

## **Law**

### **of the Republic of Uzbekistan On Civil protection**

The present law regulates public relations and determines the main tasks, organisational principles of establishing and functioning of the Civil protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan, competence of the state bodies as well as enterprises, institutions and organisations (hereinafter - organisations), rights and obligations of the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of the Civil protection.

#### **I. General provisions**

##### **Article 1. General notions**

The present law uses the following general notions:

Civil protection - a system of measures undertaken by the State in peace and wartime in order to protect civilians and territories of influence of destructive factors arising during military actions or as a result of such actions as well as during natural disaster or emergency situation of industrial origin;

Civil protection structures - institutional units under the state bodies, organisations supervising and providing for the fulfilment of the Civil protection actions;

Civil protection forces - civil protection military units, territory military tracing-rescue units, territorial and functioning non-military units, emergency-rescue units, object units and other units of a special task;

Protective erections - a system of existing engineering erections, especially destined for the protection of the industrial personnel and civilians of the modern destructive means as well as of natural disasters and emergency of industrial origin;

Objects - buildings, erections and other structures used in purposes of industrial, agricultural production as well as essential for survival of the population.

##### **Article 2. Legal basis for the Civil protection**

The legal basis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the Civil protection is the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the present law and other normative acts.

The force of the present law is spread over the state bodies, organisations, state officials and citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, foreign citizens and stateless persons on the territory of our country.

The relations in the field of the Civil protection are also regulated by the legislation of the Republic of Karapalkastan.

### **Article 3. Main tasks of the Civil protection**

The Civil protection is one of the most important functions of the State, an essential part of the protection industry, an element of security of the country.

The main tasks of the Civil protection are the following:

- to protect the population and territories of modern means of destruction and consequences of natural disasters and emergency situations of industrial character;
- to ensure providing of the population with protective erections, means of individual protection and other means, evacuation of the population;
- to organise, develop and support control, communication and informational networks in a permanent preparedness;
- to protect the provision, sources of water, meal resources, forage, flora and fauna;
- to ensure stability of branches and objects of the national economy;
- to ensure the mobilisation preparedness of military units of the Civil protection;
- to monitor and laboratory control the radioactive, chemical and biological situation;
- to create and ensure the preparedness of control systems, forces and means as well as reserves of the Civil protection;
- to organise rescue and other emergency measures as well as survival of victims;
- to train the population on protective means of the dangers arising during armed conflicts as well as in the emergency situations.

### **Article 4. Main principles of the Civil protection**

The preparedness of the country in the field of the Civil protection is organised in advance in peacetime taking into consideration development of arms and means of protection.

The Civil protection is organised on the basis of territorial and branch criteria taking into consideration natural, economical conditions, protection and industrial potential of the regions.

To provide for complex and differential measures for the Civil protection the categorisation of the cities, organisations, objects taking into consideration their potential danger.

Fulfilment of the tasks of the Civil Protection shall be foreseen in the plans of mobilisation preparedness, economical and social development of the ministries, departments, organisations taking into consideration the Defence doctrine of the State.

The character, volume and terms and order of the measures for the Civil protection shall be determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

## **II. Competence of the state bodies, organisations and citizens in the field of the Civil Protection**

### **Article 5. Competence of the Cabinet of Ministers**

The Cabinet of Ministers of the republic of Uzbekistan:  
determines and charges the State policy in the field of the Civil protection;  
determines the main directions of the development and perfection of the Civil protection, their financial support and technical provision;

manages the elaboration and organisation of the measures to ensure economical stability of the Republic in peacetime and in time of armed conflict.

determines the rules of transformation of the Civil protection system for wartime, organises the evacuation;

ensures the State supervision over the fulfilment of the Civil protection actions;

organises and provides for the international co-operation in the field of the Civil protection;

ensures other actions according to the legislation.

#### **Article 6. Special state structure for the Civil protection**

A special state structure for the Civil protection is the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

provides for the essential supervision for the Civil Protection on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

makes competent decisions obligatory for execution for the ministries, departments, enterprises, organisations, institutions, state officials and citizens;

elaborates the main directions of the development and perfection of the Civil protection;

elaborates the Plan for the Civil protection in the Republic of Uzbekistan;

organises administration over the military units of the Civil protection, teaching of the officers and civilians;

formulates a draft State Order for supply of necessary arming, equipment, protective means and other technical means to ensure the Civil protection;

elaborates directives to ensure the warning and preparedness of the Civil protection of the country;

elaborates and undertakes measures to increase stability of the national economy in wartime and to minimise the secondary danger centres;

ensures State control over execution of the Civil protection tasks;

ensures arming and mobilisation preparedness of the forces and means of the Civil protection;

fulfils other tasks according to the legislation.

#### **Article 7. Competence of the Ministry of Defence**

The competence of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the Civil protection is determined by the legislation and rules of the Defence Doctrine.

#### **Article 8. Competence of the state bodies and organisations**

State bodies as well as organisations:

elaborate the plans of the Civil protection in wartime and control their execution in their branches;

create and ensure the permanent preparedness of the forces and means, control systems, information networks of the Civil protection;

ensures teaching units of the Civil protection, field officers for the means of protection of modern striking means and actions in wartime;

organise and control the rescue and other emergency works in the supervised organisations;

plan and fulfil actions concerning protection of the field officers under the danger of application and application of the modern striking means;

elaborate and undertake measures to increase stability of the branch and objects of the national economy in wartime as well as measures to minimise danger of secondary danger centres;

organise elaborating the plans for evacuation of the organisations to the zones of special protection and provide there conditions for their further activity;

create departmental reserves of the Civil protection and control their accumulation, storage, refreshment and keeping in preparedness for application;

provide the information on state of the Civil protection in their branch according to adopted procedure;

co-operate with local authorities in the field of the Civil protection;

create and keep in permanent preparedness local communication networks, means of collective and individual protection;

ensure necessary conditions for the workers and officers to fulfil their tasks in the field of the Civil Protection.

#### **Article 9. Competence of the local authorities**

Local authorities:

elaborate the plans for the Civil protection in wartime and control their execution on the respective territory;

ensure and control execution of the Civil protection actions by the organisations situated on the supervised territory;

ensure preparedness and keeping in preparedness the forces and means of the Civil protection;

organise training of the high-level staff and population on the protection of modern means of destruction;

define the volume and are responsible for accumulation, storage, refreshment and keeping in preparedness the means of the Civil protection, financial, technical, provisional, medical and other resources which can guarantee the survival under condition of application of the modern means of destruction;

ensure for stability of the organisations in wartime irrespectively of their branch subordination;

ensure search and exchange of information in the field of the Civil protection as well as warning the population on the danger of application or application of the modern means of destruction;

undertake measures to prepare for and organise evacuation and accommodation of the population to the zones of special protection, its accommodation, establishment of medical and other institutions;

organise and hold rescue and other emergency measures, provide the public order on the subordinate territory.

#### **Article 10. Participation of citizens**

Citizens have the right:

for the protection of their life, health and property of consequences of military actions;  
to use means of collective or individual protection free of charge,  
to be warned on degree of risk they can be subjected to in places of military actions  
and on means of necessary protection.

The victims of armed actions are provided with necessary conditions for living, with medical aid, financial, technical and other assistance.

Citizens have the responsibility:

to execute the present law and other legislative acts in the field of the Civil protection;  
participate in fulfilment the Civil protection actions and get a special training in regard of such actions in wartime;

to know the rules of usage of the collective and individual protective means, to know how to assist first aid to victims;

to respect the objects and means of the Civil protection.

### **III. Administration and forces of the Civil protection**

#### **Article 11. Administration of the Civil protection**

The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan holds a general administration of the Civil protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Prime-Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan *ex officio* is the Head of the Civil protection of the country.

The Ministry of the Emergency Situations is responsible for administration of the Civil protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Minister of Emergency Situations is the first Deputy head of the Civil protection of the country.

The heads of the Civil protection are:

in the Republic of Karapalkastan, regions, cities and districts - Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Karapalkastan, Khokims of the regions, cities and districts;

in the ministries, departments and organisations - ministers, chairmen of state committees, the heads of organisations;

The heads of the Civil protection of all levels have the individual responsibility of organisation and undertaking all the measures of the Civil protection on the respective territories, in the branches and objects.

The heads of the Civil protection have the right:

to adopt and bring into force the plans of the Civil protection in wartime;

to make the decisions to evacuate out of subordinated territory;

to issue the orders on the Civil protection;

to demand the persons and organisations to respect the present law and other legislative acts regarding protection of the population and the territories,

to attract the means and resources of the subordinate territories and organisations for the Civil protection actions;

have the other rights according to the legislation.

The orders, decisions and instructions of the heads of the Civil protection of the respective levels on the protection of the population and territories are obligatory to execute for all the organisations as well as officials and citizens.

## **Article 12. Managing structures of the Civil protection**

To manage the Civil protection the managing structures are established:  
in the Republic of Uzbekistan - the Ministry of the Emergency Situations of the country;

in the Republic of Karapalkastan, Khokims of the regions, cities, districts - departments on the emergency situations;

in the ministries, departments and organisations - headquarters of the Civil protection, special divisions or specialists on the Civil protection.

The heads of the structures on the protection of the population and the territories are *ex officio* the respective deputy heads of the Civil protection.

## **Article 13. Civil protection service**

To ensure respect of the special Civil protection actions and preparedness of the forces and means the republican, regional, civilian, district as well as the object services of the Civil protection are established.

The list of the republican services of the Civil protection as well as the regulations in their regard are adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The responsibility for the preparedness of governing structures, forces and means included in the Civil protection service are laid over the heads of the state bodies, institutions and organisations under their supervision.

## **Article 14. Forces of the Civil protection**

Forces of the Civil protection comprise the units of the Civil protection, territorial military and rescue units and units of the strict and operational subordination of the Ministry of the Emergency Situations as well as units of the local authorities.

To fulfil the tasks of the Civil protection the departmental special rescue and restoration units and object non-military units as well as units and divisions of the armed forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan may be involved.

## **Article 15. Troops of the Civil protection**

Troops of the Civil protection of the Ministry of Emergency Situations are the basis of the forces of the Civil protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The main tasks of the Civil protection troops are:

radiation, chemical and other reconnaissance in the destructed centres and infected zones;

rescue and other emergency works;

participation in evacuation of the population and objects of national economy;

participation in reconstruction of the objects essential for survival of the population, fulfilment of special tasks regarding territory protection, reconstruction of the aerodromes, highways, crossings and other important elements of rear infrastructure.

Completion of the Civil protection troops are provided according to the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

## **Article 16. Units of the Civil protection**

Civil protection units are destined for rescue and other emergency works and are established under organisations, districts, cities and regions.

The main types of the Civil protection units in wartime are:

rescue units destined for reconnaissance, tracing and finding victims out of the obstructions, first aid and other emergency works;

engineering units destined for engineering prospecting, erecting passages in the obstructions, reconstructing the highways and bridges, other engineering works;

units of the Civil protection service destined for providing the survival of the population, rescue and reconstruction works;

specialised units (medical, communication, fire brigades, protection of public order, transport and others).

Non-military units comprise men and women capable of working excluding liable for call up and having mobilisation prescription according to the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Structure of the service, principles of structure, composition of forces and financial support as well as the other questions of functioning of the Civil protection units are determined by the directives of the Head of the Civil protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

## **IV. Material, technical and financial supply**

### **Article 17. The main funds of the Civil protection troops**

Housing and other erections of the military towns, training objects. training material basis, material and technical equipment of the Civil protection troops belong to the state property and compose the main funds of the Civil protection troops. They have the right of operational administration over such property.

The Civil protection units are entitled by the respective state bodies to use permanently or temporary land and lodging, storehouses and other objects for accommodation and permanent activity.

The Civil protection units are allowed to use lands, depths, air and water resources according to the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

### **Article 18. Objects and property of the Civil protection**

The objects and property of the Civil protection are:

administration offices of the state bodies with the complex of protected erections and buildings;

standing alone and built-in dug-outs anti-radiation shelters of the Civil protection;

storehouses for the equipment and technics;

individual protective means, radiation, chemical prospecting equipment and equipment for dosimetry control;

communication and warning equipment;

other material and technical equipment of the state property as well as one created or bought for budget funds of the organisations for the usage in the purposes of the Civil protection.

To provide the Civil protection actions the state bodies and organisations create the reserve of the Civil protection.

In case of change of administration or activities of the organisation, the purposes of usage of objects and equipment, the task of their creation and accumulation are to be saved for such organisations.

An order to create and use the property of the Civil protection are determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

#### **Article 19. Material and technical supply**

Materials and technical supply of the Civil protection are provided on the basis of the funds destined for financial support of the Civil protection, Civil protection units and on the basis of other resources.

#### **Article 20. Financing of the Civil protection actions**

Financing of the Civil protection actions are provided:  
in the state bodies of the Republic of Uzbekistan and supervised budget organisations  
- on the basis of the republican budget;  
in the regions, cities and supervised organisations - on the basis of the respective budgets;  
in the organisations - on the basis of their own funds.

Financing of the Civil protection actions may be provided on the basis of the public funds, voluntary contributions and other funds.

### **V. Final provisions**

#### **Article 21. Legal and social protection of citizens**

Legal and social protection of the military men serving in troops of the Civil protection and persons involved to fulfil the Civil protection actions, are provided according to the legislation.

#### **Article 22. Responsibility for violations of the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of the Civil protection**

State officials guilty of discharge of their tasks of the Civil protection or of unlawful actions (inactions) in regard of the present law are responsible according to the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan in force.

#### **Article 23. International co-operation in the field of the Civil protection**

Co-operation of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the other States in the field of the Civil protection are provided by state bodies according to international treaties and legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.