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amending certain acts in relation to improving the business environment and the reducing administrative burden

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has passed the following Act:

Article I

Act No 251/2012 on energy and amending certain acts, as amended by Act No 391/2012, Act No 352/2013, Act No 382/2013, Act No 102/2014, Act No 321/2014, Act No 91/2016, Act No 315/2016, Act No 162/2018, Act No 177/2018, Act No 309/2018, Act No 419/2020, Act No 85/2022, Act No 256/2022, Act No 324/2022, Act No 393/2022, Act No 433/2022, Act No 205/2023 and Act No 309/2023, is amended as follows:

- 1. Footnote 4 reads as follows: '4) § 11 of Act No 157/2018 on metrology and amending certain acts.'.
- 2. In § 9(3), the words 'only for one person to whom' are replaced by 'for a maximum of three persons to whom'.
- 3. In the first sentence of § 12(13), the comma after the word 'intent' is deleted and the words 'a document for connection of an electricity generating installation to a transmission system or to a distribution system' are deleted.
- 4. § 73(4) reads as follows:
 - '(4) The gas customer or the owner of the property to which gas is supplied must allow the distribution system operator to check the gas demand facility or the designated meter.'.
- 5. § 76(2) reads as follows:
 - '(2) The distribution system operator must make a physical reading of the state of a specified meter at a demand point that is not equipped with a specified remote readable meter at least once every 12 consecutive calendar months, unless the customer has confirmed to the distribution system operator an interest in reporting the status of the meter counter as a substitute for physical reading or it is not a demand point with a consumption not exceeding 200 m³ per year for the last five years; a physical reading for a non-household gas customer must be made annually by 31 December during the month of December of the relevant calendar year. A physical reading of the state of a specified meter at the demand point shall also mean a reading based on the state of the counter of a specified meter reported by the gas customer and approved by the distribution system operator. If a gas customer confirms to the distribution system operator an interest in reporting the status of the meter counter as a substitute for physical reading and does not report the reading within the agreed time frame, the distribution system operator shall be entitled to use a supply model diagram to determine that customer's reading. A non-household customer may report annually to his gas supplier or distribution system operator the actual status of the meter counter

as at 31 December no later than five calendar days after the end of the calendar year. The distribution system operator shall have the right to use the supply model diagrams if it does not have data available on the actual state of the meter counter or the counter status of the meter reported by the gas customer and approved by the distribution system operator or if the consumption at the demand point has not exceeded 200 m³ per year in the last five years. The distribution system operator must notify the gas supplier of the data for non-household customers' demand points within 10 calendar days of the end of the calendar year.'.

6. In the first sentence of § 76(10), the words 'in writing' are replaced by 'in paper or electronic form'.

Article II

Act No 94/2013 on hallmarking and testing of precious metals (the Hallmarking Act) and amending certain acts, as amended by Act No 198/2020, is amended as follows:

- 1. In the first sentence of § 25(1), the words 'with a responsibility mark and' are deleted.
- 2. In § 33(4), the following sentence is added at the end: 'The obligation under the first sentence does not apply to businesses that trade exclusively in silver goods for which the weight of one piece does not exceed 10 grams.'.
- 3. In § 35(2), the following sentence is added at the end: 'The obligation to indicate the weight on the document pursuant to the first sentence shall not apply to the sale of silver goods the weight of which does not exceed 10 grams.'.
- 4. Footnote 25 reads as follows: '25) Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services (OJ L 241, 17.9.2015).'.

Article III

Act No 18/2018 on the protection of personal data and amending certain acts, as amended by Act No 221/2019, Act No 373/2021 and Act No 92/2022, is amended as follows:

- In § 3(5) point (d) is added, which reads:
 'd) of deceased persons.'.
- 2. § 3(6) is deleted.
- 3. § 78(7) is deleted. Paragraphs (8) to (11) become paragraphs (7) to (10). Footnote 23 is deleted.
- 4. In § 78(7), the third sentence is deleted.
- 5. The text '\ 78(8)' is replaced throughout the text of the Act by '\ 78(7)'.

Article IV

This act comes into effect on 1 July 2024.