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Intellectual Property Laws:

1. Using your IP to launch your product in a new market

Mr. Pham Nghiem Xuan Bac, the managing partner at Vision & Associates in Hanoi, lists several ways to use IP to launch your product in a new market. He says that a well-formulated IP strategy should be set up based on the understanding of the IP types, the target market interest, the competitors and their IP assets, and the business goals.

"You can use IP as a shield to protect the company from allegations of infringement by third parties and to deter the incursion of would-be infringers – the defensive strategy," he says. "You also can actively develop and acquire IP rights that gives the company a significant competitive advantage over its competitors in order to block competitors' market activities in certain fields and to rigorously defend core markets – the offensive strategy. Additionally, you can benefit financially from the commercialization of IP rights, such as buying, selling, licensing, or franchising of the IP assets, depending on the choice of commercialization activities which is the most suitable to your business."

He adds that before launching a product in a new market, the freedom to commercialize the product therein must be secured.

"To this end, a FTO analysis should be carefully done via searching pending applications and registered IP rights in the target market, obtaining legal opinions on infringement possibility, and deciding the next options such as buying, in-licensing or cross-licensing, or designing around the established IP rights if there are any potential obstacles," he adds. "In addition, defensive publication (or technical disclosure, which involves disclosing an invention to the public in order to ensure that no one else can patent it) can be used to also provide some degree of freedom to operate."

It is also necessary to set priorities to your IP assets based on the factors such as the company's resources/budget, the target market, the expected sales, the risk of non-protection of IP assets and also the expected life-span of IP assets, he says. "You can also consider combining your IP rights for a broader level of protection than either IPR alone could provide," he says. "For example, a design patent has a protection term of 15 years at maximum, while the protection term of a trademark registration is unlimited. Therefore, you can obtain a design patent together with a trademark registration for the product to provide long-term protection on the product design, so maximizing a business return on investment."

The importance of registered IP rights should be considered, since registered rights are always easier to enforce than non-registered rights. "Even in case of copyrights which are automatically 3 protected when a work is created, copyright registration with local IP offices is advisable to establish a record date and a proof of work's ownership, which can be effectively used to support or oppose copyright challenges," he says. "In addition, spotting infringements should be frequently conducted by market survey in order to detect and settle them as early as possible."

He concludes: "It is crucial that you should register your potentially valuable IP rights as soon as possible and avoid infringement of others' established IP rights via conducting clearance search and/or FTO analysis in the target market. In addition, it is important that you should well understand the local IP system, or engage with local IP agents to better deal with IP issues in the target market."

For the full article (in English), please click the below link:
https://asiaiplaw.com/section/in-depth/using-your-ip-to-launch-your-product-in-a-new-market.

2. Vietnam has grown significantly in the number of patent applications

Following the statement of Ms. Thitapha Wattanapruttipaisan, Director of the Singapore Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization, that "Viet Nam has the potential to become the country with the leading number of patent applications in the ASEAN region"(*), our Managing Partner, Mr. Pham Nghiem Xuan Bac, concurrently the Chairman of Vietnam Intellectual Property Association (VIPA), shares his views with Intellectual Property and Innovation Magazine about the prospects of Vietnam's intellectual property index ("IPI") in general and patent applications by Vietnamese individuals/organizations in particular.

[Below are our brief (in English) of Mr. Bac's opinions in the article:

According to Mr. Bac, in recent years, Vietnam has not only promulgated for the first time the national Intellectual Property Strategy until 2030(**) (the "IP Strategy") (under which, (i) Vietnam aims to be one of ASEAN leading countries in terms of creativity, protection and exploitation of intellectual property rights; and (ii) new intellectual property of Vietnamese individuals and organizations increased both in quantity and quality, dramatically improving Vietnam's intellectual property index in the global innovation index, amongst others), but also set out and implemented many relevant tasks and solutions to realize the above goals under the IP Strategy, which includes but not limited to (i) perfecting the IP policies and laws;

(ii) improving the effectiveness and efficiency of State management on IP; (iii) focusing on promoting and improving the efficiency of IPR enforcement activities; (iv) promote activities that create IP assets; (v) encouraging and improving the efficiency of IP exploitation; (vi) implementing IP supporting activities; (vii) strengthen human resources for IP activities; (viii) forming IP culture in society, and (xix) performing active and proactive international cooperation and integration on IP.

Consequently, the quality and quantity of the new intellectual property assets of Vietnamese individuals and organizations have been significantly improving, which results in the improvement of Vietnam's IPI. Accordingly, the number of patent applications and utility model applications by Vietnamese individuals/organizations increased impressively in 2020 with an increase of 35% compared to 2019. Some Vietnamese individuals/organizations have registered patents in developed markets such as the US and Europe. Notably, Vietnam has been experiencing significant growth in the number of patent applications in the most 03 recent years (i.e. ranking 5th in 2019, and has moved up to 3rd in 2020 and 2021 in the ASEAN region).

Mr. Bac also opines that Vietnam is experiencing a rapid proliferation of new and innovative digital business models with 10 domestic unicorn startups (***), accounting for nearly 10% of the total of about 36 ASEAN unicorn startups by 2021. Vietnam hopes to have more unicorn startups in 2022 and these unicorn startups will increase the number of patent applications in the technology sector. In addition, to attract investment in R&D and innovation activities, Vietnam has decided to build a National Innovation Center (NIC) in Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park. As a result, Vietnam's scientific research and innovation capacity has made impressive strides in recent years.]

For the full article (in Vietnamese), please click the below link:
https://sohuutritue.net.vn/viet-nam-tang-truong-dang-ke-ve-so-luong-don-dang-ky-sang-che-d153413.html.

Other sectors:

Finance

- Decision No. 44/2022/QD-UBND dated 5 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of Hanoi Department of Finance.
- Consolidation Document No. 27/VBHN-BTC dated 26 December 2022 of the Minister of Finance, combining Circulars providing for the State budget index system.
- Circular No. 79/2022/TT-BTC dated 30 December 2022 of the Ministry of Finance, amending legal documents issued by the Ministry of Finance.
- Circular No. 76/2022/TT-BTC dated 22 December 2022 of the Minister of Finance, on amendments to Circular No. 111/2020/TT-BTC, providing guidelines for financial handling, determining the value of public non-business professional units, selling shares for the first time, and managing and using proceeds from converting public non-business professional units into joint stock companies.
- Circular No. 75/2022/TT-BTC dated 22 December 2022 of the Minister of Finance, providing for the levels of collection and mechanism on collection, payment and management of residence registration fees.
- Circular No. 74/2022/TT-BTC dated 22 December 2022 of the Minister of Finance, regulating the form and time limit for collection, payment and declaration of fees and charges under the authority of the Ministry of Finance.
- Circular No. 73/2022/TT-BTC dated 15 December 2022 of the Minister of Finance, providing for the mechanism on management, calculation of depreciation and amortization of clean water supply infrastructure assets.

Banking

- Decree No. 102/2022/ND-CP dated 12 December 2022, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the State Bank of Vietnam.
- Decision No. 2081/QD-NHNN dated 12 December 2022 of the State Bank of Vietnam, on the interest rate of commercial banks to be applied in 2023 to outstanding balance of home support loans as provided in Circulars No. 11/2013/TT-NHNN, No. 32/2014/TT-NHNN and No.25/2016/TT-NHNN issued by the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam;
- Circular No. 18/2022/TT-NHNN dated 26 December 2022 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, on amendments to Circular No. 09/2015/TT-NHNN, providing for debt buying and selling activities of organizations credit and foreign banks' branches.
- Circular No. 17/2022/TT-NHNN dated 26 December 2022 of the Governor of the State Bank

of Vietnam, providing guidelines for implementation of environmental risk management in credit granting activities of credit institutions and foreign banks' branches.

Taxation

- Consolidation Document No. 31/VBHN-BTC dated 26 December 2022 of the Ministry of Finance, combining Decrees providing guidelines for the Law on Value-Added Tax.
- Resolution No. 30/2022/UBTVQH15 dated 30 December 2022 of the National Assembly's Standing Committee, on environmental protection tax rates applicable to gasoline, oils and lubricant grease.

Trade

- Decree No. 101/2022/ND-CP dated 8 December 2022, regulating conditions for business investment in military equipment, military equipment, military weapons, technical equipment and facilities, and specialized technologies in service of national defence and security.
- Decision No. 1643/QD-TTg dated 29 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, approving the Strategy for Development of the Textile, Garment and Footwear Industry in Vietnam up to 2030, with an orientation to 2035.
- Decision No. 4150/QD-UBND dated 1 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, approving the internal process of handling administrative procedures within the scope of management functions of the Department of Industry and Trade of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Circular No. 77/2022/TT-BTC dated 26 December 2022 of the Minister of Finance, cancelling Circular No. 90/2020/TT-BTC providing for the templates used to sanction administrative violations in the field of customs.

Labour

- Decision No. 3680/QD-BHXH dated 23 December 2022 of the General Director of Vietnam Social Security, promulgating Technical regulations on the structure of data messages exchanged with the National Insurance Database.
- Decision No. 3618/QD-BHXH dated 12 December 2022 of the General Director of Vietnam Social Security on the health insurance assessment process.
- Decision No. 3612/QD-BHXH dated 9 December 2022 of Vietnam Social Security, on the process of settling one-time social insurance benefits with pilot application of digital signature authentication integrated in the application on mobile devices according to Decision No.422/QD-TTg, approving the list of online public services integrated in and provided on the National Public Service Portal in 2022.

- Decision No. 4264/QD-UBND dated 6 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, approving the internal process of handling administrative procedures within the scope of management functions of the Department of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs of Ho Chi Minh City.

Health

- Decision No. 3496/QD-BYT dated 29 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, promulgating the Plan to consolidate legal documents on health in 2023.
- Decision No. 3474/QD-BYT dated 28 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, approving the document "Basic Competency Standards of Vietnamese Bachelor of Nursing".
- Decision No. 3473/QD-BYT dated 28 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, approving the document "Basic Competency Standards of Vietnamese Bachelor of Midwifery".
- Decision No. 3451/QD-BYT dated 26 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, promulgating Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of adenovirus infection in children.
- Decision No. 3367/QD-BYT dated 13 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, publishing newly issued/amended, or replaced/cancelled administrative procedures in the field of traditional medicine and pharmacy in Circular No. 38/2021/TT-BYT, providing for the quality of herbal ingredients, traditional herbs and traditional medicines.
- Decision No. 4151/QD-UBND dated 1 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, approving the internal process of handling administrative procedures in one working day under the management of the Food Safety Management Board of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Circular No. 17/2022/TT-BYT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, providing for the mental health examination and treatment tasks of medical examination and treatment establishments.
- Circular No. 16/2022/TT-BYT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, on the list of precious, rare and endemic medicinal plant species and varieties that must be controlled.
- Circular No. 15/2022/TT-BYT dated 9 December 2022 of the Minister of Health, amending a number of articles and appendices in Circular No. 03/2019/TT-BYT, on the List of domestically manufactured medicines meeting requirements on treatment, medicine prices and supply capacity and Circular No. 15/2020/TT-BYT, on List of medicines for bidding, List of medicines for concentrated bidding, List of medicines eligible for application of price negotiation.
- Circular No. 14/2022/TT-BYT dated 6 December 2022 of the Ministry of Health, cancelling legal documents issued and jointly issued by the Minister of Health.

Education

- Decree No. 103/2022/ND-CP dated 12 December 2022, regulating schools of the State agencies, political organizations, socio-political organizations, and people's armed forces.
- Decision No. 1609/QD-TTg dated 26 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, approving the Program "Supporting the development of preschool education in areas with difficult conditions in the period of 2022-2030".
- Decision No. 4116/QD-BGDĐT dated 8 December 2022, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of education quality accreditation under the management scope and functions of the Ministry of Education and Training.
- Decision No. 4909/QD-UBND dated 8 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, approving the Project on Improving the Quality of Training Institutions in the Capital for the period of 2021-2025.
- Decision No. 4908/QD-UBND dated 8 December 2022 of the People's Committee approving the Project "Digital transformation of Hanoi Capital Universities up to 2025, with an orientation to 2030".
- Decision No. 4907/QD-UBND dated 8 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, approving the Project "Development of a high-quality human resource training program according to national standards and accreditation of Southeast Asian universities and colleges";
- Circular No. 18/2022/TT-BGDDT dated 15 December 2022 of the Minister of Education and Training, amending the Regulation on enrollment to study abroad accompanying Circular No.06/2016/TT-BGDDT.

Information - Communications

- Consolidation Document No. 14/VBHN-BTTTT dated 27 December 2022 of the Ministry of Information and Communications, combining Decrees on management, provision and use of radio and television services.
- Consolidated Document No. 29/VBHN-BTC dated 26 December 2022 of the Ministry of Finance, combining Circulars providing for the collection and exemption rates and the mechanism on collection, payment, management and use of fees for telecommunications operation rights and fees for granting telecommunications service business licenses and telecommunications professional licenses issued by the Minister of Finance.
- Directive No. 23/CT-TTg dated 26 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, on strengthening the work of ensuring network information safety, information security for surveillance camera equipment.

Culture - Sports - Tourism

- Decree No. 131/2022/ND-CP dated 31 December 2022, providing guidelines for the Law on Cinematography.
- Decree No. 128/2022/ND-CP dated 30 December 2022, amending Decree No. 38/2021/ND-CP, on sanctioning of administrative violations in the field of culture and advertising as amended by Decree No. 129/2021/ND-CP, on amendments to Decrees on sanctioning of administrative violations in the fields of tourism, sports, copyright and related rights, culture and advertising.
- Resolution No. 26/2022/NQ-HDND dated 8 December 2022 on levels of fines for administrative violations in the field of culture in the inner city of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 3684/QD-BVHTTDL dated 27 December 2022 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, publishing standardized administrative procedures in 2022 within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.
- Decision No. 3570/QD-BVHTTDL dated 21 December 2022 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, approving the Project "Application of technology of Industry 4.0 to develop smart tourism, promote tourism to a key economic sector".
- Decision No. 3553/QD-BVHTTDL dated 21 December 2022 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, on the internal process of receiving and handling administrative procedures in 2022 in the field of performing arts and libraries within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.
- Decision No. 1520/QD-TTg dated 9 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, approving the Program "Promotion of activities for lifelong learning in libraries, museums and cultural centers up to 2030".
- Decision No. 4265/QD-UBND dated 6 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, approving the internal process of handling administrative procedures in one working day under the management of the Department of Culture and Sports of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Circular No. 17/2022/TT-BVHTTDL dated 27 December 2022 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, on the document templates in cinematographic activities.
- Circular No. 16/2022/TT-BVHTTDL dated 22 December 2022 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, regulating the statistical reporting mechanism of the Culture, Sports and Tourism sectors.
- Circular No. 15/2022/TT-BVHTTDL dated 20 December 2022 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, providing guidelines for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Center for Tourism Promotion of provinces and centrally-run cities.
- Circular No. 14/2022/TT-BVHTTDL dated 14 December 2022 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, on reporting mechanism and management, use and exploitation of the

Information and Reporting System of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

- Circular No. 13/2022/TT-BVHTTDL dated 13 December 2022 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, providing for the list and time limit of periodic change of working positions in agencies, organizations and units under the management of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and under the management of the culture, sports and tourism sectors at the local governments.
- Circular No. 12/2022/TT-BVHTTDL dated 12 December 2022 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, regulating standards and conditions for promotion examination or consideration; form, content and identification of successful candidates in the promotion consideration for professional titles of public servants specialized in physical training and sports.

Transport

- Resolution No. 163/NQ-CP dated 16 December 2022 of the Government, on promoting synchronous implementation of key tasks and solutions to improve competitiveness and develop logistics services in Vietnam.
- Decision No. 1639/QD-TTg dated 28 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, on the list of basic and essential public non-business professional services in the Transport sector.
- Decision No. 2795/QD-CHK dated 9 December 2022 of the Director of the Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam, publishing the amendments of the Quality Management System process to ensure compliance with the requirements of the National Standard TCVN ISO 9001: 2015.
- Decision No. 1601/QD-BGTVT dated 5 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on pilot assignment of the Inland Waterway Administration of the region under the Vietnam Inland Waterway Administration to perform the function of management of national inland waterways channels.
- Circular No. 47/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, regulating codes and standards for professional titles and salary classification of public servants specialized in road engineering or ferry terminal engineering.
- Circular No. 46/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, regulating codes and standards for professional titles and salary classification of public servants specialized in road project management.
- Circular No. 45/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, regulating codes and standards for professional titles and salary classification of public servants specialized in vehicle registration.
- Circular No. 43/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, regulating codes and standards for professional titles and salary classification of public

servants specialized in waterway project management.

- Circular No. 42/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, providing guidelines for the professional positions of public officials specialized in the transport sector in agencies and organizations in the industries and fields of transportation.
- Circular No. 41/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, regulating codes and standards for professional titles and salary classification of public servants specialized in maritime project management.
- Circular No. 40/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, regulating codes and standards for professional titles and salary classification of public servants specialized in maritime port authority.
- Circular No. 39/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, regulating codes and standards for professional titles and salary classification of public servants specialized in inland waterway port authority.
- Circular No. 35/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 27 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, cancelling legal documents promulgated by the Minister of Transport.
- Circular No. 34/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 22 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on Vietnam aviation security training and drilling program.
- Circular No. 33/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 12 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, amending Circular No. 39/2019/TT-BGTVT, providing for responsibilities of vehicle owners, crew members, vessel drivers, holders of positions Crew members and minimum safe manning on inland waterway vessels.
- Circular No. 32/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 9 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on economic - technical norms for formulation of the train operation plan for social security purpose.
- Circular No. 31/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 7 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, providing guidelines for the prices of coastal information public non-business professional services funded by the State budget from regular funding sources and implemented by the order method.
- Circular No. 30/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 1 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, providing for standard forms and the management and use of standard forms for sanctioning administrative violations in the Transport sector.
- Circular No. 29/2022/TT-BGTVT dated 1 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, providing guidelines for the development of economic - technical norms of public non-business professional services funded by the State budget under the management responsibility of the Ministry of Transport.

Construction

- Resolution No. 32/NQ-HDND dated 10 December 2022 of the People's Council of Hanoi, on the establishment and naming of hamlets and residential groups in Hanoi in 2022.
- Resolution No. 27/2022/NQ-HDND dated 8 December 2022 of the People's Council of Hanoi, on naming and adjusting the length of some roads and streets in Hanoi city in 2022.
- Decision No. 1361/QD-BXD dated 30 December 2022 on e-Government Architecture of the Ministry of Construction, version 2.2.
- Decision No. 1705/QD-BGTVT dated 23 December 2022 of the Minister of Transport, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Construction Investment Management Sub-Department in Ho Chi Minh City directly under the Construction Investment Management Department.
- Decision No. 5026/QD-UBND dated 16 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, approving the training program on knowledge and skills to implement urban upgrading programs and projects for districts in the direction of urban government; fostering in-depth knowledge and skills on management of construction investment projects with foreign elements.

Natural Resources - Environment

- Decree No. 107/2022/ND-CP dated 28 December 2022, on piloting the transfer of emission reduction results and financial management of the agreement on payment of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions in the North Central region.
- Decision No. 1623/QD-TTg dated 27 December 2022 of the Prime Minister approving the Project "Strengthening prevention and combat of crimes on biodiversity until 2030, with an orientation to 2050".
- Decision No. 1622/QD-TTg dated 27 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, approving the Planning for water resources for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Decision No. 4308/QD-UBND dated 12 December 2022, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of environment under the jurisdiction of the Management Board of Industrial and Export Processing Zones of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 4270/QD-UBND dated 6 December 2022, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of land within the scope of management functions of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 3323/QD-BTNMT dated 1 December 2022 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, on correction of Circular No. 02/2022/TT-BTNMT, providing guidelines for the Law on Environmental Protection.

Science - Technology

- Decree No. 109/2022/ND-CP dated 30 December 2022, providing for scientific and technological activities in higher education institutions.
- Decision No. 28/2022/QD-TTg dated 20 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, on amendments to Decision No. 18/2019/QD-TTg, providing for the import of used machineries, equipment and technological lines.
- Circular No. 17/2022/TT-BKHCN dated 16 December 2022 of the Minister of Science and Technology, on Economic - technical norms for handling requests for certification of internationally registered trademarks protected in Vietnam.
- Circular No. 16/2022/TT-BKHCN dated 15 December 2022 of the Minister of Science and Technology, promulgating "National technical regulations on gasoline, diesel fuel and biofuel".

Energy

- Decision No. 2630/QD-BCT dated 2 December 2022 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, providing for functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of Electricity Regulatory Authority.
- Circular No. 38/2022/TT-BCT dated 30 December 2022 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, cancelling Article 2.1 of Circular No. 19/2014/TT-BCT on the form of electricity purchase and sale contract for the non-business purpose.

Administration - Judiciary

- Decree No. 111/2022/ND-CP dated 30 December 2022, on contracts for some types of work in administrative agencies and public non-business professional units.
- Decree No. 110/2022/ND-CP dated 30 December 2022, cancelling a number of legal documents of the Government.
- Decree No. 104/2022/ND-CP dated 21 December 2022, amending the Decrees related to the submission and presentation of paper household registration books and paper temporary residence books when performing administrative procedures and providing public services.
- Resolution No. 27/2022/NQ-HDND dated 9 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, regulating the adjustment coefficient for income increase in 2023 until the end of the pilot implementation period according to Resolution No. 54/2017/QH14.
- Decision No. 5157/QD-UBND dated 22 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on authorization to handle administrative procedures in the field of Judicial expertise.
- Decision No. 45/2022/QD-UBND dated 13 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on control of assets and incomes of people with positions and powers at agencies,

organizations and units in Hanoi City.

- Decision No. 25/2022/QD-TTg dated 12 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, on cancellation of legal documents of the Prime Minister.
- Decision No. 43/2022/QD-UBND dated 2 December 2022, on Regulations on training and fostering cadres, public officials and public servants of Hanoi City.
- Circular No. 10/2022/TT-BNV dated 20 December 2022 of the Minister of Home Affairs, on time limit for keeping records.
- Circular No. 9/2022/TT-BNV dated 16 December 2022 of the Minister of Home Affairs, on the System of Statistical Indicators of the Interior sector.
- Circular No. 89/2022/TT-BQP dated 6 December 2022 of the Minister of National Defense, on the Internal regulations on criminal detention facilities.

Agriculture - Forestry - Fisheries

- Decree No. 130/2022/ND-CP dated 31 December 2022, on amendments to Decree No.84/2019/ND-CP, regulating fertilizer management and Decree No. 94/2019/ND-CP providing guidelines for the Law on Planting cultivation with respect to plant varieties and cultivation.
- Decree No. 105/2022/ND-CP dated 22 December 2022, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Decision No. 4990/QD-BNN-VP dated 22 December 2022 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, on the List of administrative procedures in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Decision No. 4953/QD-BNN-TCTS dated 21 December 2022 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on correction of Circular No. 21/2018/TT-BNNPTNT, regulating recording and submission of reports and diaries on fisheries exploitation; publication of the designated fishing ports certifying the origin of fishery products from fishing; list of illegal fishing vessels; certification of raw materials, certification of the origin of exploited aquatic products and Circular No. 01/2022/TT-BNNPTNT amending the Circulars in the field of fisheries.
- Decision No. 4901/QD-UBND dated 7 December 2022, providing for the position, functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Hanoi Fisheries Sub-Department directly under the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Hanoi.
- Circular No. 23/2022/TT-BNNPTNT dated 29 December 2022 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, providing guidelines for implementation of ensuring safe water supply in rural areas.
- Circular No. 21/2022/TT-BNNPTNT dated 29 December 2022 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, cancelling legal documents individually or jointly promulgated by

the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

- Circular No. 20/2022/TT-BNNPTNT dated 22 December 2022 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, providing for judicial expertise in the field of agriculture and rural development.
- Circular No. 19/2022/TT-BNNPTNT dated 2 December 2022 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, on the List of plant pesticides permitted for use in Vietnam and the List of plant pesticides prohibited from use in Vietnam.

Investment

- Decision No. 1505/QD-TTg dated 1 December 2022 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to reduce and simplify regulations related to business activities within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Planning and Investment.
- Decision No. 4153/QD-UBND dated 1 December 2022 announcing the list of administrative procedures in the field of supporting small and medium-sized enterprises within the scope of management functions of the Department of Planning and Investment of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 4149/QD-UBND dated 1 December 2022 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, approving the internal process of handling administrative procedures in one working day within the scope of management functions of the Management Board of Industrial and Export Processing Zones of Ho Chi Minh City.

Miscellaneous

- Decree No. 100/2022/ND-CP dated 7 December 2022, cancelling Decree No. 49/2012/ND-CP, providing for the list of administrative decisions and administrative acts within the scope of the State secrets in the field of national defense, security and foreign affairs.
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