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Prakas on Trustees' Obligations to Report, Notify, and Request for Approval

On 20 December 2023, the Non-Banking Financial Services Authority issued a new Prakas No. 067 on Trustees' Obligations to Report, Notify, and Request for Approval ("**Prakas**").

This Prakas comprises 7 chapters with 27 articles which apply to all licensed/permitted trustees in the Kingdom of Cambodia. The purpose of the Prakas is to specify the obligations of trustees in relation to reporting, notifying, and seeking approval from the Trust Regulator ("TR") to facilitate monitoring for effective, transparent, and accountable execution of trustee obligations.

This Update highlights the key features of the Prakas which are set forth as follows:

1. Reporting Obligation

The reporting obligations of trustees are structured on a monthly, quarterly, and yearly basis. The subject matter to be included in these reports are specified in detail in the Prakas.

The Prakas further requires (i) the monthly reports to be submitted no later than the 10th day of the following month, (ii) the quarterly reports no later than the 15th day of the following quarter, and (iii) the annual reports no later than 31 March of the following year.

2. Obligation to Notify

Trustees are mandated to promptly notify the TR in writing of any alterations in circumstances that may significantly affect their operation and/or the trust properties such as the following:

- Management structure;
- Asset;
- · Credits or debt status;
- Investment status;
- · Profit structure; or
- Any other changes that are pertinent to the management and financial aspects of the trustee.

The Prakas provides in detail the specific subject matter and associated timeline of notifications to the TR.

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3. Obligation to Request for Approval

Before engaging in significant actions such as merging, acquiring, transferring of operations, commencing liquidation, winding up, suspending, or discontinuing the operation of the trust, trustees are required to seek prior approval from the TR.

4. Other Obligations

The Prakas also requires trustees to pay a monthly contribution amounting to 0.4% of the total monthly income derived from trust operations to the TR. This contribution must be remitted on a quarterly basis by the 15th day of the first month of the following quarter.

If you have any queries on the above, please feel free to contact our team members below who will be happy to assist.

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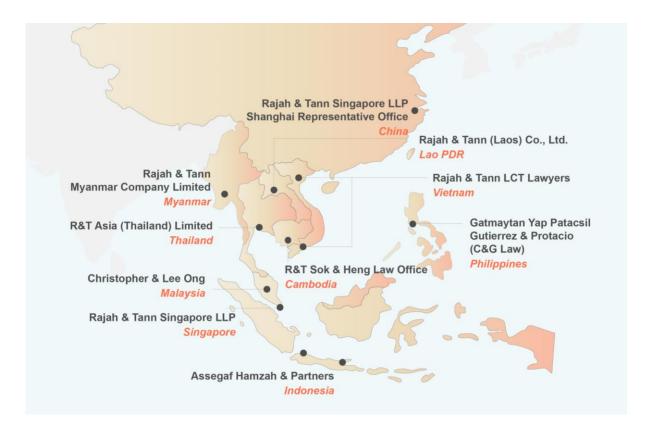
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