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Agriculture

Decision No. 45 (RGC) dated August 03, 2011 on the Establishment of the Sub-Working Team in the Agriculture, Agro-Industry and Government Sectors. (R/L/ Agri/Khm/2011) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 57, dated August 04, 2011).

This decision establishes the government representative sub-working group in order to cooperate with the private sector to source seeds, technical planting equipment and find export markets for rice in compliance with international market standards.

Criminal and Procedures

Royal Kram No. 0811/017 dated August 01, 2011 on Promulgation of Law on Amendment to the Law on Anti-Corruption (R/L/Cri&Pro/Khm/2011) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 59, dated August 12, 2011).

This Royal Kram aims to add to Article 10, amend Article 16 and delete article 57 of the Law on Anti-Corruption. The purpose of this amendment is to grant authority to the Board of Directors of the Anti-Corruption Council to issue Prakas for structural organization and to nominate, transfer and terminate officials at the department level upon the request of the Chief of the Anti-Corruption Unit.

The amendment of Article 16 notes that the Anti-Corruption Unit shall have its own budget, which is subordinate to the national budget, and shall obtain any necessary resources from the government and gifts from domestic and/or international organizations.

Labor and Social Affairs

Sub-decree No. 190 (RGC) dated August 17, 2011 on the Management of the Sending of Cambodian Migrant Workers Abroad through Private Recruitment Agencies. (R/L/La&So/Khm/2011) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 64, dated August 31, 2011).

This Sub-Decree intends to provide more labor markets for Cambodia's workers in order to raise their daily standard of living. Given this high intention, this Sub-Decree also aims to ensure the security of all Cambodia's workers working abroad in accordance with issued government policy.

The Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training shall have full jurisdiction over the management of Cambodia's workers working abroad.

Cambodia's workers shall be recruited for work abroad by one of the licensed agencies approved by the Ministry. To obtain such approval, the agency must meet these essential requirements. Upon approval by the Ministry, the agency shall have 15 days to remit a deposit in the amount of USD \$100,000 in the Ministry's bank account. This deposit shall be used to insure against urgent or severe cases, which may occasionally occur related to Cambodia's workers abroad, such as any force majeure issues or any breach of contract between the agency and the Ministry.

Contracts between the Ministry and the agency, between the agency and workers, and between the foreign employers and workers must be obtained.

This Sub-Decree also contains other important procedures such as for the return of Cambodian workers abroad, dispute resolution, cases involving missing workers, a social security fund for Cambodian workers abroad and other relevant information.

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Quality Standard

Prakas No. 660 (MIME) dated July 19, 2011 on the Metrology Trademark of Cambodia. (R/L/QIStd/Khm/ 2011) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 62, dated August 23, 2011).

This Prakas provides authorization for the newly created Metrology Trademark of Cambodia, which is under the management of the National Measurement Center. It also mentions the specifications of the trademark's design.

All companies, factories, establishments which produce, import, construct, use, repair or maintain Metrology equipment (measuring equipment or products) are to apply for the License on usage of the Metrology Trademark of Cambodia at the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy or at the National Measurement Center.

Prakas No. 670 (MIME) dated July 26, 2011 on Delegation of work for Management of the Chemical Substances and Products Registration. (R/L/QIStd/Khm/ 2011) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 62, dated August 23, 2011).

The Work Delegation is from the Institute of Standards of Cambodia to the General Department of Industry and this delegation is based on the Prakas No.1107 dated November 19, 2009.

The General Department of Industry is to provide statistical information to the Institute of Standards of Cambodia, in a timely manner. And the Institute of Standards of Cambodia is to transfer all relevant documents to the General Department of Industry. One Window Service Office of the General Department of Industry has the obligation to establish work procedure, formality, forms, applications and fees according to the principles of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Taxation

Prakas No. 604 (RGC) dated August 17, 2011 on the Determination of Import Duty and Value Added Tax under the State's Responsibility for the Import of Raw Materials, Office Supplies, and Machines for Producing Pharmaceutical Products. (R/L/La& So/Khm/2011) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 64, dated August 31, 2011).

From August 17, 2011 until August 2013, importers will not be responsible for paying the import duty and VAT for the importation of raw materials, office supplies and machines used in manufacturing pharmaceutical products, provided that this obligation is temporarily borne by the Government. The Prakas clearly mentions that the amount corresponding to the aforementioned import duty and VAT must be properly recorded in the relevant accounts of the General Department of Taxation.

Tourism

Royal Decree No. NS/RKT/0811/752 dated August 10, 2011 on Determination of Preah Vihear Temple Resorts. (R/L/Tour/Khm/2011) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 62, dated August 23, 2011).

The purpose of this Royal Decree is to designate the 48,018 hectares of land located in Sra Em Commune, Preah Vihear Province as Preah Vihear Temple Resorts for the purpose of protecting and conservation the area near Preah Vihear Temple, pursuant to the rules of the World Heritage Committee, which is acknowledged by the Royal Government.

Under this provision, the Preah Vihear Resorts are separated into various zones. The determined zones shall be re-zoned or altered, based on current conditions, in order to ensure their conservation as well as economic and social development, as mentioned in the article 4 of this Royal Decree. The procedures for management, protection, and maintenance of the Preah Vihear Temple Resorts shall be determined through a sub-decree.

Sub-Decree No. 191 (RGC) dated August 17, 2011 on Guideline of Tourism. (R/L/ Tour/Khm/20 11) (Royal Gazette, Year 11, No. 64, dated August 31, 2011).

This Sub-Decree determines the management policies for tourism in Cambodia in order to re-classify the types of tour guide licenses and the scope of each license according to the competent authorities. Tour guide licenses are valid for one year.

Under this provision, a tour guide who loses his or her tour guide license shall apply for a duplicate to the competent authority within 30 days from the date of loss.

If a tour guide license is revoked or suspended, the guide may lodge a complaint with the Ministry of Tourism and the Sub-national Administration Level within 30 days after obtaining the notification on any decision as mentioned in articles 24-25 of this provision. After obtaining the complaint, the Ministry of Tourism and Sub-national Administrative Level may suspend or reverse its decision and shall issue a decision on the complaint within 60 days of receipt.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sub-national Administration Level are the competent authorities for granting, suspending and revoking tour guide licenses.