

**REGULATION**  
**of the “National Survey for Seismic Protection” Agency of the  
Ministry of Territorial Administration of the Republic of Armenia.**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The “National Survey for Seismic Protection” Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) of the Republic of Armenia is a state body functioning in the structure of Ministry of Territorial Administration (hereinafter referred to as “the Ministry”) of the Republic of Armenia as a separated department, which by the Law and in some cases by the Constitution of RA provides services in the field of seismic protection acting on behalf of RA.
2. The Agency is being established, reorganized and ceases its work by the decision of RA. The Agency functions according to its regulations approved by the Government of RA and submitted by the Minister (hereinafter referred to as “the Minister”) of the Territorial Administration.
3. The authority of the Agency is determined by the Law, by the orders and regulations of the President of RA, by the decisions of the Government of RA, as well as by the International agreements of RA.
4. The Agency performs its works according to the Constitution and other legal acts of RA.
5. In some cases stipulated by the Law or other legal norms, the Agency has a power to obtain and implement property or privet rights, bear responsibility on behalf of RA, lay before the court as a plaintiff or defendant.
6. The Agency has the round seal with the Emblem of RA and its name in Armenian, blanks, symbol and other means of identification.

**II. THE MAIN OBJECTIVES AND AIMS OF THE AGENCY**

7. The main objectives and the aims of the Agency are as follows:
  - a) provision of seismic hazard monitoring in the territory of Armenia
  - b) assessment of the seismic hazard and seismic risk of the territories
  - c) seismic risk reduction
  - d) assessment of the levels of caused seismicity

e) assessment of other secondary hazards connected with the seismic hazard.

### **III. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY**

8. For the implementation of the main objectives and aims the Agency carries out the following activities according to the norms determined by the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia.

- a) participation in the activities on development of the basic directions of the state policy in the field of seismic protection
- b) in the frame of its competence the Agency is responsible for seismic risk and seismic hazard assessment and seismic risk reduction
- c) participation in the activities on legal regulation and development in the field of seismic protection
- d) in the field of its activity Agency improves the cooperation between appropriate surveys of foreign countries and with international Agencies.
- e) the Agency submits for approval of competent body the seismic zonation of the territory of the Republic of Armenia, seismic microzonation maps of different scale for dense populated areas.
- f) in the frame of its competence, the Agency participates in the activities on development of earthquake engineering norms.
- g) participation in the activities on the qualification of the seismic resistant buildings and constructions.
- h) with the purpose of seismic risk reduction in the frame of its competence, the Agency participates in the activities on improvement of the provision the civil engineering, resettlement of the population and the ways of social-economical development of the economy of the country.
- i) participation in the activities on technical and organizing resolution's development and investment of the safe discontinue of works of critical and important facilities in case of earthquake.
- j) organization of specialized researches in the zone of occurred or expected earthquake.
- ja) providing to the Minister and the head of emergency management administration with current information about the earthquake and seismic risk in the territory of republic of Armenia and adjoining countries.
- jb) prediction of possible strong earthquakes in the territory of Armenia and in the risk area and informing about it to Minister and head of Emergency Management Administration.
- jc) public awareness on current seismic regime and earthquake behavior rules through the mass media.

- jd) participation in the internationalization of the projects on seismic risk reduction.
- je) participation in the development of the scientific-researching programs in the field of seismic protection and in the activities on investment the results of these activities.
- jf) developing and carrying out the programs on seismic protection.
- kg) participation in the activities on development and implementation of the programs on assessment of possible influence of the earthquakes on environment.
- jh) providing the development and application of science based methods in the field of seismic protection.
- ji) providing the developing and improving activities of the national observation network.
- k) implementation of the activities on seismic risk and seismic hazard assessment, creation and improvement of database with the aim of seismic risk reduction.
- ka) participation in the activities on population's preparedness to earthquakes.
- kb) participation in the activities on vulnerability assessment of critical and important facilities and prediction of their behavior in case of earthquake.
- kc) participation in the activities on creation of early warning system.

#### **IV. MANAGEMENT OF THE AGENCY**

9. The Minister is in charge of the Agency. The Agency is directly governed by the president who is appointed and retained by the Law, determined by the Constitution of RA.

During his activity the president is acting according to the Constitution of RA, Laws of RA, this Regulation, as well as the legal norms and international agreements of RA

10. The president of the Agency is responsible for the quality of implemented services in the field of seismic protection. As well as for the compliance of those services to the Laws and other legal norms.

11. The president reports to the Prime-Minister of RA, to the Minister, to the appropriate Deputy of the Minister who regulates the activity of the Agency and in cases foreseen by the legislation of the RA, for civil service he reports to head of administration.

12. The president of the Agency

- a) regulates the current activity of the Agency, is responsible for the implementation of the main tasks and objectives of the Agency;
- b) submits to the Minister proposals stipulated by the Law and other legal norms and

this status on the scope of activities, objectives and tasks of the Agency;

- c) in the frame of his competence he gives orders and commands, acts on behalf of RA and the Agency without the power of attorney as well as he gives a power of attorney to act behalf of the Agency including the power of attorney with the right of reauthorization;
- d) in the frame of his competence he submits to the Minister proposals on providing the employees of the Agency with rewards or disciplinary sanctions;
- e) periodically provides the Minister with the information on current works carried out by the Agency;
- f) provides the implementation of the regulations, orders, instructions released by the Minister and reports the results to the Minister;
- g) according to the Ministry and this status determines the authority of the departments of the Agency;
- h) organizes the activities allocation among his deputies;
- i) listen to the reports on activities carried out by the departments of the Agency, supervises the results of the works checked;
- j) makes control of the safety of state property used by the departments;
- ja) submits proposals to the Minister on the structure and staff number of the Agency
- jb) in the frame of his competency cooperates with state and local authorities and other bodies;
- jc) implements other authorities stipulated by the Law, other legal norms and this Regulation.

13. In case of the president's absence, one of his deputies introduced by the president and Minister's order, or if it isn't possible, by the direct order of the Minister fulfils the duties of the President.

## **V. ARRANGING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY**

14. Ministry provides the effective and complete implementation of the authority given to the Agency by the Law, other legal norms, Ministry and this status as well as provides the participation of the Agency in civil-legal relations.

15. The Agency has structural departments.

16. The employees of the Agency are civil workers.

17. The order and conditions of reorganization and suspension of the Agency's activity are determined by the Law and other legal norms.

### **Minister-Head of Administration**

**of the Government**

**M.Topuzyan**