

## **14. LANGUAGE POLICY**

The state language in Uzbekistan is Uzbek.

All state agencies must maintain documentation in the Uzbek language. However, in many instances the state agencies issue or translate documents into other languages (mostly Russian).

Records and data of all organizations and associations should be in the Uzbek language. In practice, such documentation is frequently kept in both Uzbek and Russian.

The general practice in Uzbekistan is that contracts with foreign parties are executed in two languages: Russian and any other language acceptable to both parties. Both versions will have equal force, unless otherwise specified.

Any contract which requires registration or filing with a state agency must be accompanied by a certified translation in Russian or Uzbek. However, certain registration documents for the formation of an Uzbek legal entity must be in Uzbek (documents in Russian alone are not acceptable). This reflects what appears to be strong Government support for the use of the Uzbek language for official documentation, which is slowly leading to a wider use of the Uzbek language.