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Law on Real Estate Business:

Some highlights of Law on Real Estate Business Law 2023

On 28 November 2023, the National Assembly passed Law on Real Estate Business No.29/2023/QH15 (“**LREB 2023**”). The LREB 2023 shall take effect from 1 January 2025 and shall replace the Law on Real Estate Business No. 66/2014/QH13 as amended by Law No. 61/2020/QH14 (“**LREB 2014**”).



The LREB 2023 has a number of new regulations for investors of real estate projects to note as follows:

I. Conditions for investors (Article 9.2):

The LREB 2023 provides for 3 conditions that real estate project investors are required to meet, of which, note 2 following conditions: (i) equity conditions, and (ii) conditions for ensuring the ratio of outstanding credit debt, outstanding bond debt over equity.

II. Forms of real estate business to be conducted by investors (Article 10):

The highlight is that the LREB 2023 has officially legislated the form of real estate business for the construction floor area in construction projects (such as the areas of commercial floor, office, etc. in building works' blocks); and defines the form of trading in land use rights in real estate projects as trading in the rights to use land that already had technical infrastructure in real estate projects.

The LREB 2023 also distinguishes foreign-invested enterprises that must meet the conditions and carry out investment procedures as provided for foreign investors according to the provisions of the Investment Law¹ from those not required to do so according to the provisions of the Investment Law which will be treated similarly to domestic enterprises.

III. Real estate business activities:

¹ Including enterprises (i) having foreign investors holding more than 50% of charter capital or having the majority of partners being foreign individuals for economic organizations that are partnerships; or (ii) having an economic organization specified in point (i) that holds more than 50% of the charter capital; or (iii) having foreign investors and economic organizations specified in point (i) holding more than 50% of the charter capital.

1. Types of real estate and real estate projects to be put into business (Article 5)

The LREB 2023 has officially recognized two additional types of real estate products: (i) building works with functions serving the purposes of education, healthcare, sports, culture, offices, commerce, services, tourism, accommodation and industry and building works with mixed service functions; and (ii) the construction floor area in the above-mentioned projects.

For the type of real estate product that is land use rights, the LREB 2023 consistently defines it as the rights to use land that already had technical infrastructure in real estate projects, including: (i) land divided into plots for sale to individuals who build their own homes; and (ii) land with technical infrastructure for secondary investors to build homes and building works.

2. Publishing information about real estate and real estate projects to be put into business (Article 6)

The LREB 2023 provides in detail the information that investors must disclose for each type of real estate product, and requires publishing model contracts to be used in real estate business activities.

The time to disclose information for the first time is before putting real estate or real estate projects into business. Investors must update publicly available information when there is any change. The method of disclosure is on the website of the enterprise doing real estate business. In addition, the LREB 2023 adds a mandatory method of information disclosure on the residential housing and real estate market information system established and managed by the competent State agencies.

3. Entities allowed to purchase, rent, or hire-purchase homes and building works (Article 15)

The LREB 2023 distinguishes Vietnamese people residing abroad who are Vietnamese citizens from Vietnamese people residing abroad who are not Vietnamese citizens. Accordingly, those who are not Vietnamese citizens

- for residential housing, must be allowed to enter Vietnam in order to have the right to purchase homes;
- for building works and the construction floor area in building works, are only allowed to purchase, rent, or hire-purchase to use them according to the functions of the building works.

Foreign-invested enterprises not required to meet the conditions and carry out investment procedures as required for foreign investors under the provisions of the Investment Law are treated like domestic enterprises when they purchase, rent, hire-purchase homes and building works.

4. Payment methods in real estate business (Article 48)

The LREB 2023 provides that the receipt of payments under real estate business contracts from customers must be through accounts opened at domestic credit institutions or foreign bank branches legally operating in Vietnam.

5. Business of existing home and building works (Chapter II)

- (a) The LREB 2023 further clarifies the concept of "existing homes and building works" as homes and building works of which the construction has been completed and which have been checked & accepted and put into use according to the construction laws.
- (b) The LREB 2023 also adds a number of conditions for implementing the sale and lease-purchase of a construction floor area in an existing building works.

6. Business of homes and building works to be formed in the future (Chapter III)

- (a) The LREB 2023 clarifies the concept of "homes and building works to be formed in the future" as homes and building works that are in the process of investment and construction or have not yet been checked & accepted and put into use according to the construction laws.
- (b) The LREB 2023 only allows business of real estate be formed in the future in two following forms: purchase and sale or lease-purchase of homes, building works, and the construction floor areas of building works to be formed in the future; cancels the form of lease of real estate to be formed in the future as stipulated in the LREB 2014.
- (c) The LREB 2023 also adds
 - (i) a series of conditions for homes, building works and construction floor areas in building works to be formed in the future, which are put into business;
 - (ii) regulations on deposits in purchasing and selling or hiring-purchasing real estate to be formed in the future; accordingly, deposits can only be made when the real estate is eligible to be put into business and the value of the deposit is limited to no more than 5% of the selling price or lease-purchase price of the real estate.



- (d) Regulations on bank guarantees under the LREB 2023 still only apply to homes to be formed in the future, not to building works or construction floor areas of building works to be formed in the future.

However, the new Law has added foreign bank branches that are legally operating in Vietnam as entities eligible for providing guarantees to Investors; and in particular, has amended the order of and procedures for granting guarantees in the purchase and sale or lease-purchase of homes to be formed in the future.

7. Business of the rights to use land with available technical infrastructure in real estate projects (Chapter IV)

The LREB 2023 stipulates 3 forms of business of the rights to use land with technical infrastructure, including:

- (a) Transfer of the rights to use land with available technical infrastructure in real estate projects to individuals to construct their own homes (division of plots for sale);
- (b) Transfer of the rights to use land with available technical infrastructure in a real estate project to an organization to invest in construction of homes and building works (transfer to secondary investors);
- (c) Leasing or subleasing the rights to use land with available technical infrastructure in real estate projects.

The LREB 2023 also provides specific and detailed regulations on the conditions, rights and obligations of parties in the transfer of the rights to use land with available technical infrastructure.

8. Transfer of the whole or a part of a real estate project

Basically, the provisions of the LREB 2023 on the transfer of a part or the whole of a real estate project are still similar to those of the LREB 2014 with a few new notable points.

Regarding the authority to allow the transfer of the whole or a part of a project, for projects under the Prime Minister of Government (“PM”)’s authority, the PM can authorize the provincial-level People’s Committee to decide on a transfer permission; in this case, procedures for allowing transfer are similar to those for transferring the whole or a part of projects under the approval authority of the provincial-level People’s Committee.

9. Real estate business contract

The LREB 2023 provides 11 types of real estate business contracts, in which there are only 3 following types of contracts that are allowed to be transferred: (i) Contracts for purchase

and sale of homes to be formed in the future; (ii) Contracts for lease-purchase of homes to be formed in the future; and (iii) Contracts for lease-purchase of existing building works.

10. Transitional regulations
(Article 83)

- (a) Investors operating before 1 January 2025 that have not yet met the conditions by the LREB 2023 must meet all conditions within 6 months from 1 January 2025.
- (b) Projects that have met the requirements for projects on investment in real estate for business according to the provisions of the LREB 2014 before 1 January 2025 do not have to meet the requirements for real estate projects specified in Article 11 of the LREB 2023; In case of implementing amendment procedures after 1 January 2023, the requirements for real estate projects must be met according to the provisions of the LREB 2023.
- (c) If dossiers for transfer of the whole or a part of valid real estate project have been received according to the provisions of the LREB 2014 but by 1 January 2025, results have not been returned; then, they continue to comply with the provisions of the LREB 2014; in case of re-implementation of the procedures for transferring the whole or a part of a real estate project after 1 January 2025, the transfer will comply with the provisions of the LREB 2023.
- (d) For foreign-invested enterprises according to the provisions of the LREB 2014, which are carrying out procedures for receiving transfer of the whole or a part of a real estate project but by 1 January 2025, have not yet completed the land-related procedures for transfer of the whole or a part of real estate project, the implementation of land-related procedures shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 .3 of the LREB 2023.
- (e) If homes and building works to be formed in the future are eligible to be put into business according to the provisions of the LREB 2014 but by 1 January 2025, a purchase and sale or lease-purchase contract has not yet been executed; then purchase and sale or lease-purchase procedures will be continued according to the provisions of the LREB 2014, but information about real estate and real estate projects put into business must be publicly disclosed according to the provisions of the LREB 2023 before execution of a purchase and sale or lease-purchase contract.



- (f) Investors who have been approved by the guaranteeing bank to issue guarantees for the Investor's financial obligations to the purchaser or lessee-purchaser of home to be formed in the future do not have to re-implement the procedures for granting guarantees according to provisions of the LREB 2023.
- (g) Contracts for purchase and sale or lease-purchase of homes to be formed in future that have been guaranteed by a bank, which has issued a certificate guaranteeing the investor's financial obligations to customers before 1 January 2025 are not obliged to obtain guarantee according to the provisions of this Law.
- (h) The provisions of the LREB 2023 on agreements without guarantees do not apply to contracts for purchase and sale or lease-purchase of homes to be formed in the future that have been established under the LREB 2014 and legal documents detailing and providing guidelines for implementation of such Law before 1 January 2025 but the hand-over of homes have not yet been made.
- (i) Real estate business contracts that have been established under the LREB 2014 before 1 January 2025 will be continued according to the LREB 2014 and legal documents detailing and providing guidelines for implementation of that Law; in case of amending such a contract after 1 January 2025, the parties must amend relevant contents of the contract according to the provisions of the LREB 2023./.



Other sectors:

Finance - Banking

- Resolution No. 21/NQ-CP dated 7 February 2024 of the Government on Government guarantee limits and loan limits on re-lending in 2024.
- Decision No. 06/2024/QD-UBND dated 16 February 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Department of Finance of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 02/2024/QD-TTg dated 5 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, cancelling entire Decision No. 09/2022/QD-TTg dated 4 April 2022 of the Prime Minister, on credit for pupils and students with difficult family circumstances to buy computers and equipment for online learning.
- Decision No. 197/QD-NHNN dated 5 February 2024 of the State Bank of Vietnam, publishing amended, replaced or cancelled administrative procedures in other operation fields, which are carried out at One-stop-shop unit falling within the scope of management functions of the State Bank of Vietnam.

Insurance

- Decision No. 220/QD-BTC dated 1 February 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, publishing newly issued or replaced administrative procedures in the insurance field within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Finance.
- Decision No. 219/QD-BTC dated 1 February 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, publishing the list of periodic reportings in the field of insurance business under the management of the Ministry of Finance.
- Decision No. 218/QD-BTC dated 1 February 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, publishing replacing administrative procedures in the insurance field within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Finance.
- Decision No. 217/QD-BTC dated 1 February 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, publishing newly-issued administrative procedures in the insurance field within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Finance.
- Decision No. 216/QD-BTC dated 1 February 2024 of the Ministry of Finance, publishing the list of periodic reportings in the insurance field under the management of the Ministry of Finance.

Tax

- Decree No. 11/2024/ND-CP dated 2 February 2024, regulating loan interest, reasonable

profits, payment methods, and final settlement of investment projects under BT contracts; and corporate income tax exemption and personal income tax exemption in Ho Chi Minh City.

- Decision No. 183/QD-TCT dated 7 February 2024 of the General Department of Taxation, promulgating the General Department of Taxation's Plan of laws dissemination and education plan, and legal support for small and medium-sized enterprises in 2024.

Trade

- Decree No. 14/2024/ND-CP dated 7 February 2024, on amendments to Decree No.28/2018/ND-CP dated 1 March 2018, detailing the Law on Foreign Trade Management with respect to a number of measures to develop foreign trade.
- Decision No. 310/QD-BCT dated 6 February 2024 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of import and export within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
- Decision No. 237/QD-BCT dated 2 February 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, approving the scheme on implementation of the Vietnam National Brand Program in 2024.
- Consolidated Document No. 09/VBHN-BTC dated 5 February 2024, combining Circulars providing guidelines on procedures for grant of customs declaration professional certificates; issuance and revocation of customs clearance agent employee codes; the order of and procedures for recognition and operations of customs clearance agent issued by the Minister of Finance.
- Circular No. 09/2024/TT-BTC dated 5 February 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on the collection rates and mechanism on collection, payment, management and use of fees for assessment, appraisal and issuance of registration certificates of multi-level marketing activities.
- Consolidated Document No. 03/VBHN-BCT dated 2 February 2024, combining Circulars regulating the origin of goods issued by the Minister of Industry and Trade.
- Circular No. 01/2024/TT-BTP dated 2 February 2024 of the Ministry of Justice, cancelling a number of Circulars of the Minister of Justice on registration of collateral arrangements.

Labour

- Decree No. 21/2024/ND-CP dated 23 February 2024, on amendments to Decree No.51/2016/ND-CP dated 13 June 2016, regulating labour management, wages and bonuses for employees working in single-member limited liability companies with 100% charter capital held by the State and Decree No. 52/2016/ND-CP dated 13 June 2016, regulating wages, remunerations and bonuses for managers of single-member limited liability companies with 100% charter capital held by the State.
- Decision No. 216/QD-BHXH dated 23 February 2024 of Vietnam Social Security,

promulgating the Regulations on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Vietnam Social Security Inspectorate.

- Decision No. 19/2024/QD-UBND dated 23 February 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Department of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 144/QD-TTg dated 2 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the plan of reducing and simplifying regulations related to business activities within the scope of State management functions of the Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs in 2024 and 2025.
- Consolidated Document No. 716/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 26 February 2024, combining Joint Circulars issued by the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs providing guidelines for implementation of the Agreement on the Work and Vacation Program between Vietnam and Australia.
- Consolidated Document No. 714/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 26 February 2024, combining Joint Circulars issued by the Minister of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs providing guidelines for implementation of support for sending workers to work abroad under contracts as stipulated in Decree No. 61 /2015/ND-CP dated 9 July 2015, on policies to support job creation and the National Employment Fund.
- Circular No. 02/2024/TT-BLDTBXH dated 23 February 2023 of the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, on amendments to Circular No. 21/2021/TT-BLDTBXH dated 15 December 2021 of the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, providing guidelines for Law on Vietnamese workers working abroad under contract.

Health

- Decree No. 13/2024/ND-CP dated 5 February 2024, on amendments to Decree No.104/2016/ND-CP dated 1 July 2016, regulating vaccination activities.
- Decision No. 456/QD-BYT dated 28 February 2024, publishing the results of systematizing legal documents in the fields under the State management of the Ministry of Health for the period of 2019-2023.
- Decision No. 388/QD-BYT dated 20 February 2024 of the Minister of Health, on promulgating the Plan to implement the National strategy on development of Vietnam's Pharmaceutical industry for the period up to 2030, with an orientation to 2045 according to Decision No. 1165/QD-TTg dated 9 October 2023 of the Prime Minister.
- Decision No. 312/QD-BYT dated 7 February 2024 of the Ministry of Health, publishing cancelled administrative procedures in the field of preventive medicine within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Health as stipulated in Circular No. 26/2023/TT-BYT dated 29 December 2023 of the Minister of Health.

- Decision No. 295/QD-BYT dated 6 February 2024 of the Minister of Health, publishing new or cancelled administrative procedures within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Health in Circular No. 32/2023/TT-BYT dated 31 December 2023 of the Minister of Health, detailing a number of articles of Law on Medical Examination and Treatment.
- Decision No. 292/QD-BYT dated 6 February 2024 of the Minister of Health, providing guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease.
- Decision No. 266/QD-BYT dated 2 February 2024 of the Minister of Health, on the Plan for infectious disease prevention and control in 2024.
- Decision No. 254/QD-BYT dated 1 February 2024 of the Minister of Health, cancelling administrative procedures in the pharmaceutical sector under the management of the Ministry of Health in Circular No. 08/2022/TT-BYT dated 5 September 2022 and Circular No. 16/2023/TT-BYT dated 15 August 2023 of the Ministry of Health.
- Decision No. 08/QD-DP dated 1 February 2024 of the Department of Preventive Medicine, providing for the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Office and Divisions of the Department of Preventive Medicine.

Education

- Decision No. 616/QD-BGDDT dated 22 February 2024 of the Ministry of Education and Training, on assigning tasks to the Minister and Deputy Ministers of Education and Training.
- Decision No. 487/QD-UBND dated 7 February 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Education and Training under the national education system within the scope management functions of the Department of Education and Training of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 486/QD-UBND dated 7 February 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Education and Training under the national education system within the scope of management functions of the Department of Education and Training of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Circular No. 01/2024/TT-BLDTBXH dated 19 February 2024 of the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, on the Process of developing, assessing and appraising, and promulgating training programs of intermediate and junior college degrees; organizing compilation, selection, assessment and appraisal, approval and use of textbooks.
- Circular No. 01/2024/TT-BGDDT dated 5 February 2024 of the Minister of Education and Training, on Standards of higher education institutions.

Information - Communications

- Decision No. 184/QD-BTTTT dated 20 February 2024 of the Minister of Information and

Communications, on the 2024 Action Plan to implement the Basic Information Sector Development Strategy for the period of 2021-2025.

- Decision No. 05/2024/QD-UBND dated 16 February 2024 of People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, promulgating the Regulation on the operation of electronic information portals of the State agencies in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 163/QD-BTTTT dated 6 February 2024 of the Minister of Information and Communications, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the National Institute of Digital Technology and Digital Transformation.
- Decision No. 142/QD-TTg dated 2 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the National data strategy until 2030.
- Directive No. 09/CT-TTg dated 23 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, on compliance with the laws and enhancing information system security by level.

Culture - Sports - Tourism

- Decree No. 19/2024/ND-CP dated 23 February 2024, on amendments to Decree No.48/2019/ND-CP dated 5 June 2019, regulating the management of activities of underwater entertainment and leisure facilities.
- Directive No. 08/CT-TTg dated 23 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, on comprehensive, fast and sustainable tourism development in the coming time.

Transport

- Decree No. 20/2024/ND-CP dated 23 February 2024, on amendments to Decree No.05/2021/ND-CP dated 25 January 2021, on management and exploitation of aero ports and airports and Decree No. 64/2022/ND-CP dated 15 September 2022, on amendments to Decrees providing regulations related to business activities in the field of civil aviation.
- Decree No. 15/2024/ND-CP dated 16 February 2024, on amendments to Decree No.30/2013/ND-CP dated 8 April 2013, on air transport business and general aviation activities and Decree No. 92/2016/ND-CP dated 1 July 2016, regulating conditional business sectors and trades in the field of civil aviation.
- Decision No. 162/QD-BGTVT dated 19 February 2024 of the Ministry of Transport, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of aviation within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Transport.
- Decision No. 161/QD-BGTVT dated 19 February 2024 of the Ministry of Transport, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of inland waterways within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Transport.
- Decision No. 477/QD-UBND dated 7 February 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of inland waterways

within the scope of management functions of the Department of Transport of Ho Chi Minh City.

- Decision No. 163/QD-TTg dated 6 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement the Agreement on mutual recognition of international driving licenses between Vietnam and the Republic of Korea.
- Consolidated Document No. 02/VBHN-BGTVT dated 23 February 2024, combining Circulars on the price framework for passenger transportation services on domestic airline routes issued by the Ministry of Transport.
- Circular No. 03/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 21 February 2024 of the Minister of Transport, on amendments to Circular No. 27/2011/TT-BGTVT dated 14 April 2011 of the Minister of Transport, on application of the 2002 amendments to the 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, accompanying the International Code on Ship and Seaport Security.
- Circular No. 02/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 2 February 2024 of the Minister of Transport, on amendments to Circulars regulating standards, tasks and powers of leaders, registers and professional employees of the inland waterway vehicle registration units.

Construction

- Decree No. 24/2024/ND-CP dated 27 February 2024, providing guidelines for Law on Tendering with respect to selection of contractors.
- Decree No. 23/2024/ND-CP dated 27 February 2024, providing guidelines for Law on Tendering with respect to selection of investors to implement projects in cases where tendering must be organized according to the specialized laws managing industries and fields.
- Decision No. 203/QD-TTg dated 28 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement Fire Prevention and Fighting Infrastructure Planning for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Decision No. 18/2024/QD-UBND dated 21 February 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Department of Planning and Architecture of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 179/QD-TTg dated 16 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Construction Industry Development Strategy up to 2030, with an orientation to 2045.
- Circular No. 01/2024/TT-BKHDT dated 15 February 2024 of the Minister of Planning and Investment, providing guidelines for the provision and posting of information on selection of contractors and tendering document templates on the National tendering network.

Natural Resources - Environment

- Decision No. 541/QD-UBND dated 21 February 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the field of Geology and

Minerals within the scope of management functions of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Ho Chi Minh City.

- Decision No. 372/QD-BTNMT dated 16 February 2024 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, promulgating the Plan to implement Decision No. 1261/QD-TTg dated 27 October 2023, approving the Scheme on "Modernization of the Hydro Meteorological Industry up to 2025 and for the period of 2026-2030".
- Decision No. 161/QD-TTg dated 6 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan of implementation of the Water Resources Planning for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Circular No. 12/2024/TT-BTC dated 5 February 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on the collection rates and mechanism on collection, payment, management and use of fees for assessment and appraisal of applications for issuance of certificates for genetically modified biosafety.
- Circular No. 11/2024/TT-BTC dated 5 February 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on the collection rates and mechanism on collection, payment, management and use of fees for exploiting and using geological and mineral documents.
- Circular No. 10/2024/TT-BTC dated 5 February 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on the collection rates and mechanism on collection, payment, management and use of fees for assessment and appraisal of mineral reserves and fees for issuance of mineral activity license.
- Circular No. 08/2024/TT-BTC dated 5 February 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on the collection rates and mechanism on collection and payment of fees for sea dumping permits.
- Circular No. 07/2024/TT-BTC dated 5 February 2024 of the Minister of Finance, on the collection rates and mechanism on collection and payment of assessment and appraisal fees for issuance of licence or written approval for foreign organizations and individuals conducting scientific studies in Vietnamese sea area.
- Circular No. 01/2024/TT-BTNMT dated 2 February 2024 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, on norms for implementation of strategic environmental assessment of planning.

Energy

- Decision No. 366/QD-BCT dated 21 February 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, promulgating the Plan to implement Vietnam's hydrogen energy development strategy until 2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Decision No. 165/QD-TTg dated 7 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving Vietnam's hydrogen energy development strategy until 2030, with an orientation to 2050.

Administration - Judiciary

- Decree No. 07/2024/ND-CP dated 1 February 2024, providing guidelines for the election, recruitment, use and management of cadres and public officials working in communes, towns and ward officials of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 206/QD-TTg dated 28 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the List of interconnected online public services prioritized for process restructuring, integration into, and provision on the National Public Service Portal in 2024.
- Decision No. 194/QD-TTg dated 23 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, on promulgating a national action plan to implement Vietnam's commitments on preventing and combating money laundering, terrorist financing and financing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Decision No. 178/QD-TTg dated 16 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, cancelling a number of administrative documents.
- Decision No. 172/QD-BTP dated 16 February 2024 of the Ministry of Justice, publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of legal assistance within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Justice.
- Decision No. 174/QD-TTg dated 9 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving Vietnam's second National report on the implementation of the Convention against Torture and other forms of cruel treatment; or violent, inhumane, or human degrading punishment.
- Decision No. 24/QD-TANDTC dated 6 February 2024 of the Chief Justice of the Supreme People's Court, promulgating the Plan to implement the work of preventing and combating corruption and negativity in 2024.
- Decision No. 140/QD-TTg dated 2 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, on the Program on prevention and control of drug among youth and adolescents until 2030.

Agriculture - Forestry - Fisheries

- Consolidated Document No. 16/VBHN-BNNPTNT dated 19 February 2024, combining Decrees on arrangement, innovation and development, improvement of operational efficiency of agricultural and forestry companies issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Development Rural Development.
- Decision No. 208/QD-TTg dated 29 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Project on developing multi-use values of forest ecosystems until 2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Decision No. 182/QD-TTg dated 20 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Project on Vietnam Farmers' Association participating in collective economic development in agriculture until 2030.
- Decision No. 171/QD-TTg dated 7 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Project on improving forest quality to preserve forest ecosystems and prevent and combat

natural disasters until 2030.

- Decision No. 46/QD-TS-KHTC dated 6 February 2024 of the Department of Fisheries, on promulgating the Basic Investigation Project Management Process under the management of the Department of Fisheries.
- Decision No. 145/QD-TTg dated 2 February 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving Plans, policies and solutions to implement the Planning for natural disaster prevention and control and irrigation for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2050.
- Circular No. 01/2024/TT-BNNPTNT dated 2 February 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, on HS Code Table for the list of goods under the State management authority of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the list of imported or exported goods subject to specialized inspection in the fields of agriculture and rural development.

Miscellaneous

- Decree No. 12/2024/ND-CP dated 5 February 2024, on amendments to Decree No.44/2014/ND-CP dated 15 May 2014, regulating land prices and Decree No. 10/2023 /ND-CP dated 3 April 2023, on amendments to a number of articles of Decrees providing guidelines for implementation of the Land Law.
- Decree No. 10/2024/ND-CP dated 1 February 2024, regulating high-tech zones.
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