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Administrative and Public Sector

Sub-Decree No. 68 (RGC) dated May 10, 2012 on General Process of Duties Transfer and Resource Transfer to the Sub-National Administration . (Royal Gazette, Year 12, No. 35, dated May 12, 2012.

This Sub-Decree implements the 2001 Law on the Administrative Management of Communes and Sangkats and the 2008 Law on the Administrative Management of Municipalities and Provinces. The ministries, institutions, cabinets, units and relevant authorities will transfer duties and resources to the sub-national administration. The sub-national administration includes the municipality, provinces, districts / khans, communes / sangkats. The transfer process is coordinated by one newly established institution, named the "National Committee for the Development at the sub-national level in a democratic manner".

For this transfer, duty means acts or activities of providing public service, infra-structure and other facilities. Resource means properties, finance, revenue, staff and capacity. Transfer can mean 1) transferring the ownership of all duties, obligations, powers and discretions or 2) delegating only duties, obligations, powers and discretions which are necessary for the management and execution of the work.

The process of the transfer is detailed in the Sub-Decree. For the year 2012-2013, the duties to transfer are prioritized in 12 sectors which are listed in Article 32 of the Sub-Decree.

Investment

Order No. 01 (RGC) dated May 07, 2012 on Measure to Increase and Expand Effectiveness of Management of Economic Land Concession. (Royal Gazette, Year 12, No. 34, dated May 08, 2012).

This Order suspends the granting of Economic Land Concessions. It aims to resolve the side-effects of Economic Land Concessions on the Community Land and on affected people's livelihoods. Concession companies that have cut trees for sale and have not developed/improved the concession land, have left the land unused or have not been in compliance with contractual terms of their concession agreements will be deprived of their concession rights and the management over the land will be returned to the Government.

For those that have already obtained Final Approval before the date of this Order, the laws and procedures in force still apply.

Telecom / Post/ IT

Decision No. 18 (RGC) dated May 02, 2012 on Delegation of Duties to State Institutions to Take the Documents of Telecom Service Subscribers. (Royal Gazette, Year 12, No. 33, dated May 04, 2012).

This Decision assigns seven State Institutions to collect data files and documents of telecom service subscribers from all telecom operators, their branches and retailers. The seven institutions should cooperate with telecom operators to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of the work and to ensure confidentiality. The seven State Institutions are: 1) the Ministry of Interior, 2) the General Commissariat of National Police, 3) the Anti-corruption Unit, 4) the Gendarmerie Royale Khmère (Royal Gendarmerie of Cambodia), 5) the Secretariat of National Committee on Controlling and Combating Terrorism, 6) Research-Spy Department of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, and 7) the Cabinet of the Prime Minister Hun Sen.