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Prakas No. 222 (MOC) dated October 30, 2012 on Registration of Name of Enterprises, Companies, Associations and Protection.

This Prakas is to require the enterprises, associations or organizations to conduct name search with Department of Intellectual Property and Commercial Registration (DIPCR) at the Ministry of Commerce before its activities operation registration with relevant competent authorities.

The purpose of this procedure is to protect well known trade name and avoid infringement of the registered trade name. The registralibity search process is subject to charge administrative fee thought determination of Prakas between Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Economy and Finance.

DIPCR shall notice in writing to applicant within three days after completed application about eligibility of business registration. The notification of business registration eligibility is valid only seven days after the signing date, and it can be extended with reasonable ground. On the other hand, enterprise and companies shall request DIPCR to protect their trade name in form as service mark.

Customs and Import-Export

Decision No. 42 (RGC) dated November 01, 2012 on Establishment of Special Economic Zone Administration of Preah Sihanouk Port. (L&R/Cus&IM-EX/Khm/2012) (Royal Gazette, Year 12, No. 83, dated November 12, 2012).

The Special Economic Zone Administration of Preah Sihanouk Port has been established in Sihanouk Province by decision of the Royal Government of Cambodia in November, 2012. The Special Economic Zone Administration composed by committee of Cambodia Special Economic Zone Representative is a chairman and relevant governmental authorities are members. The duty of the Special Economic Zone Administration is to inspect an import and export activities, examine the documents, issue the authorization letter, license and certificate of origin etc.

Telecom and Post-IT

Instructive Circular No. 1815 (MOPT) dated November 12, 2012 on Preventive Measure on Certain Illegal Activities in the Businesses of Internet Café.

On December 12, 2012, the Royal Government of Cambodia has issued an instructive circular ordering the closure of all internet café within 500 meters radius of state and private educational establishments in order to protect the playing all kind of games, soccer betting, viewing pornography, drug traffic and other illegal activities. This circular is to mention also about the penalties for violating the circular shall result in the forced closures, the confiscation of equipment, and arrest if any crimes is committed.

Tourism

Sub-decree No.188 (RGC) dated October 23, 2012 on Organization and Functioning of the General Secretariat of the National Board of Green Development. (L&R/Tour/Khm/2012) (Royal Gazette, Year 12, No. 81, dated November 04, 2012).

On October 10, 2012, the Royal Government of Cambodia has established the General Secretariat of the National Board of Green Development. That is to play a key role to enhance the green economic development thought preparing and coordinating the draft regulations, policies, strategies planning, activities planning, development programs, and also participate in an implementing the international legal tools concerning with environmental protecting domains.

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