

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Pursuant to Article 21 (4) of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Uradni list RS No. 24/05 – consolidated text), the Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted the

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Article 1

Article 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (*Uradni list* RS, No. 43/01, 23/02 as amended, 54/03, 103/03 and 114/04) shall be amended as follows:

"Government document is a set of documents with proposals for government decisions, which is submitted by a proposer to the Government for consideration. The proposer shall submit a linguistically and stylistically acceptable document.

The government document shall comprise a covering letter to the document, core of the document and annexes.

The covering letter to the document shall be addressed to the Secretariat-General and shall include:

- data referring to identification and procedure for the consideration of the government document;
- Government decisions proposal. If amendments to an implementing regulation are proposed, the document shall include a proposal for the adoption of government decision on determining the consolidated text;
- assurance of the proposer that the impact assessment of proposed government decisions was carried out and that required inter-ministerial coordination and consultation with the representatives of civil society was held. The impact assessment shall be carried out in the area of public finance, compliance with the *acquis*, removal of administrative barriers, as well as in the area of public administration, judiciary, economy, environment and social situation of individuals. The proposer shall be accountable for the accuracy of the assurance. Individual Ministries and Government Offices shall monitor the accuracy of the part of the assurance under their competence.

The core of the document shall contain the explanation of proposed decisions, including the explanation of effects of the proposed measures and other data required for the quality decision-making of the Government, which shall be set by the Government Secretary-General. If the document is submitted to the reading in the National Assembly, it shall contain all elements prescribed by the National Assembly of Slovenia Rules of Procedure."

Article 2

Article 8 shall be followed by a new Article 8a reading as follows:

"Article 8a

(Prior Inter-Ministerial Coordination)

Prior to their submission to the Government for consideration, the government documents shall be coordinated with the Ministries and Government Offices concerned. Prior to their submission, all proposals for general legal acts and acts concerning the operation of the Government shall be coordinated with the Ministry responsible for finance and the Government Office responsible for legislation.

The non-harmonised documents shall be submitted to the Government for consideration if, after the opinions of requested Ministries and Government Offices are delivered, the harmonisation is not achieved or if a prior coordination could not be carried out due to the urgency of the procedure.

In the prior inter-ministerial coordination, any requested Ministry and Government Office shall deliver its opinion on the prepared document not later than 14 days after its receipt, otherwise the contents of the document shall be deemed agreed upon.

When preparing general legal acts and acts concerning the operation of the Government, the renewed opinion of the Government Office for Legislation shall be obtained if, during the procedure of the prior inter-ministerial coordination, the document has been subsequently amended. The opinion of the Ministry of Finance shall only be obtained if the scope of the envisaged public expenditure has been substantially changed. Upon the renewed request for the opinion, the proposer shall point out the subsequent changes of the document. The renewed opinion shall be delivered not later than 5 working days after the receipt of changed document, otherwise the changed document shall be deemed harmonised."

Article 3

In Article 17 (1) the wording "at the session of a competent working body and/or" shall be deleted.

Article 4

In Article 21 (2) the wording "senior administrative officer responsible for" shall be replaced by "a person responsible for".

Article 5

After Article 23 (4), a new fifth paragraph shall be added to read as follows:

"The President of the Government may exceptionally allow the Secretary-General to shorten the deadlines referred to in this Article".

Article 6

In Article 14 (2) and Article 23 (1) the wording "Director of the Prime Minister's Office" shall be replaced by the "Head of the Prime Minister's Office".

In Article 21 (1) the wording "Directors of the Prime Minister's Office" shall be replaced by the "Head of the Prime Minister's Office, Director".

Article 7

These Amendments to the Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following its publication in the *Uradni list Republike Slovenije* (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia).

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