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Re: On the procedure for calculating time in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Dear Vice-Minister Orazbek,

Thank you for your correspondence concerning changes to time zone policy in Kazakhstan.

We were first made aware of these updates in late January, and the substance of the change to Kazakhstan time zone policy was implemented in the most recent update to the Time Zone Database, published on 1 February 2024.

Please note that dissemination of updated time zone data typically takes many months, and therefore you should not expect devices to comprehensively adopt the time zone change on 1 March due to the short lead time. We recommend such changes should be made with at least one year of prior notice to allow time to not just update the IANA time zone database, but for software vendors to consequently propagate those changes through software updates and the like.

For more information on this process, please review our article entitled "[How Time Zones are Coordinated](#)".

With kindest regards,



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