

NON OFFICIAL TRANSLATION

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

DECISION

No. 157-N of 19 February 2009

**ON APPROVING THE RULES OF CONDUCT OF JUDICIAL ACTS
COMPULSORY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

In accordance with Article 19(4) of the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On Judicial Acts Compulsory Enforcement Service", the Government of the Republic of Armenia decides:

1. To approve the rules of conduct of a judicial acts compulsory enforcement officers in accordance with the Annex.
2. This Decision shall enter into force on the tenth day following its official publication.

SIGNED ON 23 FEBRUARY 2009 BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Annex
To the Decision of the Government of the
Republic of Armenia No. 157-N of 19 February
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**RULES OF CONDUCT OF JUDICIAL ACTS COMPULSORY
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The rules of conduct of judicial acts compulsory enforcement officers (hereinafter referred to as "compulsory enforcement officers") shall be defined by these rules in performance of on-duty as well as off-duty obligations.
2. The rules of conduct of compulsory enforcement officers (hereinafter referred to as "Rules of Conduct") shall be norms regulating the specifics of behaviour, conduct and relations of compulsory enforcement officers. The Rules of Conduct shall be based upon the principles of enrooting the practice of legitimacy, respect for human and civic rights and freedoms, honour and dignity, humanity and transparency.

3. The Rules of Conduct shall rely upon consciousness of personal responsibility of each compulsory enforcement officer for performance of his or her official duties and observance of general rules, as well as duly and timely performance of orders (directions, ordinances) issued within the powers of his or her supervisors.

II. COMPULSORY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' CONDUCT

4. Compulsory enforcement officers shall be obliged to:

- (1) be loyal to their oath, consistently follow the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Armenia, respect state symbols (the flag, coat of arms, national anthem) and state language of the Republic of Armenia;
- (2) perform official duties in good faith;
- (3) be alert, strictly keep official and state secrets;
- (4) retain, in any situation, personal dignity, uphold the honour, be honest;
- (5) refrain from being influenced by the public opinion and by the concern for being criticised for his actions when exercising statutory powers;
- (6) refrain from discrediting the reputation of the service and that of a compulsory enforcement officer in their personal or other person's interests;
- (7) support their supervisors in enhancing the discipline, to treat them with respect;
- (8) improve professional skills;
- (9) know and respect human rights and freedoms, treat everybody in a reserved, civilised, properly and respectful manner;
- (10) refrain from establishing such financial, business, personal relations which may violate their impartiality, hinder the proper fulfilment of their official duties;
- (11) refrain from abusing their official position;
- (12) rely upon the sense of duty, consciousness and dignity;
- (13) contribute by their conduct to formation and maintenance of confidence of the society towards honesty and legitimacy of service;
- (14) evade from ineffective promise, realise the value and significance of their words, potential negative consequences of the given promises;
- (15) refrain from using in their personal interests the information disclosed during performance of their official duties;
- (16) treat with understanding the detection and criticism of violations and omissions made during professional activity and undertake measures for elimination thereof;
- (17) refrain from disclosing and using confidential information obtained in the process of performance of their official duties which fall beyond the scope of their statutory powers;
- (18) when performing their statutory powers, refuse to receive gifts, money, services from any person or to give consent for receiving them in the future;
- (19) not to put themselves – as a result of their behaviour - in a dependent position from any person;
- (20) submit recommendations on improvement of professional official activities and give relevant solutions for implementation of submitted recommendations;
- (21) follow that their colleagues keep to the Rules of Conduct and inform senior supervisors in case of detecting any violation.

5. The sequence of these Rules of Conduct does not indicate the priority thereof.
6. Where compulsory enforcement officers have no knowledge how to behave in a specific situation, they should contact their immediate supervisors who shall take measures to facilitate the observance and the application of the Rules of Conduct for their subordinate.

III. COMPULSORY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' LIABILITY IN THE EVENT OF VIOLATION OF THE RULES OF CONDUCT

7. In the event of violation of these Rules of Conduct, compulsory enforcement officers shall bear disciplinary liability in the manner prescribed by law.