutions and court decisions on suspension of right on permanent use of land and on right of lease over land, buildings and constructions 5 fold the base duty
- y) for state registration of resolutions on refusal of real estate or a part of it by owner or user 5 fold the base duty
- z)for issuance of a copy of certificate on right over real estate 5 fold the base duty
- Za)for issuance of a copy of certificate on real estate mortgage 5 fold the base duty
- Zb)for issuance of a copy of certificate on real estate lease 5 fold the base duty
- 37. for state registration of the type of measuring equipment 5 fold the base duty
- 38. for permit and state registration of investigation of immobile monuments and archeological excavations
- a) from physical persons 2 fold the base duty
- b) by legal persons and enterprises without legal person status 4 fold the base duty
- 39. for receipt of applications on registration of mental property objects and on termination of releasing these goods on any customs regime by customs authorities 20 fold the base duty

State duty rates defined by points 35 and 36 of this Article do not include expenditures related with performance of services and operations.

#### **Article 17. State Duty Rates for Issuance of Certificate For the Right to Export Cultural Assets or Temporarily take Cultural Assets Out of the Country**

The state duty shall be collected at following rates for issuance of certificates for right to export cultural assets or temporarily take cultural assets out of the country:

- a) issuance of a certificate for the right to export cultural assets under 50 years old, five percent of total appraisal value of the cultural assets being exported, but not less than the base duty;
- b) issuance of a certificate for right to export cultural assets from 51 to 100 years old, 15% of total appraisal value of the cultural assets, but not less than two-fold the state duty.

- c) issuance of a certificate for the right to export cultural assets over 100 years of age, 50% of total appraisal value of the cultural assets but not less than threefold the base duty.
- d) issuance of a certificate for right to temporarily take cultural assets out of the country - 0.5 % of the total appraisal value of the temporarily removed assets, but not less than the base duty and not more than threefold the base duty.
- e) by the amount of base duty for exporting pieces of art or changing the time frames of the certificate on exporting rights.
- f) for issuance of copy of certificate on the right of (temporary) export of pieces of art – by three fold the base duty

State duty rates defined by this article do not include expenditures connected with execution of services and operations.

#### **Article 18. State Duty Rates for Legal Actions Associated with Legal Maintenance of Inventions, Utility Models, Designs, Trademarks, Toponymy of Goods Origin, Names of Firms Topologies of Integral Micro-schemes**

State duty shall be collected at the following rates (coefficients in relation with the base duty) for legal actions associated with the legal maintenance of inventions, utility models, designs, trademarks, toponymies of the goods origin, names of firms, topologies of integral micro-schemes:

1. In terms of legal maintenance of inventions
  - a) for submission of patent application including transfer of international patent to national, if application pertains to group of inventions constituting a joint design, then, in addition, for each invention after the first 20
  - b) for conventional priority petition (for each) 5
  - c) for the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by a preliminary commission of experts 10
  - d) for the issuance of a temporary patent 15
  - e) for publication of a description of the invention, for each page of the description exceeding 5 pages 15
  - f) for the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints against the issuance of a temporary patent or against the validity of a USSR authorship certificate for an invention 2.5
  - g) for patent application examination if the application pertains to group of inventions constituting a joint design, then, in addition, for the examination of each application after the first 50



h)	for the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by the patent commission	90
i)	for the issuance of patent (main)	20
j)	for the filing of complaint with the Council of Complaints against the issuance of patent (main)	15
k)	for the filing by the applicant of an application to restore lapsed time limits	10
k <sup>a</sup> )	for making additions, adjustment and corrections in invention material at applicant's incentive	64
l)	for the filing of an application to change an application for a patent for an invention to an application for a utility model	
m)	For keeping a patent in force (for each year)	
	For the second and third years	20
	For the fourth and fifth years	25
	For the sixth and seventh years	30
	For the eighth and ninth years	38
	For the tenth and eleventh years	48
	For the twelfth and thirteenth years	58
	For the fourteenth and fifteenth years	68
	For the sixteenth and seventeenth years	80
	For the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth years	100
n)	For the recording of a patent cession agreement (for each patent as stipulated in the contract)	38
o)	For the recording of a licensing agreement, if it refers to	
	One patent	60
	More than one patent (additional, for each extra patent)	45
p)	For the insertion of changes in the recorded patent cession agreement or the recorded licensing agreement	10
q)	For the issuance of a duplicate of the patent	10
r)	For the insertion of a change in the State Register of Inventions of the Republic of Armenia	8
s)	For the filing of application to get a cession right of patent receipt.	15
t)	For the filing of application by declarer on extension of the time for the response from expert examination questionnaire	8
<b>2.</b>	<b>Actions associated with the legal protection of utility models:</b>	
a)	For submission of patent application including transfer of international patent to national, for utility model	20
	If application pertains to group of utility models constituting a joint design, then, in addition, for each invention after the first	5
b)	For conventional priority petition	10
c)	For the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by the	

	utility model commission of exports	15
d)	For the issuance of utility model patent	15
e)	For publication of description of the utility model, for each page of the description exceeding five pages	25
f)	For the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints against the issuance of a utility model patent	50
g)	For the filing of an appeal to restore lapsed time limits	15
h)	For the filing of an application to change the utility model patent application with application for an invention	10
i)	For keeping a patent in force (for each year)	
	For the second and third years	20
	For the fourth and fifth years	25
	For the sixth and seventh years	30
	For the eighth and ninth years	38
	For the tenth year	50
j)	For the recording of a patent cession agreement (for each patent as stipulated in the agreement)	38
k)	For the recording of a patent licensing agreement, if it pertains to	
	One patent	60
	More than one patent (additional for each extra one)	45
l)	For insertion of changes in the recorded patent cession agreement or the recorded licensing agreement	10
m)	For the issuance of a duplicate patent	10
n)	For the insertion of a change in the State Register of Inventions of the Republic of Armenia	8
o)	For the filing of application to get a cession of right of patent issuance.	15
p)	For the filing of application by declarer on extension of the time for the response from the questionnaire of the expert examination	8
q)	For making additions, adjustments and corrections in materials of useful model application at the applicant's initiative	10
<b>3.</b>	<b>Actions associated with the legal maintenance of a design</b>	
a)	For submission of a patent application for design	20
	if application contains 2-10 versions, then in addition,	20
	if application contains more than 10 versions, then in addition	20
b)	For conventional priority petition (for each)	10
c)	For the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by the commission	15
d)	For issuance of a design patent	15
e)	For the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints against the issuance of a patent or against the validity of a USSR authorship certificate for a design.	50
f)	For filing of an application to restore lapse time limits	15
g)	For keeping a design patent in force (for each year)	
	For the second and third years	20
	For the fourth and fifth years	25
	For the sixth and seventh years	30
	For the eighth and ninth years	38
	For the tenth and eleventh years	48

	For the twelfth and thirteenth years	58
	For the fourteenth and fifteenth years	70
h)	For recording of a patent cession agreement (for each agreement as stipulated in the agreement)	38
	For recording of licensing agreement if it refers to	
	One patent	60
	More than one patent (additional for each extra patent)	45
i)	For insertion of changes in the recorded patent cession agreement or the recorded licensing agreement	10
j)	For issuance of duplicate patent	10
k)	For insertion of a change in the State Register of Inventions of the Republic of Armenia	8
l)	For the filing of application to get a cession of right of patent receipt.	15
m)	For the filing of application by declarer on extension of the time for the response from the expert examination questionnaire	8
n)	For making additions, adjustments and corrections in materials of industrial model application at the applicant's initiative	10
<b>4.</b>	<b>Actions associated with the legal protection of trademark and service marks</b>	
a)	For submission of an application to register a mark	30
b)	For conventional priority petition	10
c)	For examination of the mark	40
	For each class after the first, in conformance with the international classification of goods and services, additional	15
d)	For the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by the commission on the basis of the findings of the check of the application material	30
e)	For the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by the commission examining the mark	50
f)	For filing by the applicant of an application to restore lapse time limits of the applicant of an application	30
g)	For the registration of mark and the issuance of a certificate	50
	In case of collective mark	90
h)	For recording of a mark or for filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints against the registration of a mark	90
i)	For an extension of the term of validity of the registration of a mark.	120
j)	For the insertion of a change of marks in the state Register of Inventions of the Republic of Armenia and the certificate for the mark	18
k)	For the recording of a mark cession agreement (for each mark as stipulated in the agreement)	60
l)	For the recording of licensing agreements it refers to	
	One mark	60
	More than one mark (additional, for each extra one)	50
m)	For the insertion of changes in the recorded licensing agreement or	25

- in the recorded cession agreement
- n) For the issuance of a duplicate certificate for a mark 30
  - o) For the submission of an application for international registration of a mark 50
  - p) For a database search for trademarks registered in the Republic of Armenia, for each class 20
  - q) For filing of appeal to cede the right of receiving mark certificate 38
  - r) For filing of an application to extend the time needed for filing of commission's questionnaire answer 8
  - s) For making addenda, adjustments and corrections in patent materials of trademark through the initiation of the applicant of an application 10
- 5. Actions associated with the legal protection of the toponymy a commodity origin**
- a) For filing of an application on right of registration of commodities' original toponymy and (or) local use 30
  - b) For conduct of expert examination of toponymy a commodity origin 38
  - c) For filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by Commission on patent material check. 30
  - d) For filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by Commission on refusal of the registration of toponymy and (or) not giving a right to use the toponymy 50
  - e) For the filing by the applicant of an application to restore lapsed time limits 30
  - f) For issuance of certificate on right to use the original toponymy 50
  - g) For filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints against the registration of the original toponymy and issuance of a certificate to use of the original toponymy 90
  - h) For extension of the term of validity of the right to use the original typynomy 100
  - i) For the insertion of a change in the State Register of original typynomy of the Republic of Armenia and the certificate for the original typynomy of the commodity 18
  - j) For filing of an application by the applicant to extend the time for submission of the response to expert examination questionnaire 8
  - k) For making of addenda, corrections and adjustments in the patent materials on original typynomy initiated of the applicant 10
  - l) For the issuance of a duplicate certificate for the original typynomy of the commodity. 2
- 6. Actions associated with the legal protection of the firm names:**
- a) issuance of a firm name patent, conduct of expert examination and issuance of a certificate

for enterprises (with the exception of individual (family) enterprises, non-profit organizations, guaranteed enterprises) 5

for individual (family) organizations, non-profit organizations,

- guaranteed enterprises 2
- b) For the filing of a complaint with the Council of Complaints in the event of disagreement with the decision handed down by the commission 5
- c) For issuance of duplicate of firm's name certificate 2
- 7. Actions associated with the legal protection of topologies of integral micro- schemes**
- a) For submission of an application to register the integral micro- schemes and issuance of certificate 20
- b) For the recording of an agreement to cede the exclusive property right in relation with topology of integral micro-scheme 30
- c) For the recording of an agreement on transfer of property rights in relation with the topology of integral micro-scheme 20
- d) For the issuance of duplicate of the certificate of registration of the topology of integral micro-scheme 2
- 8 Other Actions:**
- a) For each page of patent information 0.2
- b) For the issuance of extracts from state registers for commercially owned objects in the Republic of Armenia (for each object) 2
- c) For the issuance of an authenticated copy of an application for a commercially owned object 10
- d) For the forwarding of an international application for an invention 32
- e) For a check to see that an application (in its formalities) meets the requirements of the examination conducted in conformance with the Eurasian Patent Convention, and for its forwarding 30
- f) For the certification of an application of a patent attorney 8
- g) For the registration of a patent attorney 4

In the event of the submission, in conformance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), of a report on and international search or the finding of a preliminary international commission drawn up by some international agency for an invention application, the rates set by subdivision h) of division 1 of this article shall be reduced by 50%.

#### **Article 19. Rates of State Duty for the Issuance of Licenses for Activities that Must be Licensed**

State duty shall be collected at the following rates for the issuance of licenses for activities that must be licensed.

1) Realization of medical and pharmaceutical activity	
a) for middle medical workers and pharmaceutical chemists	The base duty
b) for physicians and pharmacologists	3 fold the base duty
c) for legal persons	10 fold the base duty
2. for realization of banking activity	
a) from banks	3000 fold the base duty
b) from the branches of foreign banks	3000 fold the base duty
2 <sup>1</sup> . from banking activities carried out	500 fold the base duty

3. for realization of insurance activity	600 fold the base duty
4. for organization the activity of casinos	3000 fold the base duty
5. for organization of winning and lottery games	600 fold the base duty
6. for realization of motor-transport activity	50 fold the base duty
7. for realization of agricultural activity that is subject to licensing	6 fold the base duty
8. from physical persons (with the exception of events indicated in the division 7. of this article	12 fold the base duty
9. from legal persons	24 fold the base duty.
10. for issuance of the copy of the license	2 times the amount designed for issuing the given type of license but not more than 24x base duty

## **Article 20. State Duty Rates for Other Services and Activity**

State duty rates are collected by following rates for other services and activity:

1. For issuance of a driver license	12 fold the base duty
2. For issuance of a duplicate for the lost certificate of a driver license	24 fold the base duty
3. For issuance of a certificate on right to drive air and water means of transportation	12 fold the base duty
4. for issuance of a duplicate for the lost certificate of driving license to drive air and water means of transportation,	24 fold the base duty
5. for issuance of certificate on right to drive agricultural self-propelled machines	3 fold the base duty
6. for issuance of a duplicate for the lost certificate of driving license on right to drive agricultural self-propelled machines	6 fold the base duty
7. for issuance of transition registration number	3 fold the base duty
8. for filing of a document (certificate) confirming execution of services (actions) that are monopoly of a state, for each exam taking (with the exception of exams for licensing medical and pharmaceutical activity)	3 fold the base duty
9. for issuance of a form notarizing originating country of the commodity that is imported to the Republic of Armenia and exported from the Republic of Armenia.	12 fold the base duty
10. for issuance of certificates to conduct experiments	12 fold the base duty
11. for issuance of certificate on a right to conduct certification.	24 fold the base duty
12. for issuance of quarantine permit for agricultural products exported from foreign countries	12 fold the base duty
13. for issuance of certificate of series "B" for agricultural products imported from foreign	6 fold the base duty

countries	
14. for issuance of a certificate to export agricultural food (with the exception of timber)	
a) By truck	5 fold the base duty
b) By passenger car	150% of the base duty
15. for issuance of certificate to export timber	
a) For each automobile or container	10 fold the base duty
b) for each wagon	20 fold the base duty
16) for issuance of quarantine permit for the freight of vegetable origin	150% of the base duty
17) for issuance of quarantine permit to transport freight that is subject to quarantine within the country	150% of the base duty
18 for issuance of permit for the sale of freight that is subject to quarantine within the territory of the district	The base duty
19. for issuance of a sale permit after the food imported without quarantine certificate is being examined	The base duty
20. for issuance of each certificate of the 1 <sup>st</sup> veterinary form in the event of transportation of animals that are subject to state veterinary control (including cattle, birds, fish, insects) from one administrative territory to another	150% of the base duty
21. for issuance of each certificate of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> veterinary form in the event of transportation of cattle-breeding food and material that are subject to state veterinary control (including cattle, birds, fish, insects) from one administrative territory to another	150% of the base duty
22. for issuance of each certificate of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> veterinary form in the event of transportation of technical material and animal's food that are subject to state veterinary control from one administrative territory to another	2 fold the base duty
23. for issuance of each certificate of the 4 <sup>th</sup> veterinary form in the event of transportation of freight that is subject to state veterinary control from one administrative territory to another	150 % of the base duty
24. for conduct of experimental examination and issuance of determination for the objects that are subject to state veterinary control	150% of the base duty
25. for issuance of permit to acquire, maintain of each of the unit of weapon by legal persons and enterprises without legal persons status	4 fold the base duty
26. for issuance of permit to acquire, transport and maintain an explosive material by legal persons	24 fold the base duty
27. for issuance of permit to acquire, transport and maintain of poisonous, radioactive and isotope materials by legal persons and enterprises without	6 fold the base duty

legal person status	
28. for allowance to make seal and stamp	
a) for the enterprises funded by state budget	3 fold the base duty
b) from other legal persons and physical persons	6 fold the base duty
29. for issuance of a permit to distract and construct a building	18 fold the base duty
30. for exit of physical persons (air passengers) out of the Republic of Armenia by means of air transportation	10 fold the base duty
31. for issuance of a permit to use the words "An Armenian", "Armenia", "Armenian", "Republic" and "Republican" and their translations in the name of the firm.	600 fold the base duty

## CHAPTER V

### STATE DUTY PRIVILEGES

#### **Article 21. Types of State Duty Privileges**

The following privileges may be established with regard to the state duty.

- a) exemption from the payment of a duty;
- b) reduction of the duty
- c) reducing of the duty rate
- d) deferment of the deadline for payment of the duty
- e) exemption, reduction and deferment of a calculated amount for penalty not being collected and placed into the budget by the deadline of the payment.

#### **Article 22. Privileges in the Court With Regard to the State Duty**

The following shall be exempt from the payment of the state duty in the court:

- a) all plaintiffs in lawsuits for the recovery of wages and other monies equivalent to wages and in lawsuits involving labor disputes;
- b) all plaintiffs in lawsuits for the collection of alimony;
- c) all plaintiffs in lawsuits involving compensation for harm done by injury or other damage to health, as well as resulting from the death of a breadwinner;
- d) social insurance agencies and social security agencies in regressive suits involving pensions and relief that are collected from someone who has inflicted injury paid to a victim or to the members of his family;
- e) all plaintiffs in lawsuits involving compensation for material losses caused to them in crimes;
- f) competent Republic of Armenia agencies in lawsuits involving collection of monies to be placed in the state budget as compensation for losses caused to the state as a result of the violation of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia;
- g) all plaintiffs, who, in cases specified under the law, go to court with claims regarding the protection of the rights and interests of other individuals protected under the law;



- h) entities authorized by financial, tax, customs and state registration in lawsuits involving special procedure cases;
- i) legal entities, enterprises without legal person status, and individuals in the following instances:
  - in lawsuits to reverse the determinations of a court to discontinue proceedings or to abandon it without a hearing, lawsuits to defer the enforcement of decisions or enforce them in states or alter the means and manner of enforcing the decisions, and lawsuits involving the security for a claim or the replacement of one type of security with another;
  - in appeals to review decisions or decrees of the court when new evidence comes to light;
  - in lawsuits involving ceding or reduction of fines imposed by decisions of the court;
  - in appeals to reverse the execution of courts determinations, in appeals to restore lapsed time limits as well as in appeals of the actions of bailiffs;
  - in appeals of the court determinations to deny ceding or reduction of fines, in appeals of other determinations of the court;
  - appeals of the determinations of corresponding authorized entities on administrative violations;
  - submission of statements of claim to reclaim cultural assets belonging to possessor illegally.
- j) prosecutor's offices in actions brought to protect state interests;
- k) financial, tax and customs agencies appearing as plaintiffs in actions to collect payments to be placed in the budget; actions taken on grounds specified by Republic of Armenia Law to liquidate enterprises, institutions, or organizations or declare them insolvent; invalidate transactions on privatization and denationalization; actions to withhold fines and penalties imposed for violation of Republic of Armenia Law.
- l) Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia
- m) Participants of the lawsuit appeared on the side of person issuing appeal and third party persons on the issue to join the appeal.

### **Article 23. Privileges in the State Court of Arbitration of the Republic of Armenia with Regard to State Duty**

The following shall be exempt from the payment of the state duty to the State Court of Arbitration of the Republic of Armenia.

- a) social insurance agencies and social security agencies in regressive suits involving pensions and relief that are collected from someone who has inflicted injury paid to a victim or to the members of his family;
- b) all plaintiffs in actions involving the withholding of penalties and fines, as well as involving the collection of damages for harm done to the state and the placement of those monies in the state budget;
- c) the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia in actions involving protection of state interests.
- d) The Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia.

### **Article 24. Privileges in Agencies Performing Notary Services with Regard to State Duty**

The following shall be exempt from the payment of the state duty in agencies performing notary services:

- a) physical persons, for the certification of wills or agreements that donate property to the state;
  - b) financial and tax agencies, for the issuance to them of certificates or duplicates of certificates regarding the transfer of property to the state by right of inheritance, as well as for the issuance of the documents necessary for obtaining them;
- physical persons, for the issuance to them of certificate of right of inheritance,
- if the property has belonged to individuals who died doing their duty as a citizens of the former USSR or the Republic of Armenia in saving a human life or protecting law and order;
  - if the home (apartment) or share in a residential-building cooperative goes over to those who live with an inheritor and who were registered as of the day of death of the inheritor in that same home and continue to live after his death;
  - if deposits in banks, personal and property, bonds of state loans, amounts of wages are considered to be objects of inheritance right
- c) Physical persons, for confirmation of mandates to receive pensions and relieves;
  - d) Mothers, for affirmation of the copies of documents certifying that they have been awarded by medals for possession of many children and other rewards;
  - e) Heirs of those citizens, who have been insured themselves against death or becoming victim as a result of accident at their place of work (service), for the issuance of a certificate confirming the right of inheritance of an insurance award;
  - f) Disabled veterans of the second world war, individuals who were disabled as a result of wounds, concussions, or crippling injury suffered while defending the Republic of Armenia or the former USSR or when performing other military duties or as a result of illness suffered while on the front; and disabled persons who are former partisans, as well as other disabled persons equal under pension law with the above-named groups or servicemen, family members of individuals who died or were missing in action in the second world war while defending the Republic of Armenia or the former USSR or when performing other military duties, for certification on the above-indicated grounds of the authenticity of copies of documents needed for the granting of privileges.
  - g) Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia.

#### **Article 25. State Duty Privileges in Agencies Recording Certificates of Registration**

The following shall be exempt from the payment of the state duty collected in agencies that record certificates of registration:

- a) agencies in educational system and commissions for the affairs of minors, for issuance of duplicate birth certificates to send orphans and neglected children into any children's boarding institution or any educational institution;
- b) citizens, for the issuance to them of new certificates, if amendments, additions, or corrections are made to entries as a result of errors by a staff

- member of the recording agency made during the recording of the certificates of registration;
- c) married couple, in the event of choosing of the last-name of one of them during registration of their marriage;
- d) in minors' act registration, for corrections that are made to change parent's last name or first name.

**Article 26. State Duty Privileges for Issuance of Documents to Physical Persons and Rendering of Legal Services**

1. The following shall be exempt from the payment of the state duty for services to issue documents connected with residence status of foreign citizens, and an entry patent to the Republic of Armenia:
  - a) foreign specialists and members of their families invited to work by the President, National Assembly and Government of the Republic of Armenia;
  - b) persons visiting the Republic of Armenia for humanitarian and technical assistance. In the event of not being directly indicated by the legislation (including international agreements of the Republic of Armenia) of the Republic of Armenia, the differentiation of the program (activity) in terms of humanitarian assistance and of benevolent and technical (and others) nature, is made by the authorized agency on coordination of humanitarian assistance of the Government of the Republic of Armenia;
  - c) near relatives (husband, child, father, mother, sister, brother) of a citizen of the Republic of Armenia;
  - d) individuals seeking asylum as a result of an unstable political situation and individuals with refugee status;
  - e) foreign students receiving education in the educational institutions of the Republic of Armenia;
  - f) people under 18;
  - g) people entering the Republic of Armenia by diplomatic passports, as well as employees of diplomatic representations and consular institutions of foreign countries in the Republic of Armenia and members of their families;
  - h) officials and members of delegations visiting the Republic of Armenia by invitation of the President, the Chairman of the National Assembly, the Chairman of the Constitutional Court, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
2. The following shall be exempt from the payment of the state duty for issuance of an entry patent to the Republic of Armenia:
  - a) representatives of international organizations accredited in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia;
  - b) persons, who have approval of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia, visiting the Republic of Armenia for medical treatment;
  - c) foreign citizens who have special residential status, people without citizenship;
  - d) citizens summoned to courts of the Republic of Armenia of other state for civil, family and criminal matters as witnesses or as experts in civil and criminal matters.

**Article 27. State Duty Privileges for Issuance of Certificates for the Right to Export Cultural Assets or Temporarily Take Cultural Assets out of the Country**

The following shall be exempt from the payment of the state duty collected for the issuance of certificates for the right to export cultural assets or temporarily take cultural assets out of the country:

- a) the originators of cultural assets, their family members, and their heirs, after their death;
- b) citizens who have been given state awards of the Republic of Armenia or other state, as well as awards of international organizations, for those awards;
- c) person realizing the export or temporarily take of cultural assets, after being authorized by the originator that is an invalid of the first and second group;
- d) for the temporarily take out of cultural assets of exhibitions, archives, libraries, and other storehouses of cultural assets that are under permanent storage of their funds;
- e) for the temporarily take out of musical instruments and items for tour and educational purposes by musical ensembles, musical performers.

Those persons donating to the state cultural assets, that are registered or are subject to registration in the storing lists or registers as stipulated by legislation of the Republic of Armenia, are granted a right to receive a certificate on export right with 50% discount for each gifted asset.

**Article 28. State Duty Privileges for Activities of Juridical Importance Connected with Legal Protection of Inventions, Utility Models, Designs, Trade Marks, Toponymy of the Commodity Origin, Firm Names (of the objects of industrial property), Topologies of Micro-Schemes.**

The annual state duty for keeping a petition in force shall not be paid for inventions, utility models, and designs declared by the state as classified.

One year after the publication by the licensor of the announcement to transfer the right to the use of a commercially owned object to another person, the duty for keeping the patent in force shall be reduced by 50%,

Physical persons and legal persons that have not more than 25 employees pay the duties defined by point 1 of Article 18 of this Law with 75% of discount for receipt and keeping in effect of a patent for invention, utility model, design, and legal persons and unincorporated enterprises that have from 25 to 100 employees – with 50% of discount.

Since the moment of registration of the agreement about the license to use the patented invention, utility model, design, further annual state duty is paid at the full rate for keeping that patent in effect.

**Article 29. State Duty Privileges for Other Services and Operations.**

The following shall be state duty exempt for exit from the Republic Armenia of physical persons by means of air transportation:

- a) children under 12;
- b) transitional passengers

- c) representatives of international organizations accredited in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Armenia.
- d) People leaving the Republic of Armenia that have diplomatic passports
- e) Diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, employees of consular institutions in the Republic of Armenia and members of their families.
- f) Officials and members of delegations visiting the Republic of Armenia by invitation of the President, the Chairman of the National Assembly, the Chairman of the Constitutional Court, Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

#### **Article 30. State Duty Payment for Notarized Transactions in the Case when One Party is State Duty Exempt**

For notarized transactions for which one party is exempt from the payment of the state duty, the other party shall pay the duty in full.

#### **Article 31. Establishment of State Duty Privileges for Individual Payers or Groups of Payers**

Privileges for individual payers or groups of payers may be established by the following:

- a) the Government of the Republic of Armenia, for all types of state duties, by means of paying the state duty for the payer;
- b) the courts or judges, for individual matters indicated in Article 9 of this Law, based on the status of the parties;
- c) The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Ambassador or head of consular institution, for individual matters indicated in Article 15, based on the status of the parties.

### **CHAPTER VI**

#### **Procedures for Calculating, Paying, and Returning the State Duty and the Responsibility of Officials for Their Observance.**

#### **Article 32. Collection of State Duties**

The state duty shall be collected before rendering of corresponding services or the performance of any actions, unless this Law establishes some other procedure or the payer has been granted a privilege with regard to state duty.

The moment of carrying out activities and rendering services for calculating and collecting state duties should be considered the moment when they are over.

In case of carrying out several activities or rendering services subject to state duty payments, state duty should be calculated separately for each of them and transferred to the corresponding bank account. The original copy certifying state duty payment, with info on state duty type, payer's name, bank transfer account number and payment date should remain with the state duty collecting body, attached to the folders certifying the execution of the corresponding activities or services, unless something else is designed by Government of the RA."

The authorized body of the Government of the RA should define and agree with the Central Bank of the RA on other types of state duties which can be paid in cash by the

collecting body or authorized body. In this case the amounts of collected (received) state duties should be paid to the bank (transferred to budget) by the bodies (or responsible authorized bodies) executing the corresponding activities or services within two banking days after carrying out the activities or rendering the services.

In individual events, through determination of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, the authority for the collection of state duty may be delegated to enterprises, organizations in accordance with procedures established by the legislation. In that event payments may be defined by these enterprises, organizations, in order to compensate expenditures connected with their realization, the amount of which is agreed with plenipotentiary entity of the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

**Article 33. Peculiarities of the State Duty Collection for Operations of Juridical Importance Connected with Legal Protection of Inventions, Utility Models, Designs, Trademarks and Service Marks, Toponymys of the Origin of the Commodity, Firm Names (of industrial property), Topologies of Integral Micro-Schemes.**

When the application for industrial properties, topologies of integral micro-schemes is separated into several divisional applications, the state duty for each of those applications shall be paid the same as for a separate independent application.

If the amount of paid duty does not correspond to its defined amount for any of the activity indicated in Article 18 of this Law, then the underpaid state duty shall be subject to payment within two months after the notice is received.

For the issuance of patent for an invention, utility model, or design, for recording and issuance of a certificate for trademarks and service marks, for issuance of certificate on registration and/or right to use the toponymy of the commodities' origin, the state duty shall be paid within three months after being determined by the authorized state governmental body. The duty may also be paid within six months after the first period elapses. In that case their state duty shall be increased by 50%.

The annual state duty associated with the legal protection of industrial properties shall be paid for the full year of validity of the patent. The first payment of the annual state duty shall be made before beginning of the second year of validity of the patent or simultaneously with state duty established for the issuance of the patent. For each succeeding year of patent validity, the state duty shall be paid within the current year of its validity. The annual state duty may also be paid within six months after the expiration of the established time limit. In that case, the state duty shall be increased by 50%.

For an extension of the term of validity of the registration of a mark, as well as of a certificate of right on the use of the toponymy of the commodity's origin, the state duty is paid during the 10<sup>th</sup> year of their validity. The state duty may also be paid within six months after the expiration of the established time limit. In this case the state duty shall be increased by 50%. Annual state duty payments before receiving patent should be paid no later than the day of factual receipt of patent.

Applications for expert examination by those patents of invention, which have been submitted to the authorized body of the Government of the Republic of Armenia prior July 1, 1993, may be submitted within three months after this Law becomes effective, if the payment of the state duty defined by subdivision "g" of the point 1 of the Article 18 of this Law is made.

**Article 34. Responsibility for Proper Calculation and Timely Collection of the State Duty**

- a) if the state duty has been paid in an amount that is larger than what is required under existing Law;
- b) if petitions (or appeals ) are returned or refused by courts of law, if notary offices refuse to perform notary services, or if the registry agencies refuse to record certificates of registration or perform other actions or services;
- c) in the event that proceedings on a given matter are terminated or an action is abandoned without a hearing because the case should not be heard in a court of Law or the plaintiff has not complied with the established preliminary out-of-court procedures for resolving a dispute involving cases of that category or the suit was brought by an incompetent person;
- d) if the proposed value of the action from which the court of law has collected the state duty is modified during the hearing of the case, as a result of which the total value of the action is reduced;
- e) in the event that the requirements of a suit to remove property from attachment are satisfied;
- f) if the state agency that collects the state duty refuses to perform a given action, unless otherwise specified by Law.
- g) If the payer of the state duty decides not to obtain services or actions before the moment of finish of activities and services;
- h) If the state duty was paid for the registration of a divorce undertaken by mutual consent of spouse who have no minor children, but the registration did not take place because the spouses reconciled or because one of the spouses failed to appear;
- i) If a court revokes a certificate of registration or a notarized agreement, certificate of right of inheritance, or other document;
- j) In the event that the Appeals Council or a court of law hands down a decision against legal actions associated with the legal protection of industrial properties in favor of the filer of the appeal (the state duty paid for filing the appeal);
- k) When citizens, who have paid the state duty for documents needed for departure the Republic of Armenia before receiving the permission to exit, are refused to leave abroad.

### **Article 39. The Procedure for Returning of the State Duty**

Financial agencies shall return the state duty from that budget to which the duty was paid, not later than 30 days after receiving the documents defined by this article.

The state duty shall be returned upon the request of the payer if the request is filed with financial agency not later than three years after the payer's right to have the state duty or part of it returned is emerged.

The filing with the financial agency of a request for the return of the state duty or part of it shall suspend the above-indicated period.

**Appended to the application to return the state duty shall be certificates, supporting the circumstances justifying partial or full return of the state duty, from the court and other institutions that collect the state duty, as well as documents confirming that the state duty has been paid.**

### **Article 40. Currency for the State Duty Return**

The state duty shall be returned in the currency that is officially in circulation in the Republic of Armenia, or in foreign currency under circumstances specified by part 2 of Article 36 of this Law.

**Article 41. Appeal of the Actions of the Officials Performing Relevant Services and Actions When Collecting the State Duty**

When the state duty is collected, the actions of the officials who perform relevant services or actions may be appealed in the agency to which this persons are subordinate or in a court of Law.

Appeals to a higher court shall be received for hearing, and a decision shall be handed down on them no later than five days after the appeal is received.

**Article 42. Departmental Normative Acts on Implementation of This Law**

Departmental normative acts with respect to implementation of this Law are adopted by the authorized agency of the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **TRANSITIONARY PROVISIONS**

**Article 43. Enactment of the Law**

This Law shall take effect when it is published.

From the moment of the enactment of this Law, the "Law on State Duty" of the Republic of Armenia, with its further amendments and addenda, of July 19, 1996 shall no longer be valid.

**Article 44. Collection of Unpaid State Duties that are Subject to Payment Prior the Enactment of this Law.**

Collection of unpaid state duties that are subject to payment prior the enactment of this law shall be collected and put to the state budget by the amount defined by legislation that was in effect before the enactment of this Law.

President of the Republic of Armenia

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January 10, 1998.

(inclusive amendments introduced in December 28, 1998)