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Law on Credit Institutions:

Highlights of Law on Credit Institutions 2024

On 18 January 2024, the National Assembly passed the Law on Credit Institutions No.32/2024/QH15 ("Law on Credit Institutions 2024"). The Law on Credit Institutions 2024 shall take effect on 1 July 2024, except for Clause 3, Article 200 and Clause 15, Article 210 of this Law, which shall take effect on 1 January 2025.



Compared to the current Law on Credit Institutions No.47/2010/QH12 passed by the National Assembly on June 16, 2010, as amended in 2017 ("Law on Credit Institutions 2010"),

the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 has many new notable points as follows:

1. The general regulations

In this part, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 has new regulations on the basis of amending and replacing the provisions of the Law on Credit Institutions 2010. In particular:

- (a) Regarding the scope of application, compared to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds regulations on early intervention to the scope of application of the Law on Credit Institutions. Accordingly, Article 1 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds: "Handling bad debts and collaterals for bad debts of credit institutions, foreign banks' branches, and organizations in which the State owns 100% charter capital has the function of buying, selling, and handling debt" also falls within the scope of application of the Law on Credit Institutions.
- (b) Regarding subjects of application, debt trading and settlement organizations are also added by the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 to subjects of application of the Law on Credit Institutions.
- (c) Regarding the Law on Credit Institutions, international treaties, international trade practices and related laws, compared to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010; the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 cancels regulations on their application, and only retains the application of commercial practices.
- (d) Regarding the explanation of terms, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds new definitions of terms such as: Control company, specialized financial company, general

financial company, mass withdrawal, compulsory transfer method, letter of credit, supporting credit institutions, charter capital, legal capital, and granted capital.

- (e) Regarding the use of terms related to banking activities, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds the expressions "microfinance institutions" and "people's credit funds", which have not been included in the Law on Credit Institutions 2010. Accordingly, organizations that are not credit institutions or foreign banks' branches are not allowed to use expressions such as "microfinance institutions" and "people's credit funds, etc." in the name of the organization, position and title or in the appendix of the name and title or in its transactional or advertising documents if the use of such expressions or words may cause confusion to customers as to whether the organization is a credit institution or foreign bank's branch.
- (f) Regarding autonomy in business operations, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 removes the regulation: "No organization or individual may illegally interfere in the business activities of credit institutions or foreign banks' branches."
- (g) Regarding the right to do banking activities, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 removes the regulation: "It is strictly prohibited for individuals and organizations that are not credit institutions to carry out banking activities, except for margin transactions, transactions on buying and reselling securities of a securities company".
- (h) Regarding cooperation and competition in banking activities, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 removes the regulation: "It is strictly prohibited to restrict competition or unfair competition that has the risk of harming or harming the implementation of national monetary policy, safety of the system of credit institutions, interests of the State, and legal rights and interests of organizations and individuals. The Government specifically regulates unfair competition practices in banking activities and measures to deal with these practices".
- (i) Regarding the responsibilities of credit institutions and foreign banks' branches in protecting the interests of customers, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 cancels the regulation: "Credit institutions and foreign banks' branches are not allowed to stop transactions for more than 1 working day". The new Law no longer stipulates the credit institutions' responsibility for prevention of and fighting against money laundering and terrorist financing, except the obligation to promulgate internal regulations on prevention of and fighting against money laundering.
- (j) Regarding the legal representative of a credit institution, based on Article 11 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024, the legal representative of a credit institution is included in the credit institution's Charter and must be one of the following: (i) Chairperson of the Board of Directors or Chairperson of the Members' Council; (ii) General Director (Director) of the credit institution. The Law on Credit Institutions 2024 add the regulation: "A credit institution must notify the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) of its legal representative within 10 days from the date of election and appointment to the position of legal representative as required in the Charter or change of the legal representative. The State Bank of Vietnam shall notify the business

registration agency of the credit institution's legal representative to update the national information system on registration of enterprises and cooperatives.

- (k) Regarding provision of information, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds regulations: "When conducting transactions with credit institutions and foreign banks' branches, customers have to provide truthful accurate and complete information, documents, and data timely and must be responsible for providing such information, documents and data.
- (l) Regarding information confidentiality, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 has a change from "not providing information related to accounts, deposits, deposited assets, and customer transactions" to "not providing customer information.

Specially, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 removes regulations on backup databases and foreign investors' purchases of share, and adds new regulations on "Data security and ensuring continuous operations" (Article 1). 14) and "Prohibited acts" (Article 15).

2. **A new Chapter on policy bank**

The content of this Chapter II is developed on the basis of expanding Article 17 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2010 with detailed regulations on many issues from Article 16 to Article 26 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024.

3. **Additional groups of people related to credit institutions**

To ensure safety in the operations of credit institutions, to make the ownership of shares of shareholders and their related persons transparent, and to limit the manipulation of operations of credit institutions, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds a number of related groups of people, including: "Subsidiaries of credit institutions' subsidiaries; grandparents, maternal grandparents, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-uncle, great-aunt, great-aunt, great-uncle, great-uncle and great-nephew"; and clearly defines individuals authorized to represent an organization or individuals as those authorized to represent the capital contribution portion held by the organization or individual. The above regulations ensure clarity in identifying relevant persons.

4. **Prohibiting the sale of optional insurance accompanying loans**

According to Article 15 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024, it is strictly prohibited for credit institutions; foreign banks' branches; managers, executives, and employees of credit institutions and foreign banks' branches to associate the sale of non-compulsory insurance products with the provision of banking products and services in all forms. This is a new regulation compared to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010, and is considered necessary to contribute to more strictly manage insurance sales activities as well as to prevent credit institutions from forcing customers to buy insurance in contrary to their needs and wishes when accessing loans.

5. **Combining the Establishment and Operation License of the credit institution and the Enterprise Registration Certificate (ERC)**

To minimize procedures related to licensing, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds regulations to combine the License for establishment and operation of credit institutions and the ERC. This regulation on combination is a breakthrough in reducing administrative procedures, supporting businesses and people in production and business activities, in line with the general policy of the Government, significantly reducing time and costs that business registration agencies and credit institutions have to carry out business registration procedures and operation registration, creating a more favorable investment environment for businesses. This regulation is necessary because implementing business registration and operation registration at the business registration agency as currently required by the Law on Credit Institutions essentially also is carrying out procedures for the business registration agency to update information and data to the national information system on business registration for management purposes. The entire process of checking and approving conditions for granting and amending licenses has been carried out by the management agency, the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV). Therefore, the procedures for business registration and operation registration at the business registration agency after having carried out the procedures for applying for and amending licenses at the State Bank are duplicated, increasing costs for the State management agencies, credit institutions and the whole society.



6. **Publishing information about shareholders owning 1% or more of the charter capital of a credit institution**

This is a new regulation in Article 49 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024. Specifically, shareholders owning 01% or more of the charter capital of a credit institution must provide the credit institution with the following information: Full name; personal identification number; Nationality, number, date of issue, place of issue of passport for a foreign shareholder; Number of ERC or equivalent legal documents of an institutional shareholder; Date of issue and place of issue of this document; information about related people; the number and percentage of shares owned by the shareholder in that credit institution; the number and percentage of shares owned by his/her related person(s) at that credit institution. The credit institution must list and store information of these shareholders at its headquarters and send reports thereon to the SBV. The credit institution must annually disclose this information to its General Meeting of Shareholders, General Meeting of Members or Members' Council. The credit institution must publicly disclose information about the full

names of individuals and organizations that are shareholders owning 1% or more of their charter capital and information on the number and share ownership ratio of such shareholders and their related persons on its websites within 07 working days from the date when it receives the provided information. Subjects providing and publicly disclosing information must ensure that the information provided and publicly announced is truthful, accurate, complete and timely-provided and will be responsible for providing and publicly disclosing such information. The addition of this new regulation is very necessary because it will contribute to ensuring transparency.

7. Reducing shareholder's share ownership ratio

Compared to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010, Article 63 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 reduces the share ownership ratio of institutional shareholders and of groups of shareholders and their related persons in credit institutions. Specifically, an individual shareholder is not allowed to own shares exceeding 05% of the charter capital of a credit institution (*unchanged in comparison with the Law on Credit Institutions 2010*); an organizational shareholder is not allowed to own shares exceeding 10% (*reduced from 15% according to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010*) of the charter capital of a credit institution. A shareholder and related persons of that shareholder are not allowed to own shares exceeding 15% (*reduced from 20% according to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010*) of the charter capital of a credit institution. At the same time, a major shareholder of a credit institution and related persons of that shareholder are not allowed to own shares representing 5% or more of the charter capital of another credit institution (*unchanged in comparison with the Law on Credit Institutions 2010*). For foreign investors, the maximum total share ownership will be regulated by the Government. Shareholders, shareholders and their related persons who own shares in excess of the allowed share ownership ratio before July 1, 2024 may continue to maintain their ownership of shares but may not increase their share ownership ratio until they comply with regulations on share ownership ratio according to the provisions of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024, except in the case of receiving dividends in shares. This regulation is expected to improve the credit institutions' capacity of governance, administration, and transparency of operations; to help increase the popularity of credit institutions; to increase information transparency and public supervision; and to limit the cross ownership situation, bank controlling manipulation; and thereby to help the system of credit institutions become more open, transparent and safe.

8. Adding regulations on approval of consumer loans

If the Law on Credit Institutions 2010 does not have specific regulations on small value loans, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 in Article 102 clearly stipulates that credit institutions must have at least information about the legal purpose of using capital and the customer's financial capacity before deciding to grant credit for small value loans such as: (i) Loans for daily needs, credit grants via cards of commercial banks and foreign banks' branches; (ii) Financial leases, consumer loans, credit grants via cards of non-bank credit institutions; (iii) Loans serving the daily needs of the people's credit fund; and (iv) Loans granted by microfinance institutions. This regulation contributes to ensuring safety and efficiency in lending activities.

9. Gradually reducing credit levels in stages

Article 136 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 stipulates a gradual reduction of credit limit in each stage as follows: Total outstanding credit balance for a customer, a customer and related persons of that customer of a commercial bank, cooperative bank, foreign bank’s branch, people’s credit fund, or microfinance institution must not exceed the following ratio:

Application period	Credit grantor’s equity capital ratio
From 1 July 2024 to before 1 January 2026	14% for one customer, 23% for a customer and related persons of that customer
From 1 January 2026 to before 1 January 2027	13% for one customer, 21% for a customer and related persons of that customer
From 1 January 2027 to before 1 January 2028	12% for one customer, 19% for a customer and related persons of that customer
From 1 January 2028 to before 1 January 2029	11% for one customer, 17% for a customer and related persons of that customer
From 1 January 2029 and afterwards	10% for one customer, 15% for a customer and related persons of that customer

In addition, the total outstanding credit balance must not exceed 15% of the non-bank credit institution's equity capital for a customer and 25% of the non-bank credit institution's equity capital for a customer and related persons of that customer. The above total outstanding credit balance does not include loans from trust capital of the Government, of organizations and individuals that credit institutions and foreign banks’ branches are entrusted with and do not bear the risk or the cases where the borrower are credit institutions and other foreign banks’ branches.

Notably, credit institutions are not allowed to grant credit exceeding 10% of their equity capital to a customer (reduced from 15% according to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010) and 15% of their equity capital to a customer and related person (reduced from 25% according to the Law on Credit Institutions 2010). However, this reduction will also take place according to the following specific timeline:

Application period	Credit grantor’s equity capital ratio
From the effective date of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 to 1 January 2026	14% for one customer, 23% for a customer and related persons of that customer
From 1 January 2027	13% for one customer, 21% for a customer and related persons of that customer
From 1 January 2028	12% for one customer, 19% for a customer and related persons of that customer
From 1 January 2029	As required by the new Law

Reducing the lending rate for a customer and related person helps diversify the credit portfolio, minimize moral risks from customers and overdue risks for credit institutions.

10. Adding regulations on mass withdrawals

The Law on Credit Institutions 2024 also adds new regulations on mass withdrawals, which clearly stipulate the measures to be applied when a credit institution experiences mass withdrawals, including the credit institution's own measures and other measures to support liquidity, and to ensure system safety and



depositors' rights. To limit the risk caused by mass withdrawals, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 has additional regulations on the SBV's early intervention in credit institutions when there are some signs of mass withdrawals and it is reported to the SBV. A credit institutions experiencing mass withdrawals must report to the SBV and immediately implement measures, including: (i) Do not pay dividends in cash; temporarily suspend or limit credit granting activities and other activities financed by the credit institution's funds; other solutions to meet customer deposit payment requirements; (ii) Implement measures in the remedial plan in situations of mass withdrawals provided in Article 143 of this Law; update and adjust the plan if necessary. In the case where a credit institution receiving early intervention experiences a mass withdrawal, that credit institution must report to the SBV on that situation and review, reassess the actual status to develop and adjust remediation plans; and implement the developed and adjusted remedial plans. Credit institutions are entitled to apply the following support measures when experiencing mass withdrawals: (i) Selling valuable papers to the SBV on open market operations with 0% interest rate; (ii) Performing foreign currency transactions with the SBV to ensure liquidity according to regulations of the SBV Governor; (iii) Commercial banks, cooperative banks, people's credit funds, and microfinance institutions is entitled to receive special loans from the SBV, special loans from deposit insurance organizations according to the laws on deposit insurance, and special loans from other credit institutions.

11. Adding regulations for early intervention in weak credit institutions

The Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds a chapter from Article 156 to Article 161 regulating early intervention measures for weak credit institutions. Accordingly, the SBV shall consider and decide to implement early intervention when credit institutions and foreign banks' branches fall into one or more of the following cases: (i) The accumulated losses of a credit institution or foreign bank's branch are larger than 15% of the value of its charter capital, allocated capital and reserve fund recorded in the most recent audited financial statements or

according to inspection and audit conclusions of competent state agencies and violating the prescribed minimum capital adequacy ratio, (ii) A mass withdrawal and a report thereon sent to the State Bank; in addition to three cases already provided in Article 130 of the Law on Credit Institutions 2010, including: (ii) Ranking below the average according to regulations of the SBV Governor, (iii) Violation of solvency ratio during the period 30 consecutive days, (iv) Violation of the minimum capital adequacy ratio for 6 consecutive months.

Requirements for credit institutions and foreign banks' branches receiving early intervention include: (i) Increase of their charter capital and allocated capital; increase of holding of highly liquid assets and implementation of other solutions to meet safety requirements in banking operations; (ii) Cutting of operational costs, management costs, remunerations, salaries and bonuses; request for reimbursement of remunerations and bonuses by managers, executives, and Board members.

Restrictive measures for credit institutions and foreign banks' branches receiving early intervention include: (i) Not paying dividends and revenues, not distributing after-tax profits after setting up funds, transferring profits abroad; Restrictions on transfer of shares, capital contribution portions, and assets; (ii) Restrictions on ineffective and high-risk business activities; Reduction of credit limit, capital contribution limit, share purchase limit; credit growth limit; (iii) Suspension or temporary suspension of one or several banking activities or other business activities that show signs of violating the laws; not adding banking activities or other new business activities, not expanding the operating network; (iv) Suspension of managers and executives who violate the laws or cause great risks to the operations of credit institutions and foreign banks' branches; (v) Request for election or appointment to replace managers or executives who violate the laws or cause major risks to the operations of credit institutions and foreign banks' branches receiving early intervention; (vi) Other measures according to the SBV authority.

With the introduction of these regulations, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 has changed the approach to early intervention of credit institutions in accordance with international practices. Accordingly, the new Law stipulates more strictly that commercial banks and foreign banks' branches must develop expected remedial plans in case of an early intervention. This regulation is intended to require commercial banks to have ready scenarios for early intervention. Accordingly, when a credit institution has a problem, it must immediately deploy the available solutions. By the virtue of the Law on Credit Institutions 2024, early intervention is not a specific handling status. In the spirit of remote and early intervention, when detecting a credit institution falling in one of the cases of early intervention, the SBV sends documents to the credit institution to implement requirements, restrictions, preparation and update of remedial plans to overcome the problems in the operation of that credit institution so that the credit institution can return to normal operations. In the process of implementing the remedial plan, the SBV may consider making adjustments in the direction of applying additional, extending or shortening the application time of measures and restrictions to suit the situation of implementing the remedial plan by credit institutions. In the case where a credit institution successfully implements the remedial plan and returns to normal operations, the application of restrictive measures and requirements of the State Bank will also terminate.

12. **Adding regulations allowing the transfer of secured assets that are real estate projects to recover debt**

The Law on Credit Institutions 2024 adds regulations on transfer of secured assets in Article 200. Accordingly, credit institutions, foreign banks' branches, debt management companies and asset exploitation companies of credit institutions, and companies managing assets of Vietnamese credit institutions are entitled to transfer all or part of real estate projects used as security assets to recover debt; and at the same time, it is not required to comply with the regulations on conditions for real estate business entities applicable to the real estate project transferor under the Real Estate Business Law. This regulation is evaluated to help credit institutions have more options to handle large projects with a small part of them having legal problems, thereby helping real estate businesses' cash flow to be cleared and credit institutions' bad debts to reduced, especially for listed banks with high real estate lending rates.

13. **Creating a legal corridor to deploy banking activities via electronic means**

The Law on Credit Institutions 2024 completes regulations on banking services using electronic means and builds a legal framework for testing technology applications and deploying new products, services, and business models in the banking activities, creating a foundation for the application of key technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Specifically, the new Law adds regulations to create a legal corridor for implementing banking activities using electronic means such as: Regulations on responsibilities for developing and promulgating internal regulations on professional banking activities of credit institutions, including the implementation of professional activities by electronic means; regulations on electronic transactions in banking activities; Availability of separate regulations for credit granting activities by electronic means such as regulations on credit grant approval and storage of credit records; regulations on the responsibility for posting information of credit institutions in case of cessation of conducting transactions by electronic means. The new Law also assigns the Government to regulate a controlled testing mechanism in the banking sector, creating a basis for the Government to issue documents guiding the application of technology and deployment of new products, services, and business models in the banking sector.

14. **Legislating for a number of regulations on bad debts and disposal of collateral for bad debts**

The Law on Credit Institutions 2024 legislates for a number of regulations on bad debts and disposal of collateral assets for bad debts of credit institutions and foreign bank's branches such as: Selling bad debts and collateral assets for bad debts; buying and selling bad debts by debt trading and handling organizations; buying and selling bad debts with collateral assets such as land use rights and assets attached to land to be formed in the future; payment priority order when disposing collateral assets for bad debts, etc.; and at the same time, the new Law

has transitional provisions to apply a number of cases where the provisions of Resolution No.42/2017/QH14 dated 21 June 2017 of the National Assembly, which are not legislated in the Law on Credit Institutions, ensuring the bad debt handling process is not interrupted.



Compared to the current Law on Credit Institutions 2010, the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 is considered to be relatively strict, creating a necessary legal corridor to help credit institutions build organizational models, which are consistent with operational practices and common practices. Besides, with new or amended content; the Law on Credit Institutions 2024 is expected to contribute to ensuring a clear and transparent legal basis for the operations of credit institutions, resolution of difficulties and obstacles in the operations of credit institutions in recent times, and at the same time create opportunities for credit institutions to innovate their operations to meet practical requirements and improve their competitiveness./.

Other sectors:

Banking - Finance

- Resolution No. 46/NQ-CP dated 12 April 2024 of the Government, on Additional report on the implementation of Resolution No. 43/2022/QH15 dated 11 January 2022 on fiscal and monetary policies to support the Socio-economic recovery and development program and resolutions of the National Assembly on important national projects until the end of 2023.
- Decision No. 899/QD-BTC dated 19 April 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, promulgating regulations on decentralization of financial management, public assets, construction investment, information technology application; and internal inspections and audits of the Ministry of Finance.
- Consolidated Document No. 07/VBHN-NHNN dated 8 April 2024, combining Circulars regulating licensing, organization and operation of microfinance institutions issued by the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam.
- Decision No. 798/QD-BTC dated 5 April 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on plan to implement Decision No. 213/QD-TTg dated 1 March 2024 of the Prime Minister approving the Scheme on general inventory of public assets at agencies, organizations and units; and infrastructure assets invested and managed by the State.
- Decision No. 277/QD-TTg dated 4 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the plan to simplify priority internal administrative procedures under the management of the Ministry of Finance.
- Decision No. 793/QD-BTC dated 4 April 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on Action Program to implement the Scheme on innovating professional processes of the Finance sector to implement digital transformation.
- Consolidated Document No. 13/VBHN-BTC dated 4 April 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, combining Circulars on the form for reporting information on public debt.

Accounting

- Circular No. 24/2024/TT-BTC dated 17 April 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, providing guidelines for the administrative and public non-business accounting system.
- Circular No. 23/2024/TT-BTC dated 12 April 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, amending a number of articles of Circulars providing guidelines for management and inspection of accounting service activities.

Tax

- Circular No. 25/2024/TT-BTC dated 23 April 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, on cancelling Circular No. 83/2014/TT-BTC dated 26 June 2014 of the Minister of Finance, providing guidelines for implementation of Value-added tax according to Vietnam's List of imported goods.
- Consolidated Document No. 12/VBHN-BTC dated 4 April 2024 of the Minister of Finance, combining Circulars regulating collection rates, collection, remittance, management and use of fees and charges in the fields of exit, entry, and transit, residing in Vietnam.

Trade

- Resolution No. 43/NQ-CP dated 5 April 2024 of the Government, on executing a Trade Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- Decision No. 2203/QD-UBND dated 26 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on approving the process restructuring plan, options to provide full or partial online public services in receiving and resolving administrative procedures on the integrated electronic environment on the Public Service Portal countries under the jurisdiction of the Department of Industry and Trade of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 2098/QD-UBND dated 19 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on announcing the List of new administrative procedures in the field of Trade promotion and amended administrative procedures in the field of International trade under the authority of the Department of Industry and Trade of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 2101/QD-UBND dated 19 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, approving the List of record components in the field of Industry and Trade that need to be digitized according to the management requirements of the People's Committee of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 305/QD-TTg dated 12 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the National Reserve Development Strategy until 2030.
- Decision No. 821/QD-BCT dated 10 April 2024 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, publishing new administrative procedures in the field of Industrial clusters within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
- Decision No. 294/QD-TTg dated 9 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement the Border Trade Agreement between Vietnam and Cambodia.
- Decision No. 1063/QD-UBND dated 2 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of trade promotion within the scope of management functions of the Department of Industry and Trade of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Circular No. 08/2024/TT-BCT dated 22 April 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade,

amending a number of Circulars in the field of import and export.

- Circular No. 06/2024/TT-BCT dated 4 April 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, regulating the import of rice and dried tobacco leaves originating from the Kingdom of Cambodia according to tariff quotas in 2023 and 2024.

Labour

- Decision No. 1251/QD-UBND dated 15 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Employment within the scope of management functions of the Department of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs.
- Decision No. 398/QD-BLDTBXH dated 3 April 2024 of by the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, regulating the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Department of Overseas Labour Management.
- Decision No. 396/QD-BLDTBXH dated 3 April 2024 of by the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, regulating the functions, tasks, powers, and organizational structure of the Department of Labor Safety.
- Circular No. 03/2024/TT-BLDTBXH dated 18 April 2024 of the Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs guiding livelihood diversification, poverty reduction model development and support for those going abroad to work under contract within the National sustainable poverty target program for the period of 2021-2025.
- Consolidated Document No. 1346/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 2 April 2024 of the Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Circulars regulating the determination of the level of disability by the Council determining the actual level of disability.

Health

- Decision No. 2007/QD-UBND dated 16 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on publishing the List of administrative procedures and cancelled administrative procedures within the scope of the State management functions of the Department of Health of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 1388/QD-BQP dated 12 April 2024 of the Ministry of National Defense, on publishing newly issued administrative procedures and cancelled administrative procedures in the field of medical examination and treatment within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of National Defense.
- Decision No. 924/QD-BYT dated 11 April 2024 of the Ministry of Health, approving the Ministry of Health's plan for building and providing open data for the period of 2024 – 2025.

- Decision No. 921/QD-BYT dated 11 April 2024 of the Ministry of Health, providing for the authority to decide on the procurement of assets, goods and services to serve the activities of agencies and units under and directly under the Ministry of Health.
- Decision No. 890/QD-BYT dated 9 April 2024 of the Minister of Health, on Citizen reception process.
- Decision No. 1164/QD-UBND dated 9 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Medical examination and treatment within the scope of management functions of the Department of Health of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 869/QD-BYT dated 8 April 2024 of the Minister of Health, approving the "Scheme on development of health human resources for the period of 2023-2030, with an orientation to 2050".
- Decision No. 281/QD-TTg dated 5 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, issuing Plan to implement Directive No. 25-CT/TW dated 2 April 2024 of the Communist Party of Vietnam's Secretariat on continuing to consolidate, perfect and improve the quality of grassroots healthcare operations in the new situation.
- Decision No. 1064/QD-UBND dated 2 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Traditional medicine and pharmacy within the scope of management functions of the Department of Health of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Circular No. 04/2024/TT-BYT dated 20 April 2024 of the Minister of Health, on the list of medicines subject to national centralized procurement.
- Circular No. 03/2024/TT-BYT dated 16 April 2024 of the Ministry of Health, on the List of medicines produced by at least three domestic companies on pharmaceutical production lines that meet EU-GMP principles and standards or equivalent and meets technical criteria according to regulations of the Ministry of Health and other criteria in terms of quality, price, and supply capacity.

Education

- Decision No. 1187/QD-BGDDT dated 22 April 2024 of the Ministry of Education and Training, on publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of examination and enrollment within the scope of management functions of the Ministry Education and Training.
- Decision No. 298/QD-TTg dated 10 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, on the List of public non-business professional units under the Ministry of Education and Training.
- Consolidated Document No. 1550/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 12 April 2024 of the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Circulars on junior college charters.

- Consolidated Document No. 1549/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 12 April 2024 of the Minister of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Circulars on the Charter of intermediate colleges.
- Consolidated Document No. 1548/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 12 April 2024 of the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Circulars on the charter of vocational education centers.
- Consolidated Document No. 1547/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 12 April 2024 of the Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Circulars on national vocational skills certificates.
- Circular No. 06/2024/TT-BGDDT dated 10 April 2024 of the Ministry of Education and Training, promulgating the Regulation on the national scientific and technical research competition for middle schools and high schools' students.

Information - Communications

- Decision No. 668/QD-BTTTT dated 26 April 2024 of the Ministry of Information and Communications, on promulgating the Action Plan to implement the National Cyber Security and Safety Strategy, proactively responding to challenges from cyberspace until 2025, with an orientation to 2030.
- Decision No. 58/QD-UBQGCDs dated 19 April 2024 of the National Committee on Digital Transformation on the 2024 Work Plan of the National Committee on Digital Transformation.
- Decision No. 278/QD-TTg dated 4 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, on the Plan to initiate implementation of the Telecommunications Law.
- Decision No. 473/QD-BTTTT dated 3 April 2024 of the Minister of Information and Communications, on the set of Criteria for evaluating the Information systems handling administrative procedures at ministerial and provincial levels in 2024.
- Consolidated Document No. 01/VBHN-BTTTT dated 5 April 2024 of the Ministry of Information and Communications, combining Circulars detailing and providing guidelines for implementation of a number of articles of Law on Publication and Decree No.195/2013/ND-CP dated 21 November 2013, detailing a number of articles and measures to implement the Law on Publication.

Culture - Sports - Tourism

- Decree No. 39/2024/ND-CP dated 16 April 2024, providing for measures to manage, protect and promote the value of intangible cultural heritages on UNESCO lists and the list of national intangible cultural heritages.
- Consolidated Document No. 10/VBHN-BGTVT dated 1 April 2024 of the Ministry of

Transport, combining Decrees regulating the management of operations of means of entertainment and water entertainment.

- Decision No. 1245/QD-UBND dated 15 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, promulgating the List of administrative procedures in the field of Cultural heritage within the scope of management functions of the Department of Culture and Sports of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 997/QD-BVHTTDL dated 12 April 2024 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, on publishing internal administrative procedures in the State administrative system within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in the library field.
- Decision No. 1942/QD-UBND dated 11 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on approving internal processes in resolving administrative procedures in the fields of culture, sports and family under the handling authority of the Department of Culture and Sports of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 1194/QD-UBND dated 10 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Sports and Physical Training within the scope of management functions of the Department of Culture and Sports of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 945/QD-BVHTTDL dated 9 April 2024 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of Cultural heritage within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.
- Decision No. 922/QD-BVHTTDL dated 5 April 2024 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, on archaeological excavations.

Transport

- Decree No. 44/2024/ND-CP dated 24 April 2024, on regulating the management, use and exploitation of road infrastructure assets.
- Decree No. 41/2024/ND-CP dated 16 April 2024, amending a number of articles of Decrees related to the management of transport activities by motor vehicle, automobile driver training services, and driving test services.
- Decision No. 836/QD-CHK dated 12 April 2024 of the Director of the Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam, promulgating Guidelines for implementation of ICAO's regulations and recommended practices (Annex 14, Volume I) on Airport design and operation (5th Amendment).
- Decision No. 830/QD-CHK dated 12 April 2024 of the Director of the Vietnam Aviation Administration, amending the obstacle limit surface diagram at 22 airports and aero ports.
- Decision No. 421/QD-BGTVT dated 11 April 2024 of the Ministry of Transport, publishing

new administrative procedures in the field of transportation within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Transport.

- Decision No. 415/QD-BGTVT dated 9 April 2024 of the Ministry of Transport, publishing new or amended administrative procedures in the road field within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Transport.
- Decision No. 402/QD-BGTVT dated 5 April 2024 of the Ministry of Transport, on this Ministry's Plan to reduce and simplify regulations related to business activities in 2024.
- Decision No. 371/QD-BGTVT dated 2 April 2024 of the Minister of Transport, amending Article 3 of Decision No. 651/QD-BGTVT dated 29 May 2023 of the Minister of Transport, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Vietnam Aviation Administration.
- Circular No. 10/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 10 April 2024 of the Minister of Transport, amending Circulars regulating the management of waterway transport routes from shore to islands in Vietnamese waters.
- Circular No. 09/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 5 April 2024 of the Minister of Transport, amending 01:2024 QCVN 43:2012/BGTVT - National technical regulations on roadside stations.
- Circular No. 08/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 4 April 2024 of the Minister of Transport, amending Circular No. 19/2018/TT-BGTVT dated 19 April 2018 of the Minister of Transport, regulating standards for railway inspectors and requirements for physical and technical facilities of the railway registration organizations.

Construction

- Decision No. 320/QD-BXD dated 16 April 2024 of the Ministry of Construction, approving the "Digital transformation plan and assurance of network information security of the Ministry of Construction in 2024".
- Decision No. 313/QD-BXD dated 8 April 2024 of the Ministry of Construction, on assignment of tasks to leaders of the Ministry of Construction.
- Decision No. 295/QD-BXD dated 4 April 2024 of the Ministry of Construction, on Plan to implement this Ministry's Scheme "Consolidating the organizational structure, improving the State management capacity and enforcing laws on digital transformation from the central government to localities by 2025, with an orientation to 2030".
- Decision No. 17/2024/QD-UBND dated 1 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, promulgating the Regulation on coordination of construction order management in Ho Chi Minh City.

Land

- Decision No. 2011/QD-UBND dated 16 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, regulating the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Hanoi City Housing Management Center directly under the Department of Construction of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 27/2024/QD-UBND dated 5 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, amending the Regulations on compensation, support and resettlement when the State recovers land in Hanoi City accompanying Decision No. 10/2017/QD-UBND dated 29 March 2017 of the People's Committee of Hanoi.

Natural Resources - Environment

- Decree No. 42/2024/ND-CP dated 12 April 2024, on sea reclamation activities.
- Decision No. 1082/QD-BTNMT dated 23 April 2024 of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, on publishing internal administrative procedures in the field of geology and minerals in the State administrative system within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.
- Decision No. 333/QD-TTg dated 23 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, promulgating the Plan to implement the Planning for exploration, exploitation, processing and use of minerals in the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to year 2050.
- Decision No. 919/QD-BTNMT dated 9 April 2024 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, regulating the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Center for Natural Resources and Environment Communication.
- Decision No. 289/QD-TTg dated 8 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the National hydro-meteorological station network planning for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Decision No. 02/2024/QD-UBND dated 3 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on the Regulation on organization and operation of the Office of Natural Resources and Environment directly under the People's Committee of Cu Chi District, Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 274/QD-TTg dated 2 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, on Plan to initiate implementation of the Water Resources Law No. 28/2023/QH15;
- Circular No. 02/2024/TT-BTNMT dated 22 April 2024 of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, amending a number of articles of Circular No. 01/2016/TT-BTNMT dated 13 January 2016 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, promulgating technical regulations on the exploration of sand and gravel in riverbeds and soil and rocks as filling materials.

Science - Technology

- Decision No. 2249/QD-UBND dated 27 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on the publication of the List of newly issued administrative procedures/cancelled administrative procedures in the field of scientific and technological activities under the management of the People's Committee of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 2123/QD-UBND dated 22 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, implementing administrative procedures in the field of Quality Measurement Standards under the authority of the Department of Science and Technology of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 1313/QD-UBND dated 19 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of science and technology activities within the scope of management functions of the Department of Science and Technology of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1130/QD-UBND dated 8 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of intellectual property within the scope of management functions of the Department of Science and Technology of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1060/QD-UBND dated 2 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of scientific and technological activities within the scope of management functions of Department of Science and Technology of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1059/QD-UBND dated 2 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of scientific and technological activities within the scope of management functions of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Circular No. 03/2024/TT-BKHHCN dated 15 April 2024 of the Ministry of Science and Technology, amending a number of articles of Circular No. 23/2013/TT-BKHHCN dated 26 September 2013 of the Minister of Science and Technology, on measurement.

Energy

- Decision No. 343/QD-TTg dated 25 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement the National petroleum and gas reserve and supply infrastructure planning for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to the year 2050.
- Decision No. 338/QD-TTg dated 24 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement the National Energy Master Plan for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Decision No. 854/QD-BCT dated 12 April 2024 of the Minister of Ministry of Industry and

Trade promulgating the Plan to implement the National Energy Development Strategy up to 2030, with an orientation to 2045.

- Decision No. 262/QD-TTg dated 1 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement the National Electricity Development Plan for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Decision No. 270/QD-TTg dated 2 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the List of important national programs, building works, and projects and key programs, building works and projects in the energy sector.
- Circular No. 07/2024/TT-BCT dated 12 April 2024 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, on methods for determination of electricity generation prices and electricity purchase contracts.

Administration - Judiciary

- Decree No. 40/2024/ND-CP dated 16 April 2024, detailing a number of articles of the Law on Forces participating in protecting security and order at the grassroots level.
- Decision No. 315/QD-TTg dated 17 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Scheme "Improvement of the capacity of mediators at the grassroots level for the period of 2024-2030".
- Decision No. 304/QD-TTg dated 12 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, promulgating Plan to implement the Law on Management and Protection of National Defense Building Works and Military Zones.
- Decision No. 18/2024/QD-UBND dated 12 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, cancelling entire Decision No. 35/2013/QD-UBND dated 10 September 2013 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on promulgating the Regulation on training and fostering cadres, and public officials and servants of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1128/QD-UBND dated 8 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing cancelled administrative procedures in the fields of civil status, permanent residence registration and health insurance accompanying Decision No. 3150/QD-UBND dated 31 July 2018 of the Chairperson of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 285/QD-TTg dated 6 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil Matters between Vietnam and Laos.
- Decision No. 28/2024/QD-UBND dated 5 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Department of Justice of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 565/QD-BTP dated 3 April 2024 of the Ministry of Justice, publishing the List of administrative procedures under the management of the Ministry of Justice that are eligible to perform full online public services.

- Decision No. 48/QĐ-BCĐCCHC dated 2 April 2024 of the Government's Administrative Reform Steering Committee, on the Regulation on operation of the Government's Administrative Reform Steering Committee.
- Decision No. 542/QĐ-BTP dated 1 April 2024 of the Minister of Justice, on inspecting the implementation of the laws on dealing with administrative violations in 2024.
- Circular No. 01/2024/TT-VKSTC dated 24 April 2024 of the Supreme People's Procuracy, regulating the appointment, reappointment, dismissal and removal of Heads and Deputy Heads of Investigation Agencies, Investigators, Investigation Officers of the Investigation Agency of the Supreme People's Procuracy.
- Circular No. 14/2024/TT-BCA dated 22 April 2024 of the Minister of Public Security, providing guidelines for Law on Forces participating in protecting security and order at the grassroots level.
- Circular No. 04/2024/TT-TTCTP dated 8 April 2024 of the Government Inspector General, regulating the development and approval of Inspection program orientation and promulgation of inspection plans.
- Consolidated Document No. 1345/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 2 April 2024 of the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Circulars providing guidelines for the implementation of Decree No. 09/2013/ND-CP dated 11 January 2013 of the Government, detailing implementation of Law on Prevention and Combat of Human Trafficking.

Immigration

- Resolution No. 41/NQ-CP dated 4 April 2024 of the Government, approving the Agreement on visa exemption for diplomatic and official passport holders between Vietnam and Uganda.
- Resolution No. 40/NQ-CP dated 4 April 2024 of the Government, approving the Agreement on visa exemption for ordinary passport holders between Vietnam and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Agriculture - Forestry - Fisheries

- Consolidated Document No. 17/VBHN-BNNPTNT dated 8 April 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, combining Decrees providing guidelines for Forestry Law.
- Decree No. 38/2024/ND-CP dated 5 April 2024, on sanctioning of administrative violations in the field of fisheries.
- Decree No. 37/2024/ND-CP dated 4 April 2024, on amendments to Decree No. 26/2019/ND-CP dated 8 March 2019, detailing a number of articles of the Fisheries Law and measures for implementation of this Law.

- Decision No. 1214/QD-BNN-TY dated 26 April 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of veterinary medicine within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Decision No. 1213/QD-BNN-TS dated 26 April 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, publishing new or amended administrative procedures in the field of fisheries within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Decision No. 1398/QD-UBND dated 25 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the list of administrative procedures in the field of Horticulture within the scope of management functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1181/QD-BNN-BVTV dated 24 April 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, on publishing cancelled administrative procedures in the field of plant protection within the scope of management functions of the Ministry Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Decision No. 1143/QD-BNN-BVTV dated 19 April 2024 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of plant protection within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Decision No. 1119/QD-BNN-TCCB dated 17 April 2024 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Inspectorate of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Decision No. 1115/QD-BNN-TT dated 17 April 2024 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, approving the Project "Sustainable development of cassava sector until 2030, with an orientation to 2050".
- Decision No. 1235/QD-UBND dated 12 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Rangers and Forestry within the scope of management functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1193/QD-UBND dated 10 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Horticulture within the scope of management functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1724/QD-UBND dated 2 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, publishing the List of standardized administrative procedures in the Forestry field within the scope of the State management functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural

Development of Hanoi.

- Circular No. 04/2024/TT-BNNPTNT dated 1 April 2024 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, amending Circulars regulating quarantine of animals and terrestrial animal products.
- Circular No. 03/2024/TT-BNNPTNT dated 1 April 2024 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, cancelling a number of regulations in Circular No. 34/2018/TT-BNNPTNT dated 16 November 2018 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, on amendments to a number of articles of Circular No. 33/2014/TT-BNNPTNT dated 30 October 2014 and Circular No. 20/2017/TT-BNNPTNT dated 10 November 2017 of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Investment

- Decision No. 2250/QD-UBND dated 27 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on approving the Internal process for handling administrative procedures under the authority of Hanoi Industrial and Export Processing Zones Authority.
- Decision No. 312/QD-TTg dated 16 April 2024 of the Prime Minister, on adjusting the medium-term public investment plan with central budget capital for the period of 2021-2025 in favour of internal projects of ministries, central agencies and localities.
- Decision No. 1875/QD-UBND dated 9 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, publishing the List of administrative procedures under the authority of Hanoi Industrial and Export Processing Zones Authority.
- Decision No. 1874/QD-UBND dated 9 April 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on publishing the List of amended administrative procedures in the field of investment with official development assistance capital (ODA) and non-refundable aid that are not part of ODA under the authority of the People's Committee of Hanoi.
- Circular No. 06/2024/TT-BKHDT dated 26 April 2024 of the Ministry of Planning and Investment, providing guidelines for the provision and posting of information on selecting contractor and bidding templates on the National bidding network system.
- Circular No. 05/2024/TT-BKHDT dated 19 April 2024 of the Ministry of Planning and Investment, regulating the management and use of costs in selecting contractors and investors on the National bidding network system.

Enterprises

- Decree No. 45/2024/ND-CP dated 26 April 2024, amending a number of articles of Decree No. 39/2019/ND-CP dated 10 May 2019, on the organization and operation of the small and medium-sized enterprises development fund.

- Decision No. 820/QD-BTC dated 11 April 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, promulgating the Plan for monitoring the State capital investment activities in enterprises in 2024.

Miscellaneous

- Decision No. 941/QD-BTC dated 23 April 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, approving the Action program of the Ministry of Finance to implement the Stock markets development strategy until 2030.

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