



## The State Program for the Development of Tobacco Growing in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2017-2021



The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan has signed a Decree on "Approving the State Program for the Development of Tobacco Growing in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2017-2021'

It was decided by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan to approve the State Program in order to improve tobacco production, deepen tobacco processing, meet the raw material needs of the processing enterprises in this area via local production, increase profitability and export potential as well as increase the employment of the rural population.

In order to finance the actions, to be implemented by the Ministries of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, envisaged in the State Program, it is set forth that necessary steps shall be taken to ensure allocation of funds in annual state budget and state investment program.

According to the decree, among the tasks set before the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan are the following:

- Taking relevant measures to prepare a feasibility study for the construction of a modern plant producing tobacco products in accordance with international standards in the country;
- Coordinating the implementation of the actions envisaged in the State Program;
- Reporting to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the implementation of the measures envisaged in the State Program not less than once a year.

The tasks assigned to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan are as follows:

- Taking necessary actions to provide agricultural producers with agricultural machinery and agrochemicals, strengthen selection and seed-growing as well as strengthen phytosanitary and extension services;
- Coordinating the implementation of the actions envisaged in the State Program;
- Reporting to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the implementation of the measures envisaged in the State

Program not less than once a year.

Resolving the issues arising from this Decree is amongst the tasks assigned to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

