

# **Primary Law Update**

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## **Administrative & Public Sectors**

Decision No. 49 (MLMUPC) dated September 27, 2010 on the Use of Index Sample for the Implementation of the Circular on Solving the issue of temporary Buildings on State Land parcels which have been illegally occupied at Capital, Cities and Towns (L&R/Adm&Pub/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No. 73, October 04, 2010)

This decision provides for 13 separate annexes to be used as Samples for the drafting of documents as required in the Circular No.03, issued on the May 31, 2010. Some of the annexes are of contractual nature and some others are of administrative/clerical nature.

#### **Finance**

Prakas No.724 (MEF) dated September 29, 2010 on the Establishment of Working Group to Aggregate the Income from Renting State Property and Privatization (L&R/Finc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.74, October 08, 2010)

This Prakas establishes, under the MEF, a Working Group with duties to strengthen the procedures of collecting rental incomes on state properties and incomes from privatization. This Working Group is also responsible for tackling the issues of revision or annulment of lease and privatization contracts.

Prakas No.725 (MEF) dated September 29, 2010 on the Establishment of Working Group to Aggregate the Income from Economic Land Concession, Investment Lease on Islands, Concessions on any other Infrastructures and on other Locations (L&R/Finc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.74, October 08, 2010)

According to this Prakas, the MEF has established a Working Group which is in charge of collecting debts and incomes in connection with economic land concessions, investment leases on islands concessions on any other infrastructures and on other locations. In this regards, this Work Group can issue instructions and examine legal aspects permitting the revision or annulment of the said contracts.

Prakas No.726 (MEF) dated September 29, 2010 on the Establishment of Working Group to Aggregate the Income from Postal Industry, Telecommunication, Passport, Visa, and Civil Aviation Industries (L&R/Finc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.74, October 08, 2010)

Established under the supervision of the MEF, a Working Group focusing on the collecting debts and incomes from postal industry, telecommunication, passport, vis and civil aviation industries shall have duty to monitor procedures as regards to debts and incomes collection of the said industries and examine possibilities to revise or annul related contracts.

Decision No.034 (MEF) dated September 22, 2010 on the Establishment of Coordinating Groups of the Ministry of Economic and Finance (L&R/Finc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.74, October 08, 2010)

The MEF has issued a Decision creating Coordination Groups of the Ministry of Economy and Finance that shall act as technical officer of the Commission of the Public Finance Management Reform of the MEF and of the Public Finance Management Reform Steering Committee. This Decision creates 5 Coordinating Groups:

- 1. Budget Planning Group
- 2. Incomes Group
- 3. Budget Execution Group
- 4. Policies Group
- Supporting Group

Each coordinating group is assigned to work with determined Departments of the same scope of work. For the purposes of implementing the Public Finance Management Reform Program, Coordinating Groups are entitled to lead and ensure harmony in the execution of the General Departments, Departments and Units of the Group.

Prakas No.727 (MEF) dated September 29, 2010 on the Establishment of Working Group to Aggregate Oil and Gas Incomes (L&R/Finc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.75, October 12, 2010)

Under the auspice of the MEF, this Prakas establishes a Working Group aiming at monitoring, issuing instructions regarding collections of oil and gas related debts, and improving the process of collecting oil and gas incomes.

Prakas No.728 (MEF) dated September 29, 2010 on the Establishment of Working Group to Aggregate Incomes from Public Enterprises, Public Institutions, Export Quota and Mine Concessions (L&R/Finc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.75, October 12, 2010)

A Working Group is created under the MEF to scrutinize, to provide instructions regarding debt collecting process and to enhance possibility of collecting incomes in relation with public enterprises, public institutions, export quota and mine concessions.

Decision No.035 (MEF) dated September 22, 2010 on the Establishment of Ministerial Coordinating Groups (L&R/Finc/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.75, October 08, 2010)

In framework of execution of Public Finance Management Reform program, 5 Ministerial Coordinating Groups are formed. Each Coordinating Groups shall act, on behalf of the MEF and the Public Finance Management Reform Steering Committee, as a coordinator of particular Ministries.

# **Fishery**

Prakas No.571 (RGC) dated September 06, 2010 on the measures for the protection of aquatic resources currently under threat (L&R/Fsy/2010/Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No. 77, September 08, 2010)

Legal and natural person wish to establish farm or breed the aquatic resources for commercial purpose shall be approved by the Fishery Administration. The owner of the registered farm shall obtain the authorization from the Chief of Fishery Administration before transporting, processing and stocking any aquatic resources throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia but the authorization from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Fishery shall be required for international trade.

Catching, selling, buying, transporting, collecting, processing and stocking any aquatic resources currently under threat in purpose of research study shall obtain the approval from the Chief of Fishery Administration.

## **Land & Properties**

Sub-Decree No.131 (RGC) dated October 14, 2010 on the Transfer of Land and Buildings of three Department Offices in Siemreap City, Siemreap province (L&R/L&Pro/2010Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.77, October 19, 2010)

The parcel of land and the building sizing 24,631 square meters located in Siem Reap City, Siem Reap

province, is now classified as private state property. The land and building in question have been located in:

- 1. The land parcels and buildings of the Bureau of Education, Youth and Sport in Siem Reap province, Phoum Traeng, Sangkat Slor Kram = 15332 m2
- 2. The land parcels and buildings of the Bureau of Planning in Siem Reap, Phoum Kasikam, Sangkat Srorgner = 2150 m2
- 3. The land parcels and buildings of 2 Bureaus of Post and Telecommunications in Phoum 4, Sangkat Svay Dangkum = 7149 m2

The address of those buildings and Bureaus are now located in Administrative Borey of Siem Reap.

#### **Taxation**

Joint Prakas No.585 (MAFF) dated September 23, 2010 on Adjusting Article 2 of Prakas No.1276 dated December 25, 2009 on Re-adjustment of Tax Rate on Standing Trees for State Income (L&R/Tax/2010Khm) (Royal Gazette, Year 10, No.73, October 04, 2010)

According to the new Article 2 of the Prakas No.1276 dated December 25, 2009 on the Re-adjustment of Tree Trunks Royalties paid to the State, as regards to economic land concessions, the evaluation of wood products and wood by-products shall be done at the level of sub-region where the tree cutting had been permitted. Despite a Principal Approval on cutting trees in the economic land concession area, an application to cut the trees must be lodged at the MAFF prior to the cutting. The value of wood products or by-products is assessed by Forest Administration in cooperation with the contracting company. Royalties and bonuses must be levied on cut tree trunks and paid to the State before they are processed.

Contracting company receiving Principal Approval prior to the entry in force of this Prakas can proceed based on procedures as contained in their Principal Approval.