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Strengthening Inspection on the Use of Foreign Labour in Cambodia

On 19 February 2018, the Ministry of Interior ("MOI") and the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training ("MLVT") issued Inter-Ministerial Prakas No. 719 on Strengthening of Labour Inspection on the Use of Foreign Labour in Cambodia ("Prakas"). The Prakas aims to regulate inspection works related to the use of foreign labour. It also aims to impose obligations on owners or directors of enterprises, establishments, casinos, and entertainment clubs, as well as foreigners who come to invest or work in Cambodia. It repeals Joint Prakas No. 2703 dated 10 March 2016.

According to the Prakas, only the Foreign Labour Mixed Inspection Group has jurisdiction to inspect the use of foreign labour in enterprises, establishments, casinos, and entertainment clubs, and foreigners who come to invest or work in Cambodia. Such inspection may happen with or without prior notice to the owners or foreigners, as may be necessary. Moreover, foreign owners, directors, investors, and workers are mandated to cooperate in providing necessary documents or proof as evidence for the purposes of inspection on their use of foreign labour. The Prakas also lists out the documents necessary for the inspection.

In addition, the Prakas requires all foreigners conducting small-size businesses, attached businesses, unnamed businesses, mobile businesses, businesses at night, businesses on the water, and the like to have a business authorisation letter issued by the competent authority to operate such businesses in order to apply for work permits and work books. Also, foreign workers at the border regions who enter and leave Cambodia within the same day or stay in Cambodia for a short-term shall fulfil the requirements under Cambodian law to obtain their work permits and work books.

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