

Law of the Republic of Armenia

On amendments to the Administrative Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia

Article 1. To amend Article 3 of the Administrative Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia of December 5, 2013 (referred to hereinafter as the Code) with Part 1.1 of the following content:

“1.1. Non-Governmental Organizations can apply to the Administrative Court also in cases provided in Chapter 29.3 of this Code.”

Article 2. To amend Section V of this Code with Chapter 29.3 of the following content:

«CHAPTER 29.3

Proceedings of cases instigated by the suit of a Non-Governmental Organization

Article 216.6. Initiation of suit by a Non-Governmental Organization

1. A Non-Governmental Organization represents the legal interests of its beneficiaries in court in the domain of environmental protection.
2. The organization can initiate a suit concerning the domain stipulated in Part 2 of this Article provided:
 - 1) the suit follows from the statutory purposes and tasks of the organization and is aimed at the protection of the collective interests of its beneficiaries concerned with the statutory purposes of the organization;
 - 2) under RA “Law on environmental impact assessment and examination”, participated in public discussion of fundamental documents or planned activities, or was denied the opportunity to participate in public discussion, and
 - 3) at the moment of initiation of the suit, at least for the previous 2 years, carried out activities in the domain stipulated in Part 2 of this Article.

Article 216 .7. Requirements to the suit and attached documents

1. The suit submitted on cases stipulated in this Chapter, in addition to the requirements provided in Article 73 of this Code, shall contain information about the grounds stipulated in Article 216.6, Part 2 of this Code, also, in addition to the documents attached to the suit under Article 74 of this Code, evidence proving the grounds stipulated in Article 216.6, Part 2 of this Code shall be attached.

Article 216.8. Return of the suit

1. In addition to the grounds stipulated in Article 79 of this Code, the suit initiated with respect to cases provided in this Chapter, is also returned if the case does not meet the requirements of Article 216.7 of this Code.”

Article 3. This law comes into force on the 10th day following official promulgation.