

Government of Georgia
Resolution No. 323
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Tbilisi

On Amendments to the Government of Georgia Resolution No. 112 of March 6, 2018, “On Approval of the Regulation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia”

Article 1. On normative acts

In accordance with Article 20, Paragraph 4 of the Organic Law of Georgia, the Government Resolution No. 112 of March 6, 2018, entitled “On Approval of the Regulation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia” (www.matsne.gov.ge, 09/03/2018, 010240030.10.003.020427) shall be amended, and, the Statute approved by the said Resolution shall be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 of Article 3 shall be amended to read as follows:

“2. The Minister shall have six Deputies (including one First Deputy), who are appointed and dismissed from their positions by the Prime Minister of Georgia upon the Minister’s recommendation.”

2. Article 6 shall be amended to read as follows:

Article 6. Structural Subdivisions of the Central Apparatus

The Structural Subdivisions of the Central Apparatus of the Ministry are:

- a) Department of Food Policy;**
- b) Department of Environment and Climate Change;**

- c) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Policy;
- d) Department of Biodiversity Policy;
- e) Department of Forest Policy;
- f) Department of Land Reclamation and Land Management Policy;
- g) Department of Waste and Chemical Substances Management Policy;
- h) Department of Mineral Resources Policy;
- i) Department of Strategic Coordination and Analytics;
- j) Department of Law;
- k) Department of International Relations and Euro-Integration;
- l) Department of Strategic Communication;
- m) Department of Administration;
- n) Department of Finance;
- o) Department of Internal Audit;
- p) Department of Human Resources Management;
- q) Department of Information Technologies;
- r) Protocol Service.”

3. Article 9 shall be amended to read as follows:

Article 9. Main Tasks of the Structural Subdivisions of the Central Apparatus

The main tasks of the Ministry’s structural subdivisions are:

1. Department of Food Policy shall:

- a) Within the scope of its competence, develop, participate in the development of, and/or implement policies in the fields of the food industry, food safety, veterinary, and plant protection in the country.
- b) Develop draft normative acts and/or participate in their development for the purpose of establishing and improving the legal framework in the fields of food safety, veterinary, plant protection, and food industry;

- c) Develop and/or participate in the development of programs and projects in the fields of food safety, veterinary, and plant protection, and, if necessary, participate in their implementation.
- d) Prepare proposals and/or participate in their preparation, and implement or participate in the implementation, to fulfill the country's obligations in the fields of food safety, veterinary, and plant protection (including SPS measures, within its competence, etc.);
- e) Promote the sustainable development of the agricultural and food laboratory sector in the country to improve the conformity assessment system;
- f) Within the scope of its competence, develop policies and/or participate in policy development in the field of gastronomy;
- g) Promote the development of the food industry and gastronomy;
- h) Develop policies related to food quality schemes in the country and improve the legal mechanisms for their protection;
- i) Within the scope of its competence, cooperate with business operators and associations in the food industry, identify their needs and challenges, and provide support;
- j) Cooperate with various Ministries and Agencies in the fields of food safety, veterinary, plant protection, and food industry;
- k) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;
- l) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- m) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

2. Department of Environment and Climate Change Policy shall:

- a) Participate in the development and implementation of state policies in the fields of water resource management, atmospheric air protection, and climate change across the entire territory of Georgia;
- b) Within the scope of its competence, fulfill obligations arising from Georgia's bilateral and multilateral agreements and international processes in the fields of water resource management, atmospheric air protection, and climate change;
- c) Within the scope of its competence, participate in the organization/ coordination of the state environmental monitoring system;
- d) Ensure the preparation /submission of reports on the inventory of emissions and absorption of harmful substances and greenhouse gases into the atmosphere;
- e) Define mechanisms for the protection of atmospheric air, the ozone layer, and water resources from natural and anthropogenic factors, and coordinate their implementation;
- f) Participate in evaluating the feasibility of launching environmental protection projects;
- g) Coordinate the management of ozone-depleting substances and fluorinated gases within the territory of Georgia, including the regulation of international trade in substances covered by the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;
- h) Within the scope of the competence, develop draft legal acts and/or participate in their development;
- i) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;

- j) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- k) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

3. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Policy shall:

- a) Participate in defining priority directions for agriculture and/or rural development and promote their implementation;
- b) Within the scope of the competence of the Ministry, to participate in the development of relevant strategies and action plans of various state bodies on issues related to agriculture and rural areas;
- c) Conduct analytical activities based on official data available in the sector;
- d) Process official information on the production, export-import, consumption, and sales prices of agro-food products, and prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual reports;
- e) Within the scope of the competence, participate in the development and negotiation of draft intergovernmental agreements of an international trade/economic nature, in cooperation with relevant state bodies, the Ministry's structural units, and/or agencies;
- f) Conduct market analysis by using existing statistical data on pre-selected agro-food products, including analysis of production, export potential, international market trends, and other relevant data;
- g) Coordinate rural development policy and develop related programs/proposals;
- h) Elaborate programs/proposals aimed at the development of the crop farming, animal husbandry, and fisheries sectors;
- i) Develop programs/proposals for the development of agricultural cooperatives;

- j) Within the scope of the competence, to develop draft legal acts and/or participate in their development;
- k) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;
- l) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- m) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

4. Department of Biodiversity Policy shall:

- a) Within the scope of its competence, develop state policy on the protection and conservation of biodiversity components, management and regulation of biological resources throughout the territory of Georgia, and coordinate the process of creating, managing, and monitoring protected areas involved in the international network;
- b) Develop state policy in the field of protected area management and coordinate/support its implementation;
- c) Coordinate the development and implementation of Georgia's Biodiversity Protection Strategy and Action Plan;
- d) Regulate the population of wild animals, define methods for resource extraction, and participate in setting quotas in the regulation of resource use, and regulate the removal of wildlife objects from the environment for scientific research purposes;
- e) Regulate international trade in specimens of species listed in the appendices of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);
- f) Organize and coordinate the state system for biodiversity monitoring;

- g) Within the scope of its competence, coordinate the regulation and general organizational support of the use of genetically modified organisms;
- h) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;
- i) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- j) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

5. Department of Forest Policy shall:

- a) Develop state policy in the field of forest management and coordinate/support its implementation;
- b) Coordinate the development and implementation of forestry strategies and the national forestry program;
- c) Prepare proposals for the implementation of state reforms in the forestry sector and consider issues related to granting and terminating forest status;
- d) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;
- e) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- f) Exercise other authorities as stipulated by law.

6. Department of Melioration and Land Management Policy shall:

- a) Within the scope of its competence, participation in the development and implementation of policies and legislative frameworks for hydro-melioration, and sustainable management of land and soil.
- b) Identify and analyze existing challenges in the fields of hydro-melioration, and the sustainable management of land and soil; determine solutions to address them; also, initiate, plan, and coordinate the implementation of relevant targeted state programs/projects;
- c) Identify/initiate and plan international investment and development projects in the fields of hydro-melioration, sustainable management of land and soil, and coordinate their preparation and implementation;
- d) Support the adoption of modern, internationally recognized principles—adapted to the realities of Georgia—in management, institutional structure/arrangements, and tariff policy development in the irrigation and drainage sector;
- e) Within the scope of its competence, participate in the establishment of a national system for monitoring sustainable land management and land use;
- f) Support the implementation of a unified information system for land and soil data;
- g) Define land and soil protection mechanisms across the country and coordinate their implementation;
- h) Plan and coordinate the implementation of measures aimed at mitigating desertification and land degradation processes;
- i) Coordinate the management of the fertile layer of soil;

- j) Plan and coordinate the implementation of relevant measures for sustainable soil management;
- k) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;
- l) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- m) Exercise of other powers as stipulated by law.

7. Department of Waste and Chemicals Management Policy shall:

- a) Within the scope of its competence, develop and implement a unified state policy on waste and chemical substances management;
- b) Develop national strategies and action plans for waste management and coordinate their implementation;
- c) Within the scope of its competence, coordinate the production of databases on waste and chemical substances;
- d) Within the scope of its competence, implement obligations defined by Georgia's international agreements in the field of waste and chemical substances management;
- e) Define priority directions for environmental measures in the field of waste and chemical substances management and coordinate their implementation;
- f) Within the scope of its competence, develop state-targeted programs in the field of waste and chemical substances management and coordinate their implementation;
- g) Coordinate the management of hazardous and specific types of waste;

- h) Promote waste prevention, separation, pre-treatment, reuse, and recycling;
- i) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;
- j) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- k) Exercise of other powers as stipulated by law.

8. Department of Mineral Resources Policy shall:

- a) Participate in the development and implementation of state policy in the field of sustainable management of mineral resources;
- b) Coordinate state control in the field of mineral resource utilization;
- c) Participate in defining priority directions for scientific research, develop state programs, and ensure their implementation;
- d) Within the scope of its competence, cooperate with local and international scientific and non-governmental organizations, establish relations with donors, and participate in the development and implementation of projects;
- e) Develop proposals for the establishment of an effective system for the sustainable management of mineral resources;
- f) Explore international best practices on sustainable management of mineral resources and develop relevant proposals for improving legislation;
- g) Coordinate the fulfillment of obligations defined by Georgia's international agreements in the field of sustainable management of mineral resources;

- h) Prepare sectoral strategies and action plans and monitor their implementation;
- i) Monitor the enforcement of regulatory legislation in the sector, identify problems, and prepare relevant proposals;
- j) Exercise of other powers as stipulated by law.

9. Department of Strategic Coordination and Analytics shall:

- a) Coordinate the development, monitoring, and evaluation of the Agricultural and Rural Development Strategy and its corresponding action plan;
- b) Coordinate the monitoring and evaluation of various strategies and action plans of the Ministry, prepare monitoring reports in the prescribed format, and submit them to the leadership;
- c) Within the scope of its competence, coordinate the implementation of the strategies and action plans of the Government of Georgia (including the "Vision 2030", Development Strategy of Georgia, the respective annual action plan, and the Government Program for 2025–2028), prepare reports, and ensure their submission to the Government of Georgia;
- d) Participate in the development and/or review of strategies and action plans of various state agencies; additionally, within the scope of its competence and in accordance with established procedures, prepare monitoring reports on programs/measures envisaged by these strategies/action plans and submit them to the relevant agencies;
- e) Coordinate the development, monitoring, and evaluation of the National Environmental Action Program (NEAP) and the corresponding action plan; prepare monitoring reports in the prescribed format and submit to the leadership of the Ministry;

- f) Participate in defining environmental priority areas and facilitate their implementation;
- g) Within the scope of its competence, promotion of the principles of sustainable development and green economy in the country;
- h) Fulfillment and coordination of obligations defined by multilateral environmental agreements related to sustainable development principles, as well as global and regional processes;
- i) Coordination and organization of the preparation of the National Report on the State of the Environment;
- j) Exercise of other powers as stipulated by law.

10. Department of Law shall:

- a) Ensure legal support for the activities of the Ministry's central apparatus and system;
- b) Coordinate law-making activities within a Ministry; within its scope of competence, prepare draft legislative and normative acts, or conduct legal review of existing draft laws;
- c) Coordinate relations between the Parliament and the Ministry in the field of law-making, and support the Parliamentary Secretary in exercising the powers granted under the Law of Georgia on the Parliamentary Secretary;
- d) Ensure legal expertise of draft intergovernmental and interagency international agreements;

- e) Coordinate the submission of draft legislative and subordinate normative acts, prepared by the Ministry and its subordinate institutions, to the Government and Parliament of Georgia.
- f) Preparation and/or legal expertise/review of draft normative and/or individual legal acts (excluding drafts related to business trips or vacations);
- g) Within the scope of its competence, reviewing applications, complaints and letters;
- h) Ensure the registration and publication of normative acts (adopted by the Minister) in the Legislative Herald of Georgia;
- i) Consideration of applications, complaints, and correspondence within the scope of its competence;
- j) Ensure the representation of the Ministry in all instances of the courts;
- k) Exercise of other powers as stipulated by law.

11. Department of International Relations and European Integration shall:

- a) Conduct the Ministry's international relations with foreign states and international organizations;
- b) Within the scope of its competence, coordinate the preparation of draft international agreements, conduct relevant negotiations, and oversee the process of signing agreements;
- c) Ensure coordination and regulate cooperation with relevant international organizations; participate in the development of new projects in collaboration with donors and implementing partners working in the fields of environmental protection and agriculture, based on the needs of the Ministry's structural units, the priorities of

European integration, and the defined cooperation priorities with international organizations and foreign countries;

d) Within the scope of competence, coordinate the fulfillment of obligations under international agreements; prepare reports on the implementation of donor-funded projects and submit them to the Ministry's leadership, as well as monitor the progress of activities envisaged by the projects.

e) Within the scope of competence, plan, implement, and/or coordinate national and international events (seminars, conferences, ministerial meetings, and others);

f) Organize preparatory procedural measures required for the formal acceptance of international agreements.

g) Cooperate with the implementing mechanisms of international agreements and coordinate the activities of national focal/contact points;

h) Collect, process, and update information on EU-funded planned, ongoing, and completed projects and programs in the fields of agriculture and environmental protection;

i) Coordinate and monitor international relations activities of the Ministry's structural units and subordinate institutions.

j) Ensure the approximation of regulatory legal acts in the fields of environmental protection and agriculture with the European Union legislation as defined by the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia, and preparing corresponding compliance tables;

k) Participate in the governmental coordination mechanism established for the implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement;

- l) Coordinate the Ministry's activities to fulfill Georgia's obligations under the Energy Community Treaty;
- m) Develop proposals on European integration issues within the scope of the Ministry's competence;
- n) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

12. Department of Strategic Communication shall:

- a) Ensure the transparency of the activities taken by the Ministry;
- b) Ensure access to public information, proactive disclosure of public information, request relevant information from the Ministry's structural units for these purposes and monitor its implementation; ensure transparency and openness of the system, taking into account best international practices.
- c) Prepare official notifications, announcements/statements, and other informational materials related to ongoing processes within the Ministry, and provide/disseminate to mass media outlets;
- d) Plan and coordinate the events/activities to be carried out by the Ministry;
- e) Within the scope of competence, maintain relations with state institutions, non-governmental organizations, and various private entities.
- f) Ensure coordinated activities of the public relations services of the agencies within the Ministry's system;
- g) Obtain necessary information from the central apparatus of the Ministry, structural subdivisions, and subordinate institutions;
- h) Inform mass media about events organized by the Ministry and decisions taken;

- i) Administer the official website of the Ministry and social media accounts;
- j) Within the scope of its competence, participate in the planning and organization of interviews, briefings, press conferences, and public meetings;
- k) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

13. Department of Administration shall:

- a) Ensure the administrative and organizational support of the Ministry's activities;
- b) Organize meetings, commissions, and councils convened by the Minister, and draft the official minutes;
- c) Prepare the Ministry's emergency management and mobilization plans;
- d) Organize the management of state-owned property transferred to the Ministry.
- e) Register, record, and systematize incoming and outgoing official correspondence of the Ministry; ensure proper case management;
- f) Conduct secret (classified) case management; ensure the protection of confidential information and documentation in accordance with applicable legislation;
- g) Organize the work of the Ministry's archive;
- h) Create appropriate material and technical conditions to support the activities of the Ministry's central apparatus;
- i) Monitor the assessment of occupational safety risks and hazards;

j) Exercise of other powers as stipulated by law.

Department of Finance shall:

a) Manage financial and budgetary activities; develop the Ministry's consolidated draft budget;

b) Ensure the targeted use of funds allocated to the Ministry; conduct systematic analysis of budgetary financing;

c) Improve the conditions for financing programs and projects;

d) Conduct the accounting records of the Ministry's central apparatus;

e) Verify the accuracy of quarterly and annual reports submitted by institutions within the Ministry's system; prepare consolidated financial statements; and fulfill mandatory reporting obligations to the Ministry of Finance of Georgia and other relevant organizations."

f) Ensure unified methodological foundations for accounting and reporting within the Ministry and its subordinate institutions;

g) Conduct public procurement in accordance with applicable legislation;

h) Based on key national data and directions, prepare the Ministry's medium-term action plan in coordination with subordinate institutions and structural units within the Ministry;

i) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

15.Department of Internal Audit shall:

- a) Identify risks facing the Ministry and assess the quality of their management;
- b) Evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the financial management and control system;
- c) Develop annual and strategic internal audit plans in accordance with the legally established procedures;
- d) Conduct internal audit inspections;
- e) Assess and monitor the Ministry's compliance with the legislation of Georgia;
- f) Develop recommendations to improve the cost-effectiveness, efficiency and productivity of the Ministry's operations.
- g) Assess the reliability, accuracy, and completeness of financial and other information;
- h) Evaluate the adequacy of measures for protecting the Ministry's assets, resources, and information.
- i) Investigate the potential misconduct and/or actions misaligned with the institution's objectives, and implementing follow-up measures based on the findings of internal inquiries:
 - i.a) Implementing control over compliance with legislative requirements within the ministry's system, analyzing potential violations and/or deficiencies, and preventing them;
 - i.b) Conducting internal investigations into cases of official misconduct by employees within the Ministry's system, preparing investigation reports, and submitting them to management;
 - i.c) Identifying and preventing the underlying causes that facilitate legislative violations by employees within the ministry's system, and providing the Minister with appropriate recommendations to address discovered deficiencies and their causes;
 - i.d) Monitoring employees' compliance with professional ethics standards within

the system of the Ministry;

j) Submit information to the Minister for appropriate action if indications of criminal conduct are identified during audits or internal investigations.

k) Perform other activities arising from the interests of the Ministry, which do not contradict Georgian legislation, the objectives of the Law of Georgia on Public Internal Financial Control, and the principles of auditor independence.

l) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

16. Department of Human Resources Management shall:

a) Define, plan, and implement the human resource management policy of the Ministry's central apparatus. Develop recommendations for optimizing human resource management in line with modern standards and best practices;

b) Analyze existing processes for attracting, selecting, developing, and retaining human resources; identify best practices and develop/implement relevant policies. Design, implement, and regularly update employee evaluation and motivation systems based on predefined criteria and performance indicators.

c) Support the development and implementation of a unified human resource management system, policy, and strategy across the institutions within the Ministry's system; coordinate their activities and provide methodological assistance;

d) Manage the personnel files of Ministry employees, and create/ organize a centralized employee database;

e) Prepare draft orders and labor/administrative contracts related to the appointment, dismissal, disciplinary action, promotion, leave, business trips, temporary assignments, and transfers of public servants within the Ministry's central apparatus;

f) Carry out legally prescribed procedures for selecting candidates to fill vacant positions within the Ministry;

g) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

17. Department of Information Technologies shall:

a) Develop a unified information technology policy for the Ministry and ensure its implementation within both the central apparatus and the subordinate agencies of the Ministry;

b) Develop an information security policy and ensure its enforcement at the level of the Ministry's information systems and digital infrastructure;

c) Based on the Ministry's needs, replace existing technical and computer equipment with innovative devices and ensure ongoing monitoring of these assets;

d) Ensure administration and management of the Ministry's existing computer network systems, including the protection of its internal and external network perimeter;

e) Ensure access to information for citizens, stakeholders, and investors regarding the ministry's strategic projects, services, and activities through modern digital channels.

f) Support the smooth operation of existing digital services, implement new innovative services, and ensure data continuity and security at the system level;

g) Facilitate the development of information systems, analyze business processes, and promote digital transformation within the Ministry and its subordinate agencies;

h) Establish unified, centralized databases and ensure the provision of corresponding reporting;

- i) Create service catalogs and manage access levels to these services;
- j) Provide technical support to all structural units and agencies within the Ministry's system using innovative user management systems;
- k) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

18. Protocol Service shall:

- a) Organize protocol events during official visits of foreign delegations to the Minister and Deputy Ministers;
- b) Participate in the preparation of Government delegations' visits to Georgia upon the Minister's request;
- c) Coordinate official and working visits of the Minister and accompanying delegation members abroad within the scope of its competence;
- d) Cooperate with the protocol services of Georgia's executive and legislative authorities, representatives of the Georgian diplomatic corps abroad, and foreign embassies accredited in Georgia.
- e) Participate in the preparation of visit programs for delegations from foreign states at the invitation of the Minister;
- f) Organize meetings with the Heads of various Ministries of Georgia;
- g) Provide Ministry staff with official service passports within the quotas established by law and organizing their visa services;
- h) Exercise other powers as stipulated by law.

Article 2.

Due to legislative amendments, the authorized administrative body has been designated as the LEPL National Environmental Agency, replacing the Ministry, as of August 1st, 2025. The LEPL National Environmental Agency, hereinafter, shall be considered the legal successor to the Ministry.

Legal acts adopted/issued by the Ministry concerning the matters specified in paragraph 1 of this Article shall retain their legal force until new legal acts are adopted/issued by the LEPL National Environmental Agency.

Article 3.

This resolution shall take effect on August 1st, 2025.

Prime Minister of Georgia

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