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# **The Law of the Republic of Armenia**

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**g) national body for standardization** shall mean standardization body recognized by government that has the right to be recognized as the national member of the relevant international or regional standardization organization;

**h) national system for standardization** shall mean regulated by the normative documents of one country interrelated rules and provisions on the organization of standardization activities and procedures thereof.

### **Article 3. *The objectives and objects of standardization***

1. The objective of standardization is to ensure:

- a) the safety of production, work, service for the environment, life, health and property;
- b) the technical and informational compatibility, exchangeability of the production;
- c) the improvement of quality of the production, work, service;
- d) uniformity of measures;
- e) economy of resources;
- f) in the event of emergencies, the security and reliability of the buildings and constructions;
- g) removal of technical barriers to trade;
- h) the essential conditions for the state defense and mobilization readiness.

2. Objects of standardization are products, labor (including process) and services.

### **Article 4. *Legal regulation of the standardization relations***

Standardization related relationships in the Republic of Armenia are regulated by this law and other legislative acts.

### **Article 5. *International treaties***

Should the International treaties of the Republic of Armenia establish rules

**Part II**  
**Normative Documents of Standardization, their Application and  
Provision of Information**

***Article 7. Normative documents acting in the Republic of Armenia and  
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2. National standards shall define requirements and norms on the products, labor, service safety, sanitary state, technical and informational compatibility, products exchangeability, main consumptive (exploitation) characteristics of product, testing methods, packaging, labeling, transportation, storage, regeneration (repairing), use and utilization of products.

National standards shall also define requirements on the paper work with technical documentation related to products processing, production and use (exploitation), products, labor and service quality assurance, utilization of resources, requirements to the tolerance and seat, as well as terminology, metrology and other organizational-technical and general technical rules.

3. "HST" index shall be applied for national standards.
4. Preparation of national standards shall be based on the principle of consensus between interested parties. Procedure of preparation, adoption and application of national standards shall be defined by national system for standardization.
5. National standards and amendments to them shall subject to state registration.

#### **Article 10. *Technical conditions***

1. Technical conditions shall be elaborated and approved by legal persons or sole entrepreneurs for the certain product, labor or service.  
Necessity of working out and approval of technical conditions shall be established by the rules of national system for standardization.
2. Technical conditions and amendments to them shall subject to the state registration.

#### **Article 11. *Classifiers***

1. Elaboration, adoption, maintenance and application of classifiers shall be conducted in compliance with the procedure established by standardization normative documents.
2. International, interstate classifiers or ones of other countries can be applied in the Republic of Armenia according to the procedure established by standardization normative documents.
3. Classifiers and amendments to them shall subject to the state registration.

#### **Article 12. *Standards of Organizations***

1. Standards of organization shall be prepared and adopted by legal entities proceeded from the necessity of implementation of requirements stipulated by the article 3 of this law, as well as the necessity of their application with the purpose of organization and development of manufacture. Standards of scientific-technical, engineer, non-governmental and other organizations shall be prepared and adopted on the basis of data of fundamental and applied

investigations and development works of these organizations and spread and application of knowledge obtained in different fields.

Requirements towards preparation, adoption, record keeping, amendments making and invalidation shall be established by organizations.

2. Standards of organization shall not contravene the requirements established by technical regulations.

### **Article 13. *Application of standardization normative documents***

1. Application of standardization normative documents (excluding technical regulations) at the stages of production development, manufacturing, realization, use (exploitation), storage, transportation, reprocessing, as well as of labors fulfillment and services rendering shall be decided on the part of legal entities and sole entrepreneurs.
2. Application of national standards is voluntary.  
Application of national standards becomes mandatory if these standards are referred to in technical regulations to be mandatory applied (in exclusive manner).
3. Legal persons and sole entrepreneurs are allowed to import goods into internal market, if the mandatory requirements stipulated by technical regulations were fixed in contracts to which they are the party.
4. Legal persons and sole entrepreneurs, to export products or services, shall fix the necessity of the application of standardization normative documents in the contracts to which they are the party, excluding the cases stipulated by the Laws of the Republic of Armenia and other legislative acts.

### **Article 14. *Information on Standardization Normative Documents and their Promulgation, National Database Fund Creation***

1. Information on drafted and adopted technical regulations, national standards and classifiers, as well as registered technical conditions for production and services shall be provided on the side of national body for standardization via its publication.
2. The right to publicize standards of the Republic of Armenia has the national body for standardization.
3. To keep standardization normative documents and ensure information on them, the national database fund of standardization normative documents shall be created according to the procedure established by the Government of the Republic of Armenia, including technical regulations, national standards, classifiers, technical conditions, international, regional, interstate standards and ones of other countries, standardization rules, etc.  
Information on standardization normative documents (excluding technical regulations) or their copies provision shall be conducted on the contractual basis.

**Part III.**  
**Management of Standardization Processes**

**Article 15. *State management in the field of standardization***

1. State management in the field of standardization in the Republic of Armenia shall be conducted by national body for standardization.
2. National body for standardization shall:
  - a) pursue the state policy in the field of standardization;
  - b) adopt national standards and classifiers;
  - c) establish organizational-methodological and general technical rules, procedures for standardization works proceeding, interrelations between participants for standardization;
  - d) establish procedure of application of international, regional, interstate standards, national standards of other countries in the Republic of Armenia;
  - e) participate in international, regional, interstate standardization works;
  - f) organize the specialization and qualification of personnel in the field of standardization;
  - g) ensure official information in the field of standardization and provide notification on them to international, regional organizations according to the procedure established by the Government of the Republic of Armenia;
  - h) create and maintain the national database fund for standardization normative documents;
  - i) conduct state registration of national standards and technical conditions.

**Part IV.**  
**Financing of Standardization Works**

**Article 16. *Financing of Standardization Works***

1. The followings shall subject to mandatory state financing:
  - a) preparation of national standards according to the procedure of the Government of the Republic of Armenia and foreseen by the annual program for standardization of the Republic of Armenia;
  - b) preparation or participation in preparation of international, regional and interstate standards provided by international, regional and interstate agreements ratified according to the established procedure;
  - c) fees for participation in the works of international, regional and interstate standardization organizations according to the ratified by established procedure international agreements, that shall be paid to these organizations.

2. As a source for the financing of standardization works may serve means accepted for the provision of copies of national standards, classifiers, as well as means for the preparation of those national standards, preparation of which is not foreseen by the annual program for standardization of the Republic of Armenia and is conducted on the contractual basis.

**Part V**  
**Responsibilities for the Infringements of this Law**

**Article 17. *Responsibilities for the infringements of this Law***

The infringers of the provisions stipulated by this Law shall bear responsibilities in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

**Part VI**  
**Closing Provisions**

**Article 17. *Entry into force of this Law***

1. This Law shall enter into force since the date of its promulgation.
2. In the case when relevant technical regulations do not exist, till 31 December 2004, mandatory requirements to products, labor, services to ensure safety thereof for environment, life, health, property, as well as to testing methods, uniformity of packaging and labeling thereof, stipulated by technical documents being in the effect at the date of this law coming into force, shall be mandatory observed by legal entities and sole entrepreneurs.

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