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RULES
of Export from the Republic of Azerbaijan of the national cultural resources

1. These rules determine the procedure of export of national cultural resources from the Republic of Azerbaijan by legal entities and individuals (hereinafter “applicants”) in accordance with the Provisions of Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “on Culture”.

2. National cultural resources are exported only in accordance with the protection degree allocated by the relevant expert commission under the “Inner City” Department of State Historical and Architectural Reserve under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The possibility of export is determined by the issued protection certificate. [14]

3. In order to export national cultural resources from the Republic of Azerbaijan, the applicant shall accordingly file a request to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan or to the expert commission of the “Inner City” Department of State Historical and Architectural Reserve under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Within the period of 1 month either issues a certificate about the inclusion of the cultural item in the protection list or allows its free use.

4. Cultural resource to which no protection degree has been allocated (in cases where there is a document of allowance to its free use) can be freely exported by its owner or user.

5. Excluding the cases of exhibition, tours, restoration presentation, and organization of international cultural events, the export of items of national cultural heritage from the Republic of Azerbaijan is forbidden. The time period for which such items may be outside the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan cannot exceed six months in a year, in accordance with the Law on Culture.

6. No customs taxes or fees are paid for national cultural items returning to the territory of the Republic.