

LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

ON

PROVISION OF SANITARY-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SECURITY OF THE POPULATION

This law defines the legal, economic and organizational aspects of the sanitary-epidemiological security of the population of the Republic of Armenia, the authorities of the State on prevention of the impact of dangerous and harming factors of the environment on the human organism and provision of favorable conditions for the vitality of the population and the future generations.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Basic principles of provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population of the Republic of Armenia

The provision of sanitary-epidemiological security is performed through:

Implementation of State and local projects on protection of the health of the population, prevention of diseases and enhancement of the environment

Maintenance of sanitary regulations and statutory acts defined by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia and performance of sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemiological activities by the State Governance bodies, organizations, enterprises and institutions (Independently from the type of property), officials and citizens

Definition of disciplinary, divisional, financial and criminal sanctions for the organizations, enterprises, institutions, officials and citizens who have violated the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia

Provision of complete information concerning the state of health of the population, hygienic and epidemiological situation and undertaken sanitary prevention measures

Installation of a public and State sanitary-epidemiological inspection mechanism

Article 2. Sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia

The sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia consists of this law and other correspondingly adapted legal acts.

Article 3. Prevalence of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia

The prevalence of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia over the foreign citizens, non-citizens of the Republic of Armenia, foreign enterprises, organizations and enterprises belonging to the citizens affects the foreigners and non-citizens, entrepreneurs, enterprises, organizations and enterprises belonging to the citizens within the area of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 4. Sanitary regulations and the hygienic statutory acts

The sanitary regulations and hygienic statutory acts (Hereinafter: sanitary regulation) define the criteria for the enhancement and security of the environment and the requirements for provision of favorable living conditions for the population.

The implementation of sanitary regulation is obligatory for all Governmental bodies, enterprises, institutions, officials and citizens.

The Government of the Republic of Armenia defines the procedure for the development, acceptance, review and implementation of the sanitary regulation.

The sanitary regulation must be publicized and freely advocated for the population.

CHAPTER II

AUTHORITIES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA ON PROVISION OF SANITARY-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SECURITY OF THE POPULATION

Article 5. Authorities of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population

The authorities of the Government of the Republic of Armenia are:

1) Implementation of State policy on provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population

2) Satisfaction of the requirements of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia

3) Development of State projects on disease prevention, elimination of emergencies, consequences of catastrophes, epidemiological mass diseases of the population and enforcement of scientific measures for prevention of intoxications

4) Definition of special procedures on termination of spread of infectious, mass non-infectious diseases and intoxications in order to enforce the popularization and economic activities within the area of the Republic of Armenia

5) Acceptation of corresponding international agreements

6) Organization of training sessions and educational activities on hygiene for the population and provision of the necessary information on sanitary-epidemiological conditions through both Governmental and local administrative bodies

Article 6. State sanitary and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia

The State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia (SHAS) is established in order to provide for sanitary-epidemiological security and implement hygienic and anti-epidemiological inspection.

The SHAS is established on the basis of sanitary-epidemiological services and institutions acting in the Republic of Armenia. The management of the SHAS is performed by the State assigned Head Sanitary Specialist of the Republic of Armenia. The Government of the Republic of Armenia defines the procedures on financing and management, structure and authorities of the SHAS.

Article 7. Authorities of the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia concerning the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security

The State sanitary and anti-epidemiological service performs:

The development and adaptation of sanitary regulation

State hygienic and anti-epidemiological inspection in the area of the Republic of Armenia

The organizational and methodological management of the sanitary-epidemiological security provision for the population

Organization of social-hygienic surveys concerning the impact of the environment on the health of the population

Organization of sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemiological measures for prevention of mass infectious and non-infectious diseases and intoxications

Hygienic information delivery

Article 8. Authorities of urban and regional municipal executive committees of the deputies concerning the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security to the population

In their authority, the urban and regional municipal executive committees:

- 1) Implement the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia in the given region
- 2) Develop and accept local projects on provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population, control the implementation of those projects, organize and finance the implementation of sanitary-epidemiological surveys and scientific investigative works
- 3) Coordinate the implementation of sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemiological activities by local enterprises, institutions, organizations (Independently from the departmental pertinence and types of property) and citizens
- 4) Undertake operative measures for prevention and elimination of mass diseases and intoxications and spread of infectious diseases
- 5) Take and invalidate decisions on implementation of quarantine and certain limitations within their performance area in case of epidemic emergencies or spread of infectious diseases and intoxications
- 6) Provide for the rights of the population on favorable environment

CHAPTER III

RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE ENTERPRISES, INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS ON PROVISION OF SANITARY-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SECURITY

Article 9. Rights and liabilities of enterprises, institutions and organizations on provision of sanitary-epidemiological security

The enterprises, institutions and organizations that act within the area of the Republic of Armenia have the rights to:

- 1) Obtain information on sanitary-epidemiological situation, environment, the state of health of the population and sanitary regulation
- 2) Participate in the development, discussion and implementation of Governmental decisions concerning the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population

The enterprises, institutions and organizations that act within the area of the Republic of Armenia must:

- 1) Satisfy the requirements of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia and implement control over their performance
- 2) Develop and implement sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemiological measures on elimination and prevention of environmental contamination, improvement of economical, working, educational and leisure conditions of the population and prevention of diseases and their spread
- 3) Notify the SHAS of the Republic of Armenia and the local administration about emergencies and processes that can break or have broken the sanitary regulation
- 4) Implement the decisions and decrees of State authorized bodies and officials on provision of sanitary-epidemiological security and termination of activities of enterprises, institutions, organizations or their structural divisions that have violated the sanitary legislation

5) Organize trainings and education that will contribute to the improvement of the sanitary erudition of the working personnel

Article 10. Rights and liabilities of citizens on provision of sanitary-epidemiological security

The citizens have the rights to:

- 1) Have favorable environment and sanitary-epidemiological security
- 2) Obtain direct and complete information on the sanitary-epidemiological condition of the environment
- 3) Participate in the processes of decision-making, project development, discussion and acceptance concerning the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population, and control their implementation
- 4) Receive reimbursement for the harm caused to their health as a result of violation of the sanitary regulation, according to statutes defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia

The citizens must:

- 1) Provide for their health, the health and sanitary education of their children
- 2) Satisfy the requirements of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia
- 3) Implement the decisions and decrees of the State Hygienic and Anti-epidemiological Service and officials concerning the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security
- 4) Participate in the implementation of sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemiological measures

Article 11. Guarantees for exercising the rights of the enterprises, institutions and organizations

The enterprises, institutions and organizations acting in the area of the Republic of Armenia, as well as citizens have the rights to lodge complains against the actions and/or inactivity of the State officials that have resulted or can result in limitation of their rights, according to the 9th and 10th articles of this law.

The complain is transferred to the superior instance and then to the People's Court, according to the statutes defined by the Law of the Republic of Armenia

CHAPTER IV

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF SANITARY-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SECURITY OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 12. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning the planning and construction of settlements in the Republic of Armenia

The construction and planning drafts of the urban, massif and rural settlements of the Republic of Armenia are developed in strict accordance to the sanitary regulation, according to procedures defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

Land allocations on constructional purposes, approval of planning and statutory documentation on rehabilitation and construction, and the exploitation of residential constructions, cultural-economical and communal buildings, industrial, transport and other

facilities are allowed only in case of an agreement from the corresponding department of the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service.

Article 13. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning food production, transportation, maintenance and realization

The technology of food raw material production, transportation, maintenance and realization are performed in accordance with sanitary regulation. In case of non-correspondence the production is released from the retail, according to the decision of the State head sanitary specialist.

The installation of new food supplements, biologically active substances, new technologies, new types of food processing and production, as well as utilization of polymeric and other substances for packing, that can interact with the food raw and processed material are performed on the basis of positive results from the sanitary-hygienic examination performed by the State sanitary and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia

The enterprises, institutions and organizations that act in the area of the Republic of Armenia and sign an agreement for importing and realization of food raw material from abroad, must meet the requirements mentioned in this article.

Article 14. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning the utilization of chemical substances and biological measures

The use of substances against infection transmitters, mineral fertilizers, plant growth controllers and chemical and biological measures for their maintenance, polymeric substances and plastic, perfume productions, other chemical substances and biological measures, medical immune-enhancing medications are allowed only in case of agreement from the corresponding body of the State sanitary and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 15. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning installation and utilization of new types of raw material, substances, medication and technologies in production, the production, transportation, maintenance and realization of which can negatively affect the human state of health

Types of products, the production, transportation, maintenance and consumption of which is directly connected to human beings and can be of a harm to their health, must correspond to the sanitary regulation according to their qualitative index and properties.

The new technologies, raw material, substances and medicaments are allowed into production only after the examination of their correspondence made by the State sanitary and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia.

Enterprises, companies and organizations responsible for outlet of production that does not correspond to the active sanitary regulation must terminate the production and realization by the decision of the State head sanitary specialist.

Article 16. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning public water supply and consumption

According to hygienic statutory acts, the residents of cities and other settlements are provided with the necessary amount of drinking water for satisfying the physiological and economic needs.

The quality of water used for drinking, economical, industrial and technical needs must correspond to the sanitary regulation.

The State Governmental bodies must undertake measures for providing high quality water to the population through maintenance and development of the water supply system

The quality of water in non-centralized supply systems, swimming pools, sport, leisure and medical facilities and reservoirs located in the vicinities of settlements must correspond to the sanitary regulation.

In order to prevent and eliminate the pollution of water sources for public consumption, the authorities of urban and regional municipal executive committees of the deputies define sanitary protection belts, under a special regime, according to the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

If the quality of the water does not correspond to sanitary regulation, the consumption of the water by the enterprises, institutions, organizations and citizens will be terminated, in accordance with the decision of the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 17. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning the protection of the quality of atmospheric air in the settlements

The quantities of contaminative substances and the levels of harmful physical factors in the atmospheric air of the settlements and the workplaces must correspond to the sanitary regulation.

In order to protect the atmospheric air of the settlements from industrial (Agricultural, energetic) wastes the authorities of urban and regional municipal executive committees of the deputies define a special belt in a sanitary protective regime, according to the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 18. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning the maintenance of favorable sanitary conditions in the settlements

According to the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia, the local councils of the deputies, their executive committees, enterprises, institutions, organizations and citizens maintain the favorable sanitary condition in the settlements. The procedures and terms of control over the maintenance of favorable conditions in the settlements are defined and enacted by the State local administrative bodies.

The enterprises, institutions, organizations and citizens must follow the sanitary regulation during the collection, processing, disinfections and disposal of industrial and economical wastes.

Article 19. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning the exploitation and maintenance of constructions, buildings, equipment and vehicles

The corresponding Governmental bodies must satisfy the requirements of the sanitary regulation while providing residential constructions for exploitation.

Residence in constructions that do not correspond to the sanitary regulation is prohibited.

It is necessary to maintain and exploit residential, industrial and other constructions, buildings, technological and other equipment and the vehicles according to the positive

decision of the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia and in accordance with sanitary regulation, standards and other statutory technical documents that provide for the sanitary-epidemiological security of the population.

Article 20. General requirements for the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population concerning work with sources of radiation

While working with, producing, utilizing, processing, maintenance, transportation, deactivation and disposal of radioactive substances and other ionizing sources of radiation it is necessary to follow the security norms and satisfy the requirements of other statutory documents on radiation.

The utilization of ionizing radiation sources is permitted according to a positive decision of the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia and according to procedures defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 21. Organization of hygienic education

The Government of the Republic of Armenia defines the procedures for organization of improvement of the hygienic level of the population, enforcement of healthy living environment and prevention of diseases.

Article 22. Obligatory medical examination

Certain socio-demographic groups of the population, the employees of industrial facilities that can be of harm to their health must pass preliminary and regular medical examinations arranged by the employing enterprises, institutions and organizations. The Government of the Republic of Armenia defines the procedures for conduction of the medical examinations.

Article 23. Sanitary-hygienic examination

Decisions on issues of State significance concerning the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population can be taken only on the basis of positive results of the professional examination, carried out by the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia.

In cases of object location, rehabilitation and exploitation, installation of new, unprecedented technologies, as well as in cases under seen by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, obligatory sanitary-hygienic examinations of nuclear power facilities, objects discharging chemical and biological wastes into the environment and ecological catastrophe zones will be carried out.

Sanitary-hygienic examinations can be conducted also by the order of the State bodies, the initiative of the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia, non-governmental and political non-governmental organizations, as well as by the demand of the population concerning the provision of sanitary-epidemiological security.

The conclusions given on the basis of the examination results will be discussed and taken into consideration by the State bodies, in the process of decision-making on the issues of provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population.

CHAPTER V

STATE HYGIENIC AND ANTI-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INSPECTION AND THE ANTI-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Article 24. State hygienic and anti-epidemiological inspection

The State hygienic and anti-epidemiological inspection is the performance of sanitary prevention institutions and bodies aimed at prevention of diseases through detection of violations of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

The State hygienic and anti-epidemiological inspection includes:

Examination, anticipation and evaluation of the state of health of the population, according to the environment

Detection of reasons and terms of occurrence and spread of infectious, mass non-infectious diseases and intoxications

Development of necessary suggestions for provision of sanitary-epidemiological security of the population

Inspection of implementation of the sanitary regulation and performance of hygienic and anti-epidemiological measures by the enterprises, institutions and organizations

Conduction of corresponding sanctions against officials and citizens in case of violation of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia

Conduction of State statistics on cases of infectious, mass non-infectious diseases and intoxications

The implementation of The State hygienic and anti-epidemiological inspection is the responsibility of the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia

Article 25. Public, hygienic and anti-epidemiological control

The non-governmental and political non-governmental organizations and citizen groups are authorized by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia to implement public control aimed at protection of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia and provision of sanitary-epidemiological security but must inform the State hygienic and anti-epidemiological service of the Republic of Armenia about the results of the activities performed.

CHAPTER VI

LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION OF THE SANITARY LEGISLATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 26. Liabilities for violation of the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia

The enterprises, institutions, organizations acting in the area of the Republic of Armenia, as well as officials and citizens are liable for violating the sanitary legislation of the Republic of Armenia, in accordance with procedures defined by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

CHAPTER VII

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Article 27. International agreements

If the international agreements of the Republic of Armenia under see norms other than defined by this law, then the norms of the international agreements will be enacted

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