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Dear Readers,

The Ministry of Justice approved new rules for apostillation of official documents issued by the state authorities or notaries public (hereinafter – the *Rules*). In this NewsFlash issue, we offer you an overview of the main provisions of the Rules.

Apostille Rules

The new Rules¹ replaced the rules² on the provision of the state services on apostillation of documents that were in effect since 2015. In contrast to the previous instructions, the Rules do not contain a detailed description of the state officials' actions during the process of the service provision.

Instead, the Rules outline information on the terms and procedures for the state apostille services that is necessary for a recipient. The Rules are supplemented with a description of the procedure for appealing decisions of the state authorities and/or officials in connection with the provision of apostille services.

The appendices to the Rules contain an apostille form, a form of an application for the state apostille services, and a summary of the terms and procedures for the state apostille service, including:

- Timeframe for the provision of the service;
- Amount of state charges;
- List of required documents;
- Grounds for refusal to apostille a document;
- Other requirements.

The Rules entered into effect on 9 June 2020.

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¹ Order No. 58 of the Acting Minister of Justice of Kazakhstan *On the Approval of Rules for the Provision of the State Services on Apostillation of Official Documents Issued by the Justice Authorities, Other State Authorities, and Public Notaries of Kazakhstan*, dated 27 May 2020

² Order No. 367 of the Minister of Justice of Kazakhstan *On the Approval of Rules for the Provision of the State Services on Apostillation of Official Documents Issued by the Justice Authorities, Other State Authorities, and Public Notaries of Kazakhstan*, dated 30 June 2015