

Decree

Republic of Azerbaijan Prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders

This Law defines the economic organizational and legal bases of the system of preventive measures aimed at the prevention and elimination of Iodine deficiency disorders in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan and regulates the relations emerging in this sphere.

I Chapter General Provisions

Article 1. Main Concepts

1.0 .The main concepts used in this Law are defined as follows,

1.0.1.Iodine deficiency disorders are pathologic states related to disorders in thyroid functions, caused by the reduction of Iodine entering the body.

1.0.2.Prevention of Iodine deficiency disorders is a system of measures aimed at the prevention of Iodine deficiency disorders.

1.0.3. Iodizing of salt is a process of iodizing salt with iodine for mass prevention of Iodine deficiency disorders.

Article 2. Legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders

Legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders consists of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, this Law, other corresponding legislative acts of the Republic of Azerbaijan and interstate agreements supported by the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Article 3. Application Sphere of This Law

This Law shall be applied to the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the permanent residents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, having no citizenship and foreigners, as well as all juridical persons, functioning in the sphere of prevention of iodine deficiency disorders, irrespective of their organizational and legal forms.

Article 4. Responsibilities of the State in the Prevention Iodine Deficiency Disorders

4.0. Responsibilities of the State in the prevention Iodine deficiency disorders are the following:

4.0.1. Development and implementation of purposeful state programs on the prevention of Iodine deficiency disorders;

4.0.2. Observation, prognosis and assessment of the prevalence of Iodine deficiency disorders among population

4.0.3. Implementation of economic, legal and organizational measures for the purposes of satisfying the demands for iodized salt, which is necessary for the health and activity of the population;

II Chapter

Preventive Measures from Iodine Deficiency Disorders and Requirements for Iodized Salt

Article 5. Preventive Measures from Iodine Deficiency Disorders

5.0.1. In the Republic of Azerbaijan the following preventive measures from Iodine deficiency disorders shall be implemented:

5.0.2. Organizing the preventive examination of population and revealing ill people with pathologies in thyroid;

5.0.3. For monitoring purposes annual assessment of the dynamics of Iodine deficiency disorders and the efficiency of preventive measures taken and reporting the results to the concerned bodies ;

5.0.4. Organizing the scientific research work aimed at the prevention of Iodine deficiency disorders;

5.0.5. Raising the awareness of population with regard to the prevention of Iodine deficiency disorders and health education of population on prevention of iodine deficiency disorders through dissemination IEC materials and broadcasting these issues on TV, radio and media.

5.0.6. To make mandatory for all juridical and physical persons functioning in the sphere of the production of iodized salt the observance of standards and requirements of sanitary-hygienic norms and rules (afterwards

standards and requirements) in ensuring the quality and safety of iodized salt.

Article 6. State Control over Prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control over the Quality and Security of the Iodized Salt

6.1. The State control over the Prevention of Iodine deficiency disorders shall be exercised by the appropriate executive power agency within their powers in conformity with the procedures stipulated by the legislation.

6.2. To identify the compliance of quality and safety indicators of iodized salt with the standards and requirements the examination of samples taken from salt shall be made by the appropriate executive power agency.

6.3. Public control over the observance of standards and requirements for ensuring the quality and security of iodized salt shall be exercised in conformity with the procedures stipulated by the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Article 7. Requirements for Iodized Salt

7.1. The salt used for nutrition and fodder purposes shall be iodized, its iodization, quality, security, quantity of iodine in its structure, control methods over the iodization of salt and the existence of independent iodine in its structure shall comply with the appropriate standards and requirements. The amount of iodine in the structure of salt shall be identified by the appropriate executive authority.

7.2. The purification, production, iodization and sale of salt shall be exercised in compliance with the sanitary-epidemiological norms and rules.

7.3. The processing, packaging, labeling, storage, transportation and sale of the iodized salt imported into the Republic of Azerbaijan and produced in the Republic shall be implemented complying with appropriate standards and requirements.

7.4. The rules for the use of the salt with expired date, its' reprocessing, and reiodization shall be specified by the appropriate executive power agency.

Article 8. Certification of Iodized Salt

8.1. The iodized salt produced in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be certified according to the procedures stipulated in the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the purposes of identifying the compliance of quality and security indicators of iodized salt with the appropriate standards and requirements.

8.2. Consumers shall be informed on the iodization and certification of salt in compliance with the procedures stipulated by the legislation.

8.3. The import, sale and production of non-iodized salt for nutrition and fodder purposes to the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be prohibited.

Article 9. Stimulating the production of Iodized Salt

For the purposes of satisfying the need of population in iodized salt purposeful investment, price, credit and tax policy with preferences shall be implemented in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

III. Chapter Final Provisions

Article 10. Responsibility for the Violation of this Law

The juridical and physical persons violating this Law shall bear responsibility in conformity with the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Article 11. Compensation of the Damage for Violation of legislation on the prevention of IDD

The juridical and physical persons realizing the production and sale of iodized salt shall compensate the damages inflicted on the citizen's health when violating standards and requirements for the quality and security of food products.

Article 12. The effective day of the law

12.1 The law is effective as of the day of issue

12.2 The article N 8.3 is effective as of January 2003