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Agriculture

Prakas No. 131 (MoAFF) dated April 08, 2010, on the Procedure for Inspecting the Sanitation of Slaughterhouses, Animal Meat and Meat Products Produced from Animals (L&R/Age/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.31, April 27, 2010)

This Prakas provides the procedure for inspecting the sanitation of slaughterhouses, animal meat, and meat products produced from animals, to ensure their quality and safety. All legal and natural persons who are licensed to own such businesses must fulfill the requirements stipulated in Article 2 of the Prakas. Licensed veterinarians will be assigned to inspect the activities of legal and natural persons in this business before and after the slaughter of animals to assure the quality and safety of the meat.

Prakas No. 099 (MOAFF), dated March 10, 2010, on Imposing the Method of Using Good Agriculture Practices for Fruit and Vegetable Production (L&R/Agr/ 2010/ Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.41, June 04, 2010)

This Prakas implements Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) in fruit and vegetable production to promote food safety, prevent negative environmental impact, protect consumers' and farmers' health, promote the quality of crops, and facilitate fruit and vegetable commerce in the market. Natural and legal persons who plant or commercialize fruits and vegetables shall be educated so they are able to implement and respect the Prakas effectively. The rules of producing fruits and vegetables are determined in the Annex of the Prakas.

Prakas No. 346 (MOAFF), dated May 10, 2010, on the Procedure for Inspecting Plant Sanitation (L&R/Agr/ 2010/ Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.42, June 08, 2010)

This Prakas provides the procedure for inspecting the sanitation of imports, exports, and transit consignment into Cambodia to prevent the epidemic of pests on agricultural products. Legal and natural persons who import, export and transit consignment into the Kingdom of Cambodia any plant quarantine materials must submit the required documentations to the Plant Quarantine Authority of the General Directorate of Agriculture for Phytosanitary Certificate as determined in the Prakas.

Civil & Procedures

Royal Kram NS/RKM/0610/008, dated June 08, 2010, on Promulgation of the Law on Complaint Procedure related to Individual Status (L&R/Cvl/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No. 43, June 12,2010)

This Law was promulgated on June 08, 2010, and regulates the Complaints Related to Individual Status in the Code of Civil Procedure. The court of first instance shall be the competent court regarding complaints related to individual status. Public trial shall not be allowed, except otherwise considered. It should be noted that the definitive and binding judgment of the captioned case shall be effective for third parties.

This law will cover complaints related to individual status, such as:

- The complaint for Certifying the Termination of Marriage
- The complaint for Termination of Marriage

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- The complaint for Divorce
- The complaint for Ignorance of Parenthood
- The complaint for Recognition
- The complaint for Confirming Absence of Parenthood
- The complaint for Seeking Confirmation of Maternity
- The complaint for Dissolution of Full Adoption
- The complaint for the Grounds for Dissolution
- Other complaint for creation, confirming the existence or inexistence related to individual status.

Environment

Sub-Decree No. 58 (RGC) on the Mechanism and Procedure for Implementing the Law on Bio-safety (L&R/Agr/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.47, June 27, 2010)

This Sub Decree aims to prevent the negative impact on the biodiversity, environment and people. This Sub Decree is applicable to the processing, importation and exportation of living, modified organisms which are intended for direct use as food or animal feed. In addition, it creates the National Biosafety Committee lead by the Minister of Environment. This Committee is responsible for preparing a strategic plan on biosafety and bio-modern technology for the government to review and decide. This committee must advise the government on the implementation of an international agreement related to Biosafety. Before conducting business related to the above activities, natural or legal persons are required to seek approval from Ministry of Environment at least within 90 days (before the date of import or export) before asking for a license from the competent authorities. This Sub Decree provides the procedure to apply for the import, export, and the use of living, modified organisms. The details of administrative fees and required documents will be provided in an Inter-Ministerial Prakas between the Ministry of Environment and related ministries. The administrative fee mentioned above is not applicable for government institutions conducting national research related to Biosafety.

Finance

Instructive Circular No. 06 (RGC), dated June 09, 2010, on the Preparation of Draft Law on Financial Management for the year 2011 (L&R/Fnc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.44, June 15, 2010)

This Circular summarizes the current macro-economic situation and public finance and budget situation. It details the percentage increase or decrease of each constituent of the State's current economy.

The Economy Increase is predicted to be 6% for the year 2011 (1% lower than the Increase targeted for every year by the Government). The RGC still plans to use monetary and budget policy measures to promote the development in all main sectors, including agriculture, industrial, law and justice, etc. For the framework of the public finance and budget policy, this Circular bases the action-plan on the Rectangular Strategy Phase 2 and Strategic Plan on the National Development-Updated.

For the expense plan, the calculation and budget allowance for the year 2011 will be determined by the policy of priorities range, strategic bases, and on the abovementioned macro-economic situation and public finance and budget situation. For the income plan, the Government will continue to strengthen the income management and the efficiency of the tax, customs and other income collection.

This Circular provides the procedure for the preparation of the 2011 budget. All ministries and specialized institutions at the provincial and municipal level are expected and required to immediately prepare their income-expense budget plan for the year 2011, before the deadline of 9 July 2010.

International Agreement

Royal Kram NS/RKM/0610/007, dated June 08, 2010, on the Promulgation of the Law on Adoption of the CHIENG MAI Initiative Multilateral Agreement (L&R/Ina/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.45, June 19, 2010)

The CHIENG MAI Initiative Multilateral Agreement (CMIM) was promulgated by King Norodom Sihamoni on 08 June, 2010, which bound ASEAN plus China, Japan, and Korea. The objective of the CMIM is to support the US Currency through currency swap transactions to facilitate the balance of payment, shortage in short periods and international mechanism. Parties to the CHIENG MAI Initiative have agreed to contribute US\$ 120,000,000,000 (One Hundred Twenty Billion Dollars) in proportion of "20:80" of ASEAN and China, Japan and Korea.

Privatization & State Property

Sub-Decree No. 57 (RGC), dated June 21, 2010, on the Establishment of the Cambodia Post as a Public Enterprise (L&R/P&S/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.46, June 23, 2010)

The Cambodia Post – abbreviated by the Sub-Decree as C.P.- is a State Company, which is under the technical supervision of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication (MPTC) and the financial supervision of the Ministry of Economic and Finance (MEF). This Sub-Decree describes the roles and duties of the Post Office as well as the granted rights and obligations by the state.

CP shall be under the management of the Board of Directors, which is composed of a representative from MPTC as the chairman, accompanied by representatives from MEF, and COM, employees and CP's General Director as its members. The Board of Directors shall instruct and delegate necessary powers to the General Director relating to the functioning of the enterprise.

The initial capital is determined following approval from MPTC and MEF. CP is to respect the general legal provisions on taxation and VAT and other regulations in force.

Transportation

Prakas No. 186 (MOPWT), dated May 21, 2010, on the Determination of Truck Size and Reumork Size with Added-On Side Rails (L&R/Trp/ 2010/ Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.41, June 04, 2010)

This Prakas determines the size of registered trucks and reumorks that have added-on side rails. There are two types of trucks, dumping and non-dumping trucks. This Prakas specifies the minimum and maximum size of trucks, mini trucks and reumorks with added-on side rails and semi-side rails. For owners who have not registered their trucks and intend to add on side-rails, they must submit an application to the general department of transportation or capital/provincial office of public work and transport.