

CONCEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PROTECTION OF THE ECOLOGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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Abstract

Abstract: the article discusses the concept of environmental protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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КОНЦЕПЦИЯ ОХРАНЫ ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЫ И ЗАЩИТЫ ЭКОЛОГИИ РЕСПУБЛИКИ УЗБЕКИСТАН

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Аннотация

в статье рассматривается концепция охраны окружающей среды Республики Узбекистан.

Ключевые слова: экология, окружающая среда, климат, климат контроль, погода, загрязнение.

Introduction

Uzbekistan has adopted a legal act that is important for environmental protection. On we present the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. Mirziyoyev “On approval of the Concept of environmental protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030” (adopted on October 30, 2019) and the Concept of environmental protection approved by this Decree. Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On approval of the Concept of environmental protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030”

The country is carrying out consistent work in the field of ensuring environmental protection, rational use of natural resources, and improving the sanitary and environmental situation.

At the same time, the results of the analysis indicate the lack of an integrated approach and strategic planning in the implementation of state functions in the field of environmental



protection, as well as the insufficiency of the powers of the environmental authority to effectively fulfill the assigned tasks.

In order to determine the priority directions of state policy in the field of environmental protection, introduce effective mechanisms for the prevention, detection and suppression of violations of environmental legislation, strengthening the personal responsibility of heads of government bodies and business entities, citizens for the sanitary and environmental condition of the settlements of the republic, as well as ensuring the achievement of National Sustainable Development Goals and Targets for the period up to 2030:

Approve:

The Concept of environmental protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030 (hereinafter referred to as the Concept) in accordance with Appendix No. 1, providing for measures for:

- preserving and ensuring the quality of environmental objects (atmospheric air, water, land, soil, subsoil, biodiversity, protected natural areas) from anthropogenic impact and other negatively impacting factors;
- priority use of materials, products, production and other facilities that pose the least environmental hazard;
- expansion of protected natural areas;
- ensuring environmentally safe use of toxic chemicals and radioactive substances;
- improving an environmentally friendly waste management system;
- formation of an environmental culture of the population, increasing the level of transparency of the activities of government bodies in the field of environmental protection and strengthening the role of civil society;

“Road map” for the implementation in 2019–2021 of the Concept of environmental protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030 (hereinafter referred to as the “Road map”) in accordance with Appendix No. 2

Establish that the Concept is being implemented in stages on the basis of road maps separately approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan for a three-year period based on the achieved results, target indicators and main directions of environmental protection for the corresponding period.

To the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection (hereinafter referred to as the State Committee for Ecology): before December 1, 2021, based on a thorough study of the results of the implementation of the Road Map, ensure the development and submission for approval to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of the draft Road Map for the subsequent period;

conduct effective monitoring of the progress of implementation of the road maps.

Assign personal responsibility to: First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan - Minister of Transport of the Republic of Uzbekistan Ramatov A.Zh. –

for the effective organization and coordination of the activities of responsible ministries and departments within the framework of the implementation of the Concept and the Road Map;



Chairman of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on ecology and environmental protection Kuchkarova B.T. – for achieving the Concept’s target indicators .

Approve the proposals of the State Committee for Ecology, the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan and the public to introduce a moratorium on the cutting down of valuable species of trees and shrubs not included in the state forest fund (hereinafter referred to as the moratorium).

Determine that

a) the moratorium is valid from November 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020; b) during the period of the moratorium, authorized state bodies are prohibited from issuing permits for cutting down valuable species of trees and shrubs that are not included in the state forest fund, except for the cases established in this paragraph; c) the moratorium does not apply to: sanitary pruning and felling of trees and shrubs damaged as a result of natural factors or pests, plant diseases, drying out or dried out, as well as threatening the safety of human life and health, property of legal entities and individuals; cutting down trees and shrubs (poplar and other fast-growing species, mulberry plantations, fruit trees and shrubs) grown for timber and fruits; cutting down trees and shrubs grown on plantations and/or owned by a legal entity or individual. Ministries and departments, as well as local economic management bodies and executive authorities, must strictly ensure the preservation of trees and shrubs, including through the practice of replanting them, at the stage of selecting and allocating land plots for construction and designing the construction of facilities, as well as when creating engineering and communication infrastructure (electricity, gas and water supply, sewerage, railways and roads, etc.).

The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, within two weeks, approve a set of organizational and legal measures to radically improve the system of protection of trees and shrubs, including those providing for increased liability for illegal cutting, damage or destruction of trees and shrubs. The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Forestry, together with the State Committee for Ecology and the Hunarmand Association, within a month, will submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan proposals to provide artisans producing products of folk arts and crafts and applied arts with wood, including valuable types of species. The State Committee for Ecology, by November 1, 2020, will submit proposals regarding the advisability of extending the moratorium based on the effectiveness of the measures taken to protect trees and shrubs. The Republican Council for Coordinating the Activities of Self-Government Bodies of Citizens, together with the State Committee for Ecology, ensure that the commissions of self-government bodies of citizens on ecology and environmental protection, landscaping and landscaping monitor compliance with environmental requirements during sanitary pruning and cutting down of green spaces, as well as their processing and waste disposal, including commercial use of wood, with the involvement of non-governmental non-profit organizations and other civil society institutions. Approve proposals: The Youth Union of Uzbekistan on organizing, together with the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan, environmental actions aimed at developing a caring attitude towards the environment among young people, preserving nature and preventing air, water and soil pollution, causing damage to flora and fauna; Republican Center for the Study of Public Opinion “Izhtimoiy Fikr” to conduct sociological research at least once a year to study public opinion on current issues of environmental protection.



Introduce from November 1, 2019 a procedure according to which: the chairman of the Committee of the Republic of Karakalpakstan on ecology and environmental protection, heads of departments for ecology and environmental protection of the regions and the city of Tashkent annually submit a report on the state of environmental protection in the region to the Jokargy Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the regional and Tashkent city Kengashes of people's deputies, respectively; The heads of district (city) inspections for control in the field of ecology and environmental protection annually submit, respectively, to the district (city) Kengashes of people's deputies a report on the state of environmental protection in the district (city). Establish, from November 1, 2019, a procedure according to which state inspectors of the State Committee for Ecology carry out operational control measures when identifying the following cases without prior approval from the authorized body coordinating the activities of regulatory authorities, followed by mandatory notification by registering the inspection carried out in the Unified System for Electronic Registration of Inspections in within twenty-four hours from the start of the inspection: failure to comply with atmospheric air protection requirements when storing or burning flammable substances and building materials in an open flame; melting bitumen without the use of special technical devices, burning stubble, fallen leaves and tree branches or other plant residues in fields and populated areas; excess or unauthorized discharge of wastewater onto the terrain or into open water bodies, as well as into the public sewerage system; abstraction of water from natural (natural) water bodies without permission for special water use or water consumption; illegal cutting of trees, collection and procurement or destruction of wild plants, hunting or obtaining wild animals (including fish); non-compliance with legal requirements in the field of waste management; failure to comply with legal requirements when carrying out work to clear the beds and water protection zones of rivers, sais, streams and lakes, as well as strengthening their banks. Deny: from January 1, 2020, commissioning of new capacities for the production of motor fuel of environmental class below Euro-4;

from January 1, 2022, placement under the customs regime of “temporary import” and “release for free circulation (import)” of motor fuel of ecological class below “Euro-3”, and from January 1, 2023 – of motor fuel of ecological class below “Euro-4” "; from January 1, 2022, placement under the customs regime of “temporary import” and “release for free circulation (import)” for the purpose of operation and sale of wheeled vehicles of categories “M” and “N” equipped with gas, gasoline and diesel engines, toxicity level which do not meet the requirements of the Euro-4 environmental class. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, within two months, approve the procedure for environmental certification of new wheeled vehicles of categories “M” and “N” imported into the Republic of Uzbekistan for compliance with environmental class requirements. Agree with the proposal of the State Committee for Ecology to transfer its powers to issue permits for the capture of wild animals and special use of flora to the Committee of the Republic of Karakalpakstan on Ecology and Environmental Protection, the departments for ecology and environmental protection of the regions and the city of Tashkent. State Committee for Ecology:

a) within three months, develop and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan: the procedure for conducting mandatory public discussions and hearings of draft



environmental impact assessments for planned activities related to environmental impact categories I and II (high and medium risk), before conducting a state environmental impact assessment; proposals for an inventory of business entities carrying out activities related to categories I and II of environmental impact (high and medium risk), for the provision of treatment facilities, as well as the implementation of measures for their mandatory installation in accordance with the law; b) ensure the organization of the issuance of environmental certificates for new wheeled vehicles of categories “M” and “N” imported into the Republic of Uzbekistan, equipped with gas, gasoline and diesel engines, based on the identification of legislative acts of the states exporting wheeled vehicles regarding compliance with production requirements wheeled vehicles with requirements not lower than Euro-4 or documents submitted by the applicants confirming the compliance of these wheeled vehicles in terms of toxicity with the requirements of environmental class not lower than Euro-4;

Together with the Uzstandard Agency, Uzavtosanoat JSC, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade, by December 1, 2019, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan a proposal to organize on the basis of the State Unitary Enterprise "Center for State Environmental Certification and Standardization" under the State Committee for Ecology a modern laboratory complex for determining the environmental class of wheeled vehicles; c) strengthen efforts to improve the environmental culture of the population, as well as organize large-scale propaganda activities, paying special attention to the prevention of offenses in the field of ecology and environmental protection, rational use of natural resources and waste management; d) together with the Ministry of Economy and Industry, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Innovative Development, the State Committee for Industrial Safety, by October 1, 2020, taking into account international experience, develop and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers a draft Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Waste” in a new edition, in including providing: introduction of a waste classification system based on industries and/or chemical and physical parameters to replace the system of five hazard classes;

economic incentives for the development and implementation of waste-free and low-waste technologies in production, as well as technologies for processing waste from mining and processing industries; ensuring the organization of environmentally safe storage of hazardous waste at industrial facilities; organizing a system for the collection, use and/or disposal of goods that have lost their consumer properties and contain hazardous substances (mercury thermometers, batteries, mercury-containing lamps, etc.); organization of a system for the collection, neutralization, recycling and disposal of medical waste. Within three months, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall develop and submit, in the prescribed manner, draft regulatory legal acts providing for: increased liability for obstructing the conduct of inspections by state inspectors of the State Committee for Ecology, refusal of admission to inspect the territories and premises of business entities or other obstruction of their official duties, as well as failure by individuals or legal entities to comply with orders to eliminate violations of legal requirements in the field of ecology and environmental protection; reorganization and optimization of environmental assessment bodies, submission of environmental impact assessment materials for activities related to category IV environmental impact (local impact), in a simplified form, introduction of an electronic system for submitting



and receiving documents, revision of the list of activities that have an impact on the environment. The Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in order to fulfill the tasks arising from this Decree, allocate an additional limit to the State Committee for Ecology for the maintenance of 184 units of vehicles at the expense of extra-budgetary funds of the State Committee for Ecology, based on the provision of analytical laboratories and inspections for control in the field of ecology and environmental protection of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and the city of Tashkent, as well as districts (cities) each with one unit of special vehicles. The Agency of Information and Mass Communications under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the National Information Agency of Uzbekistan and the National Television and Radio Company of Uzbekistan will organize publications and thematic television programs in the media to highlight the goals and objectives of this Decree, as well as the progress of implementation of the Concept and the Road Map.

Make changes and additions to the List of inspections carried out by notifying the authorized body by registering them in the Unified System for Electronic Registration of Inspections, approved by Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated July 27, 2018 No. UP-5490, in accordance with Appendix No. 3. The State Committee for Ecology, together with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan, other interested ministries and departments, within two months: submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan proposals for changes and additions to legislation arising from this Decree; bring the regulatory legal acts adopted by them into compliance with this Decree. Control over the implementation of this Decree is entrusted to the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan A.Zh. Ramatov. and Advisor to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Gulyamov R.A.

When implementing the Concept, the following approaches are used: systematization and improvement of the regulatory framework - implementation of international standards, codification of environmental legislation, introduction of an environmental insurance system, audit and strategic environmental assessment, integration of environmental certification into the certificate of conformity system, development and implementation of modern methods for calculating environmental pollution; greening the economy - rational consumption of natural resources, excluding their degradation, conducting mandatory environmental assessments, assessing the restoration capabilities of the potential capacity of ecosystems; improvement of economic mechanisms for environmental management - the dependence of fees for emissions and discharges on their volume and danger to the environment and public health, an acceptable level of budget financing for environmental protection; strengthening control in the field of environmental protection and rational use of natural resources - a clear delineation of the rights and powers of state bodies in the field of environmental protection, optimal centralization of all environmental bodies within one state body and endowing it with the necessary and justified powers for decision-making, an acceptable level of material technical equipment of regulatory authorities; conducting comprehensive environmental monitoring - improving the unified state system for monitoring the natural environment, creating a fund of information resources;



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