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## MOC Issues Notification Requiring Relevant Persons to Apply for E-Commerce Permit or Licence

On 26 May 2021, the Ministry of Commerce ("**MOC**") issued Notification No. 1143 on the Issuance of Permit or Licence on E-Commerce ("**Notification No. 1143**"). Notification No. 1143 urges all individuals, sole proprietorships, legal entities and branches of foreign companies which carry out their business activities through electronic platform ("**Relevant Persons**") to apply for a permit or licence on E-Commerce.

### Relevant Persons Must Apply for Permit or Licence

According to the Law on E-Commerce ("**E-Commerce Law**"), the Sub-Decree on the Determination of Type, Formality and Procedure for the Issuance of Permit and Licence on E-Commerce to Intermediaries and E-commerce Service Providers ("**Sub-Decree**"), and Prakas No. 290 on the Issuance of Permit and Licence on E-Commerce dated 9 October 2020 ("**Prakas No. 290**"), Relevant Persons are required to apply for a permit or licence on E-Commerce with the Business Registration Department of Trade Support Services General Directorate of MOC ("**BRD**").

Following the issuance of the E-Commerce Law, the Sub-Decree and Prakas No. 290, MOC organised several seminars to raise awareness of the stakeholders on the requirements provided under the said pieces of legislation. To ensure the effective implementation of the Law, the Sub-Decree and Prakas 290, MOC additionally issued Notification No. 1143 calling all Relevant Persons to strictly comply with the legal requirements by applying for a permit or licence on E-Commerce. The requirement to apply for such a permit or licence takes effect from the date of the issuance of Notification No. 1143. The application for a permit or licence can be done physically, by submitting the completed application form to BRD, or online on the MOC's website via this link: [www.ecommercelicensing.moc.gov.kh](http://www.ecommercelicensing.moc.gov.kh).

The procedure and requirements in relation to the application for a permit or licence on E-Commerce are found on the Business Registration portal of MOC via link: [www.businessregistration.moc.gov.kh](http://www.businessregistration.moc.gov.kh). You can also visit the MOC website via link: [www.moc.gov.kh](http://www.moc.gov.kh) for more information.

### Consequences of Failure to Apply for Permit or Licence

Relevant Persons that fail to apply for a permit or licence on E-Commerce in accordance with Notification No. 1143 will be required to discontinue their operations. They will also face fines, amount of which will be determined by the applicable laws and regulations.

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