

Top Priority Amendments, which was approved by the parliament Legal Committee:

1. GCC Article 35. Amend with the following paragraph 4.
4. The second paragraph of the present article will not distribute to the “microfinance organizations” defined by the article 1511¹.

The following new article, 1511¹, should be added to the Civil Code.

Article 1511¹. Re-registration of Microfinance Organizations

1. That Non commercial legal entities (foundations and unions) which are established or funded, by Grant distributor (donor) in order to reduce poverty and for this goal mainly are engaged in micro lending activity, will considered as the Microfinance Organizations.
2. Until the adoption the special law on “Microfinance Organization Activity”, the organizations defined in the paragraph one of the present Article should reregister until the 1st of April 2005. In future Unions and Foundations which will engage in microfinance activity which is defined in the paragraph one of the present Article, should register as the Microfinance Organization.
3. Micro loan is the disbursed money amount by the Microfinance Organization to the borrower or to the group of the borrowers, which loan size does not exceeds 10 000 Gel for a one single borrower.
4. Microfinance Organizations should present the following documentation to the organ that provides their registration:
 - a) Application about re-registration;
 - b) Decision of the authorized organ;
 - c) Charter new edition, the latter providing the definition that legal entity is the Microfinance Organization aiming to reduce poverty in Country through the micro loan disbursement activity.
5. National Bank of Georgia should draft (introduce) the special law on “Microfinance Organizations Activities” and all the related amendments in the legislative acts and present to the Georgian Parliament for the approval till November 1st, 2005.
6. The 1st and the 4th paragraphs of the present article are in force till to the 1st of January 2006.

Article 2. The Law shall enact on promulgation.

President of Georgia

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