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## Laws on Protection of Consumers' Rights:

### Some highlights of new Decree on protection of consumers' rights

On 16 May 2024, the Government issued Decree No. 55/2024/ND-CP ("**Decree 55**") detailing implementation of a number of articles of Law on Protection of Consumer Rights No. 19/2023/QH15 passed by the National Assembly on 20 June 2023 ("**CRPL 2023**"). Decree 55 will take effect on 1 July 2024 and will replace Decree No.



99/2011/ND-CP dated 27 October 2011, as amended by Decree No. 03/2023/ND-CP dated 10 February 2023 ("**Decree 99**"), detailing and providing guidelines for implementation of a number of articles of Law on Protection of Consumers' Rights No. 59/2010/QH12 passed by the National Assembly on 17 November 2010 as amended by Law No. 35/2018/QH14 passed by the National Assembly on 20 November 2018 ("**CRPL 2010**").

Within the scope of this article, we only summarize some notable contents of Decree 55 compared with the current laws as follows:

#### 1. Some new definitions:

##### a. Concept of "Influential Persons"

The CRPL 2023 defines "Influential Persons" as experts, reputable people, and people who get social attention in specific fields, industries, and occupations according to the Government regulations.

Decree 55 specifically stipulates the following three cases to be considered "Influential Persons":

- i. People with qualifications, expertise, and experience in specific fields and occupations, recognized by competent agencies or organizations;
- ii. Typical people, with many merits and contributions, prestigious in the society, specific fields and professions, recognized by competent agencies and organizations;
- iii. People who are noticed by society, have a significant number of people interested and followed in the media, or have accounts that are eligible to participate in advertising and business programs on digital platforms.

According to the provisions of the CRPL 2023, if business organizations or individuals sponsor the above subjects to use these persons' images, advices and recommendations to promote trade, encourage the purchase and use of their products, goods and services, not only business organizations and individuals but also Influential Persons must have the responsibility to publicly open and notify to consumers in advance about that sponsorship.

b. Concept of “Large Digital Platform”

Decree 55 has provided specific criteria to identify Large Digital Platforms as prescribed in the CRPL 2023. Accordingly, digital platforms for electronic transactions that are established and operated to serve business activities in cyber space will be considered a Large Digital Platform if it meets one of the following criteria:

- i. There are at least 3,000,000 user accounts operating annually in Vietnam according to the provisions of law on electronic transactions; or
- ii. It is a large- or very large-scale intermediary digital platform for electronic transactions in accordance with the laws on electronic transactions.

According to Decree 55, if the digital platform meets one of the above criteria, the organization establishing and operating the Large Digital Platform will have the following obligations:

- i. Making publicly available the criteria for determining the priority of displaying products, goods, and services (if there is a search function), and in case the displayed content is paid or sponsored content, it must be publicly available in the search results for products, goods, and services. The development and announcement of the application of criteria to determine the priority of displaying products, goods and services when using the search function must comply with relevant laws;
- ii. Maintaining an online reporting account and providing information and data as requested by competent State agencies (information that may be required includes: establishing an advertising archive with using algorithms to target consumers, censoring content, removing feedback and reviews about organizations and individuals selling products, goods, services, etc.); and
- iii. Providing information and data mentioned in points i. and ii. above, in online form to the electronic information portal of the State management agency on protecting consumer rights directly under the Ministry of Industry and Trade (*i.e. the National Competition Committee (“NCC”)*) within 05 working days from the date of request for reporting and taking full responsibility for the accuracy and integrity of the information and data provided and information and data' compliance with the laws on protecting consumer rights.

## 2. Model Contract, General Trading Conditions (“GTCs”)

a. Formality of Model Contracts and GTCs:

Contracts entered into with consumers, Model Contracts, and GTCs must fully meet the legal requirements that Decree 55 has more reasonably stipulated, including:

- i. The Vietnamese language requirement under Decree 99 is remained, but now the parties can agree to use other languages according to the provisions of Article 23.2 of the CRPL 2023.
- ii. The minimum font size requirement of 12 is only mandatory in the case of paper documents and guided in more detail by using Times New Roman font or equivalent size.

b. Registration of Model Contracts and GTCs

i. *Registration time:*

Decree 55 maintains the requirement that before using Model Contracts and GTCs in the List of products, goods and services subject to registration issued and



amended by the Prime Minister of Government to enter into agreements with consumers, organizations and individuals doing business must register with the State management agency on protecting consumer rights according to the regulations; but add:

- Model Contracts and GTCs may be only used to enter into agreements with or apply to consumers when registration is completed; and
- In the case where the consumer makes payment before entering into a Model contract/GTCs or makes a deposit, escrow, or other measures to ensure the performance of other obligations related to the execution of a Model Contract/GTCs, the business organization or individual will must complete the registration and publication of the Model Contract/GTCs before implementing the payment or above-mentioned measures.

ii. *Post-registration obligations:*

According to Decree 55, business organizations and individuals with Model Contracts/GTCs subject to registration have a number of new obligations after registering Model Contracts/GTCs such as:

- Publicly displaying the notice of registration completion and the completely-registered Model Contract/GTCs in a visible location at the headquarters, business location and posting on the electronic information portal and application software (if any) during the entire period of application of that Model Contract/GTCs;
- Submitting a report on the registration and application situation of Model Contract/GTCs to the competent authority before January 31 every year. The report must be prepared according to Form No. 01 in the appendix to Decree 55.

*iii. Cancellation of or amendment to the registered Model Contract/GTCs:*

We note that according to Decree 55, after completing registration, the Model Contract/GTCs can still be requested by the State agency on its own or at the request of consumers or social organizations participating in protection of consumers' rights to cancel or amend all or part of such Model Contract/GTCs at any time if it is discovered that the Model Contract/GTCs violate(s) the laws on protection of consumers' rights, and business organizations and individuals will have to:

- amend or cancel the violating content within 30 days from the date of receiving the request from the State management agency on protection of consumers' rights; except in complicated cases, it may be extended for a maximum of 90 days according to the decision of the State management agency on protection of consumers' rights;
- within 05 working days from the date of completion of amending and cancelling the above-mentioned violating content, publicly displaying the Model Contract/GTCs that has amended and cancelled the violating content at an easy-to-see location at the headquarters, business location and on the electronic information portal, application software (if any) and must notify the consumers who has entered into the contract to apply the new GTC and re-execute the Model Contract if so requested by the consumers; and
- re-register the Model Contract/GTCs and publishing after completing the re-registration procedure as in the case of the first registration.

This is a new point of the CRPL 2023 and Decree 55. According to the old provisions of CRPL 2010 and Decree 99, the request to cancel or amend the Model Contracts/GTCs only applies to Model Contracts/GTCs that are not required to be registered.

3. **Handling of Defective Products and Goods (“Defective Products”)**

a. Stop providing Defective Products

Decree 55 clearly stipulates the time-limit for stopping the supply of Defective Products;

Accordingly, unless otherwise required by law, business organizations and individuals must immediately take necessary measures to stop the supply of Defective Products on the market within 24 hours from the time of discovery of Defective Products or receipt of a request from a competent State management agency (*instead of "timely" according to the CRPL 2010*);



b. Public disclosure about Defective Products and the recall of Defective Products

Within 3 working days for Defective Products of group A (*i.e. products and goods that can cause damage to the life and health of consumers*) or 5 working days for Defective Products of group B (*i.e. products and goods that are likely to cause damage to the consumer's property*) from the time of discovering a Defective Product or receiving a recall request from a competent State management agency, business organizations and individuals must carry out responsibilities to publicly disclose and notify of the Defective Products and recall them according to the provisions of the CRPL 2023. In the case where the laws have other provisions on the time-limit for carrying out responsibilities to publicly disclose and notify of the Defective Product and recall that Defective Product, business organizations and individuals shall do so according to the other prescribed time-limits.

c. Report on the recall of Defective Product

Before carrying out and unless otherwise required by law, within 5 working days from the end of the recall of Defective Product(s) or from the date of receiving the request for reporting from the State management agency on protection of consumers’ rights and relevant State management agencies, business organizations and individuals must submit reports respectively according to Form No. 8 and Form No. 9 accompanying Decree 55 to the State management agency on protection of consumers’ rights and relevant State management agencies (*The CRPL 2010 does not require reporting before carrying out, but only requires to report the results after completing the recall of Defective Products and also does not provide a reporting form as well as the deadline for submitting reports*).

In addition, in the case where the recall of Defective Products is conducted in the area of 2 or more provinces and central-run cities, business organizations and individuals must send a recall report to the NCC and relevant State management agency at the Central level to check and monitor as already provided in the CRPL 2010; and at the same time, to the State management agency in charge of protecting consumer rights at the provincial level (i.e. the provincial Department of Industry and Trade) and the provincial specialized agency of the locality where the recall is carried out so that these agencies coordinate to inspect and monitor the recall in their locality.

d. Determination of specific Defective Product group

According to Decree 55, the required Defective Product recall program will depend on the determination of the Defective Product group. Specific Defective Product groups will be determined by the business organization or individual that will accurately self-determine the Defective Product group and take full responsibility for it.

The determination of specific Defective Product group can be relied on one or more of the following bases or sources of information and data:

- i. Notices and warnings from competent authorities of countries and territories;
- ii. Notices and warnings of international organizations of which Vietnam is a member country;
- iii. Court judgments and decisions;
- iv. Information and warnings from specialized State management agencies;
- v. The competent authority's decision to recall Defective Products that is still valid;
- vi. Business organization or individual's determination of specific Defective Product group;
- vii. Other sources of information and data that the State management agency in charge of protection of consumers' rights and relevant State management agencies can prove as authentic or have sufficient scientific basis.

However, in the cases where there are grounds to believe that business organizations and individuals' determination of specific Defective Products group is inappropriate, the State management agency in charge of protection of consumers' rights and relevant State management authorities have the right to request business organizations and individuals to make appropriate adjustments to carry out the responsibility of recalling Defective Products properly according to the re-determined group of Defective Products and in accordance with the provisions of the laws.

#### **4. Process for exchanging and returning Products, Goods and Services in Remote Transactions**

Decree 55 stipulates new responsibilities of business organizations and individuals in remote transactions. Accordingly:

- a. In the case where these organizations and individuals provide information about the process of exchanging and returning products, goods or services, the following information must be included:
  - i. Specific time-limits during which consumers are allowed to make exchanges and returns;
  - ii. Steps and deadlines for each step in the process;
  - iii. Contact information of the unit responsible for handling in the case where consumers feedback or complain about the implementation of this process.
  
- b. In the case where these organizations and individuals provide information about the process of receiving and resolving consumers' feedback, requests, and complaints, the following information must be included:
  - i. Methods of receiving feedback, requests and complaints from consumers;
  - ii. Steps and deadlines for each step in the process;
  - iii. Cases prioritized to be received and resolved;
  - iv. Guidelines on information and documents that need to be provided for the reception and resolution process (if any).



**5. Disclosure of Online Seller Information Violating Consumers’ Rights**

Decree 55 has new regulations on publishing and removing consumer warning information in cyberspace transactions. Specifically:

- a. The list of organizations and individuals doing business in cyberspace that violate the law on protecting consumers' rights is publicly available on mass media, displayed at headquarters, and posted on the electronic information portal of ministries, ministerial-level agencies, and provincial-level People's Committees within 30 days.
  
- b. Publicly available content includes:
  - i. Name and address of organizations and individuals doing business in cyberspace that violate the laws on protection of consumers' rights;

- ii. Acts and areas of violation;
- iii. Issuing agency; number, date, month, year of decision on dealing with violations of the laws on protection of consumers' rights./.

## **Other sectors:**

### **Finance**

- Decision No. 1423/QD-BTC dated 25 June 2024 of the Minister of Finance, publishing the List of administrative procedures under the authority of the Ministry of Finance to be received and return results at the One-Stop Shop of the Ministry of Finance and the list of administrative procedures under the authority of the Ministry of Finance not to be received at the One-Stop Shop of the Ministry of Finance.
- Circular No. 43/2024/TT-BTC dated 28 June 2024 of the Minister of Finance, regulating the collection rates of a number of fees and charges to continue removing difficulties and supporting production and business activities.

### **Banking**

- Decision No. 1119/QD-NHNN dated June 11, 2024 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam on announcing amended administrative procedures in the field of information technology activities implemented by banks at the One-Stop Shop within the scope of management functions of the State Bank of Vietnam.
- Decision No. 1118/QD-NHNN dated 11 June 2024 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, on publishing new or amended administrative procedures in the field of payment activities implemented at the One-Stop Shop within the scope of management functions of the State Bank of Vietnam.
- Decision No. 1117/QD-NHNN dated 11 June 2024 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, on publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of information technology activities implemented by banks at the One-Stop Shop within the scope of management functions of the State Bank of Vietnam.
- Circular No. 08/2024/TT-NHNN dated 25 June 2024 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, regulating the management, operation and use of the National Interbank Electronic Payment System.
- Circular No. 07/2024/TT-NHNN dated 21 June 2024 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, regulating payment agent activities.
- Circular No. 06/2024/TT-NHNN dated 18 June 2024 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, amending a number of articles of Circular No. 02/2023/TT-NHNN dated 23 April 2023 of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, regulating credit institutions and foreign bank branches to restructure debt repayment periods and maintain the same debt group to support customers in difficulty.
- Circular No. 05/2024/TT-NHNN dated 7 June 2024 of the Governor of the State Bank of

Vietnam, cancelling a number of legal documents issued by the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam.

## **Tax**

- Decree No. 72/2024/ND-CP dated 30 June 2024, on Value-added tax reduction policy according to Resolution No. 142/2024/QH15 dated 29 June 2024 of the National Assembly.
- Decree No. 65/2024/ND-CP dated 17 June 2024, extending the time-limit for paying special consumption tax on domestically produced or assembled automobiles.
- Decree No. 64/2024/ND-CP dated 17 June 2024, extending the time-limit for paying value added tax, corporate income tax, personal income tax, and land rent in 2024.

## **Trade**

- Decree No. 66/2024/ND-CP dated 17 June 2024, on management of import of refurbished goods according to the Decree on management of import of refurbished goods under the Free Trade Agreement between Vietnam and the European Union and the Free Trade Agreement between Vietnam and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- Decree No. 60/2024/ND-CP dated 5 June 2024, on market development and management.
- Decision No. 07/2024/QD-TTg dated 20 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, promulgating the List of products, goods and services requiring registration of model contracts and general trading conditions.
- Decision No. 3120/QD-UBND dated 13 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, approving internal processes in handling administrative procedures in the field of Trade promotion and International trade under the authority of the Department of Industry and Trade of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 2089/QD-UBND dated 13 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on publishing the list of administrative procedures in the field of consumer protection within the scope of management functions of the Department of Industry and Trade of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 1372/QD-BCT dated 5 June 2024 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, on publishing new or amended administrative procedures in the field of protection of consumer rights within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
- Consolidated Document No. 11/VBHN-BCT dated 6 June 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, combining Circulars implementing Rules of Origin in the Agreement between the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on Rules of Origin applicable to goods eligible for preferential import tax rates between Vietnam and Laos.
- Consolidated Document No. 10/VBHN-BCT dated 6 June 2024 of the Minister of Industry

and Trade, combining Circulars on implementing Rules of Origin in the ASEAN - India Trade in Goods Agreement.

- Consolidated Document No. 09/VBHN-BCT dated June 6, 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, combining Circulars implementing Rules of Origin in the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Japan on Economic Partnership.
- Consolidated Document No. 08/VBHN-BCT dated 6 June 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, combining Circulars detailing registration of export rights and import rights of foreign traders without commercial presence in Vietnam.

## **Labour**

- Consolidated Document No. 2651/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 21 June 2024 of the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Decrees regulating management of labour, wages and bonuses for employees working in a one-member limited liability company with 100% charter capital held by the State.
- Consolidated Document No. 2650/VBHN-BLDTBXH dated 21 June 2024 of the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, combining Decrees regulating salaries, remunerations and bonuses for managers and controllers of single-member limited liability companies with 100% charter capital held by the State.
- Decision No. 758/QD-BLDTBXH dated 13 June 2024 of the Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of Region III Centre for Safety Technical Inspection.
- Decision No. 838/QD-BHXH dated 5 June 2024 of the General Director of Vietnam Social Security, publishing the comprehensive list of full online public services under the authority of Vietnam Social Security.
- Decision No. 727/QD-BLDTBXH dated 3 June 2024 of the Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, publishing the List of administrative procedures within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, which may fully be conducted under online public services.

## **Health**

- Consolidated Document No. 04/VBHN-BYT dated 3 June 2024 of the Ministry of Health, combining Decrees on management of medical devices.
- Decision No. 1716/QD-BGDDT dated 26 June 2024 of the Minister of Education and Training, promulgating Health Education Communication Guidance Document for managers, teachers, and school medical staff in preschool and general education establishments.
- Decision No. 1760/QD-BYT dated 21 June 2024 of the Minister of Health, on promulgating

the professional document "Guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of type 1 diabetes in children and adolescents".

- Decision No. 1705/QD-BYT dated 18 June 2024 of the Ministry of Health, on the publication of amended administrative procedures in the field of Medical devices under the management of the Ministry of Health as stipulated in Decree No. 96/2023/ND-CP dated 30 December 2023.
- Decision No. 1651/QD-BYT dated 13 June 2024 of the Minister of Health, approving the Scheme on prevention, detection, management and treatment of cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, asthma and mental health disorders in the period of 2024-2025.
- Decision No. 1626/QD-BYT dated 12 June 2024 of the Minister of Health, promulgating professional and technical guidance on liver donation, retrieval, transplantation, transportation, preservation and post-transplant care from living donors and from brain dead donors.
- Decision No. 1613/QD-BYT dated 11 June 2024 of the Minister of Health, on amending a number of contents in Decisions of the Ministry of Health publishing administrative procedures in the field of Food safety and nutrition.
- Decision No. 1556/QD-BYT dated 6 June 2024 of the Ministry of Health, publishing the List of administrative procedures under the management of the Ministry of Health that may fully conducted under online public service.
- Decision No. 1964/QD-UBND dated 5 June 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.
- Consolidated Document No. 05/VBHN-BYT dated 14 June 2024 of the Ministry of Health, combining Circulars on templates for documents and reports for implementation of Decree No. 98/2021/ND-CP dated 8 November 2021, on management of medical devices.
- Circular No. 10/2024/TT-BYT dated 13 June 2024 of the Minister of Health, promulgating the list of infectious diseases, subjects and scope of mandatory use of vaccines and medical biological products.
- Circular No. 09/2024/TT-BYT dated 11 June 2024 of the Minister of Health, promulgating the Lists of medicines, medicinal ingredients for human use, and exported and imported cosmetics with identified code numbers of goods according to Vietnam's List of exported or imported goods.

## Education

- Decision No. 1596/QD-BGDDT dated 7 June 2024 of the Minister of Education and Training, on the List of pilot training majors for higher education levels.
- Consolidated Document No. 06/VBHN-BGDDT dated 10 June 2024 of the Minister of Education and Training, combining Circulars promulgating the List of minimum teaching equipment for high school level.
- Circular No. 09/2024/TT-BGDDT dated 3 June 2024 of the Minister of Education and Training, on openness in the operations of educational institutions under the national education system.

### **Information - Communications**

- Decree No. 69/2024/ND-CP dated 25 June 2024, providing for electronic identification and authentication.
- Decision No. 977/QD-BTTTT dated 14 June 2024 of the Ministry of Information and Communications, approving Vietnam's International fibre optic cable system development strategy up to 2030, with an orientation to 2035.
- Decision No. 134/QD-TANDTC dated 3 June 2024 of the Chief Justice of the Supreme People's Court, promulgating the Regulations on management, use and exploitation of common-use internal software in the People's Court system.

### **Culture - Sports - Tourism**

- Consolidated Document No. 04/VBHN-BTTTT dated 21 June 2024 of the Ministry of Information and Communications, combining Decrees detailing a number of articles and measures to implement the Publishing Law.
- Consolidated Document No. 2334/VBHN-BVHTTDL dated 3 June 2024 of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, combining Decrees on photography activities.
- Decision No. 509/QD-TTg dated 13 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Tourism System Planning for the period of 2021-2030, with an orientation to 2045.
- Decision No. 3038/QD-UBND dated 11 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, approving the List of record components in the fields of culture, sports and family that need to be digitized according to management needs of the People's Committee of Hanoi.
- Circular No. 04/2024/TT-BVHTTDL dated 26 June 2024 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, amending a number of articles of Circular No. 06/2017/TT-BVHTTDL dated 15 December 2017 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, detailing a number of articles of the Law on Tourism and Circular No. 13/2019/TT-BVHTTDL dated 25 November 2019 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, amending a number of articles of Circular No. 06/2017/TT-BVHTTDL dated 15 December 2017 of the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, detailing a number of articles of the Tourism Law.

## Transport

- Decision No. 3187/QD-UBND dated 20 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, publishing the List of intra-provincial and adjacent bus route networks in Hanoi City.
- Decision No. 2163/QD-UBND dated 28 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, on approving the internal process for handling administrative procedures in the road sector within the scope of management functions of the Department of Transport of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 741/QD-BGTVT dated 17 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, on amending a number of articles of Decision No. 1248/QD-BGTVT dated 28 September 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of IV Road Management Division directly under the Vietnam Road Administration.
- Decision No. 740/QD-BGTVT dated 17 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, on amending a number of articles of Decision No. 1255/QD-BGTVT dated 28 September 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of I Road Management Division directly under the Vietnam Road Administration.
- Decision No. 739/QD-BGTVT dated 17 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, on amending and cancelling a number of content of Decision No. 1218/QD-BGTVT dated 23 September 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Vietnam Road Administration.
- Decision No. 738/QD-BGTVT dated 17 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, on amending a number of articles of Decision No. 1246/QD-BGTVT dated September 28, 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of Road Management Zone II directly under the Vietnam Road Administration.
- Decision No. 737/QD-BGTVT dated 17 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, on amendments to a number of articles of Decision No. 1247/QD-BGTVT dated 28 September 2022 of the Minister of Transport, on the position of functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of III Road Management Division directly under the Vietnam Road Administration.
- Decision No. 515/QD-TTg dated 14 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to implement the 2004 International convention for control and management of ships' ballast water and sediments.
- Decision No. 732/QD-BGTVT dated 14 June 2024 of the Ministry of Transport, on publishing new, amended or cancelled administrative procedures in the maritime sector within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Transport.
- Circular No. 28/2024/TT-BCA dated 29 June 2024 of the Minister of Public Security, amending a number of articles of Circular No. 32/2023/TT-BCA dated 1 August 2023 of the

Minister of Public Security, providing for the tasks, powers, forms, contents and procedures for patrolling, controlling and handling administrative violations on road traffic by the Traffic Police; Circular No. 24/2023/TT-BCA dated 1 July 2023 of the Minister of Public Security, regulating the issuance and revocation of motor vehicle registration and license plates.

- Consolidated Document No. 16/VBHN-BGTVT dated 25 June 2024 of the Ministry of Transport, combining Circulars regulating ship inspection officers.
- Circular No. 22/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 10 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, promulgating the National technical regulations on anti-fouling systems of sea-going ships.
- Circular No. 20/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 3 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, promulgating the National technical regulations on frames of motorcycles and mopeds.
- Circular No. 19/2024/TT-BGTVT dated 3 June 2024 of the Minister of Transport, promulgating amendments 01:2024 to QCVN 33:2019/BGTVT National technical regulations on mirrors for automobiles.

### **Construction**

- Decision No. 608/QD-BXD dated 26 June 2024 of the Minister of Construction, assigning agencies to carry out procedures for reissuing, amending and supplementing practicing certificates and Grade I construction operating capacity certificates, which have been granted by the Southern Work Department.
- Directive No. 19/CT-TTg dated 24 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, on strengthening fire prevention and fighting for multi-storey houses, multi-apartment buildings, individual houses for residence combined with production and business.

### **Real Estate**

- Decision No. 42/2024/QD-UBND dated 11 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on promulgating the Price List as a basis for calculating registration fees for houses in Hanoi City.
- Circular No. 42/2024/TT-BTC dated 20 June 2024 of the Minister of Finance, promulgating Vietnam Valuation Standards on Real Estate Valuation.

### **Natural Resources - Environment**

- Decision No. 560/QD-TTg dated 25 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, on establishing the National Council for Sustainable Development.
- Decision No. 1585/QD-BTNMT dated June 12, 2024 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment on its plan to implement Decision No. 22/QD-TTg dated January 8, 2024 of the Prime Minister approving the General Planning of Dong Nai River basin for the period

2021 - 2030, vision to 2050.

- Decision No. 496/QD-TTg dated 11 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, promulgating the National plan on management and elimination of controlled substances depleting the ozone layer and causing greenhouse effects.
- Decision No. 1545/QD-BTNMT dated 10 June 2024 of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, on publishing new, amended, replaced or cancelled administrative procedures in the field of water resources within the scope of the State management functions of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.
- Decision No. 2984/QD-UBND dated 7 June 2024, on authorization to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Hanoi to implement the contents related to administrative procedures in the field of environment.
- Decision No. 1524/QD-BTNMT dated 4 June 2024 of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, on publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of seas and islands within the scope of the State management functions of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

## Land

- Decree No. 71/2024/ND-CP dated 27 June 2024, regulating land prices.
- Decision No. 3191/QD-UBND dated 21 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on publishing internal administrative procedures in the field of Land under its management.
- Decision No. 41/2024/QD-UBND dated 7 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on amending Clause 3, Article 1 of Decision No. 12/2021/QD-UBND dated 25 August 2021 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, regulating the percentage (%) for calculating the unit price of land rental for annual rental payment; unit price of land rental for underground building works; unit price for renting land with water surface in Hanoi City.

## Science - Technology

- Consolidated Document No. 01/VBHN-BKHCHN dated 10 June 2024 of the Ministry of Science and Technology, combining Decrees regulating penalties for administrative violations in the field of industrial property.
- Decision No. 2922/QD-UBND dated 5 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on publishing cancelled internal administrative procedures in the field of industrial clusters under its management.

## Administration - Judiciary

- Decree No. 70/2024/ND-CP dated 25 June 2024, detailing a number of articles and measures

to implement the Law on Identification.

- Decree No. 68/2024/ND-CP dated 25 June 2024, regulating digital signatures for official use.
- Decree No. 63/2024/ND-CP dated 10 June 2024, regulating electronic inter-sectorial implementation of two groups of administrative procedures: Birth registration, permanent residence registration, issuance of medical insurance cards to children under 6 years old; registration of death, deletion of permanent residence registration, settlement of funeral and survivorship expenses.
- Decision No. 3204/QD-UBND dated 21 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, approving new, amended or replaced plans on authorization in handling administrative procedures under its management.
- Decision No. 3124/QD-UBND dated 14 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on publishing the list of amended administrative procedures in the fields of lawyer, public notarization, commercial arbitration, bailiffs, legal consultancy, asset auctions, commercial conciliation, and judicial expertise under the authority of agencies and units of Hanoi City.
- Decision No. 498/QD-TTg dated 11 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the Plan to reduce and simplify administrative regulations and procedures related to judicial records.
- Decision No. 1079/QD-BTP dated 11 June 2024 of the Ministry of Justice, on publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of civil status to be carried out at civil status registration agencies within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Justice.
- Decision No. 1078/QD-BTP dated 11 June 2024 of the Ministry of Justice, on publishing amended administrative procedures in the field of nationality within the scope of management functions of the Ministry of Justice.
- Decision No. 185/QD-VKSTC dated 10 June 2024 of the Supreme People's Procuracy, promulgating "Regulation on the organization and operation of the Inspectorate of the Supreme People's Procuracy.
- Decision No. 2926/QD-UBND dated 5 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, promulgating the Temporary operating regulations of the information system for handling administrative procedures in Hanoi.
- Decision No. 2877/QD-UBND dated 3 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on approving the List of dossier components of administrative procedures under the management of the Department of Home Affairs that need to be digitized.
- Circular No. 06/2024/TT-BTP dated 19 June 2024 of the Minister of Justice, amending a number of articles of Circulars issued and providing guidelines for the use of forms and samples of criminal record books.
- Circular No. 04/2024/TT-BTP dated 6 June 2024 of the Minister of Justice, amending Circular No. 02/2020/TT-BTP dated 8 April 2020 of the Minister of Justice, issuing, and providing guidelines for use and management of, nationality book samples and nationality

document samples and Circular No. 04/2020/TT-BTP dated 28 May 2020 of the Minister of Justice, detailing implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Civil Status and Decree No. 123/2015/ND-CP dated 15 November 2015, detailing a number of articles and measures to implement the Law on Civil Status.

### **Agriculture - Forestry - Fisheries**

- Decision No. 534/QD-TTg dated 19 June 2024 of the Prime Minister, approving the "Project to improve the effectiveness of implementing the Agreement on the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) and quarantine of animals and plants" of the World Trade Organization and SPS commitments within the framework of Free Trade Agreements".
- Decision No. 34/2024/QD-UBND dated 17 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, providing for economic and technical norms in the management and exploitation of irrigation building works in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Decision No. 3091/QD-UBND dated 12 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, publishing the List of administrative procedures in the fields of Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Medicine and Fisheries within the scope of the State management functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 2967/QD-UBND dated 7 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on approving and cancelling the Internal Process for handling administrative procedures in the field of Management of agricultural, forestry and aquatic products' quality; Cooperative economy and rural development within the scope of the State management functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 2921/QD-UBND dated 5 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, on publishing the List of administrative procedures and cancelled administrative procedures in the field of Management of agricultural, forestry and aquatic products' quality; Cooperative economy and rural development within the scope of the State management functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Hanoi.
- Decision No. 38/2024/QD-UBND dated 4 June 2024 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, amending a number of contents of the Appendix accompanying Decision No. 38/2022/QD-UBND dated 27 October 2022 of the People's Committee of Hanoi, promulgating the Process and economic-technical norms in the management and exploitation of irrigation building works in Hanoi.
- Decision No. 1959/QD-BNN-LN dated 25 June 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, publishing new or amended administrative procedures in the field of forestry within the scope of functions management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Resolution No. 04/2024/NQ-HDTP dated 12 June 2024 of the Judges' Council of the

Supreme People's Court, providing guidelines for application of a number of provisions of the Penal Code on criminal prosecution of criminal acts related to illegal exploitation, trading, and transportation of aquatic products.

### **Investment**

- Decision No. 1351/QD-BKHDT dated 14 June 2024 of the Minister of Planning and Investment, publishing new, amended, annulled, cancelled, and publicly cancelled administrative procedures in the field of Bidding under the management functions of the Ministry of Planning and Investment.
- Circular No. 10/2024/TT-BKHDT dated 12 June 2024 of the Minister of Planning and Investment, on amendments to a number of articles of Circular No. 09/2021/TT-BKHDT dated 16 November 2021 of the Minister of Planning and Investment, providing guidelines for selection of investors to implement investment projects according to the public-private partnership method and investment projects using land, Circular No. 10/2022/TT-BKHDT dated 15 June 2022 of the Minister of Planning and Investment, providing guidelines for provision and posting of information and selection of investors on the National bidding network system.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Resolution No. 93/NQ-CP dated 18 June 2024 of the Government, on key tasks and solutions to promote growth, control inflation and stabilize the macro economy.
- Decree No. 67/2024/ND-CP dated 25 June 2024, amending a number of articles of Decree No. 76/2020/ND-CP dated 1 July 2020, detailing subjects, order, procedures, and authority to issue, revoke, and cancel the validity of laissez-passer and Decree No. 77/2020/ND-CP 1 July 2020, regulating the management and exploitation of information in the national database on immigration; Online public services serving the issuance, management and control of Vietnamese citizens' passports; Immigration control with automatic control gates.
- Decree No. 62/2024/ND-CP dated 7 June 2024, amending the Appendix to Decree No.94/2016/ND-CP dated 1 July 2016, detailing and providing guidelines for implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Statistics and Decree No. 94/2022/ND-CP dated 7 November 2022, regulating the contents of statistical indicators in the national statistical indicator system and the process of compiling gross domestic product targets and gross product targets in provinces and centrally-run cities.
- Decision No. 1670/QD-BCT dated 25 June 2024 of the Minister of Industry and Trade, on Avoided Cost Price Schedule in 2024.

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