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Prakas No. 139 (MIME) dated February 08, 2012 on Procedures and Formalities of Metrology Registration and Licensing for Using the Cambodian Metrology Trademark. (L/R/Fin/Khm/2012) (Royal Gazette, Year 12, No. 19, dated March 12, 2012).

This Prakas introduces additional procedural rules pertaining to the registration and licensing of businesses involved in the metrology industry. The scope of the Prakas covers production of, import of, setting up of, usage of, maintenance (repair) of and sale of metrology devices/tools, products or packaged goods, which properly and clearly indicate trade name, equipment name, dimensions and [usage] capability. The Prakas also provides for a list of required documents for the registration application and a list of required documents for the licensing application.

Specifically for licensing, the applicant is required to enter into an Agreement with the National Metrology Center detailing the terms and conditions for licensing granting. This Prakas stipulates in brief the conditions for renewal, suspension, and revocation of the license. Regarding sanctions, it makes reference to the 2011 Law on Metrology.

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Royal Decree No. N/S/RKT/0312/175 dated March 01, 2012 on Establishment of Telecom Cambodia as a Regulator. (L/R/Fin/Khm/2012) (Royal Gazette, Year 12, No. 19, dated March 12, 2012).

Anew, autonomous, legalentity of public law is established by this Royal Decree: the Telecommunications Regulator of Cambodia (the "TRC"). The TRC is in charge of the telecommunications network and services, control, authorization, setup and operation. By "telecommunication", the Royal Decree refers to broadcasting of, transmission of or reception of graphics, image, sound or data of all sorts by cable, optic line, electronic radio or other electromagnetic devices.

Out of 18 tasks listed, the TRC is mainly responsible for issuing regulations, granting licenses, coordinating conflicts and setting up standards for the telecommunications industry. Particularly, the TRC is required to inform the public of any regulation being drafted, in order to allow the stakeholders to opine on the terms and conditions of the regulation in question.

The Ministry of Post and Telecommunications will start to transfer tasks and assignments to the TRC gradually, in accordance with the scope stipulated in the Royal Decree. Any provision contrary to this Royal Decree is abrogated, except the Royal Decree dated August 23, 2000 on the establishment of the National Information Communications Technology Development Authority, which is still in full force and effect.