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In this edition, you can read about the new guidance on implementing the Law on Handling Administrative Violations. These amendments aim to strengthen the legal framework for handling administrative violations, ensuring clarity, consistency, and fairness in enforcement.

Besides, we provide other news and regulations that might interest you.



NEW GUIDANCE OF THE LAW ON HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS

On 18 March 2025, the Government adopted and issued Decree No. 68/2025/ND-CP ("**Decree 68**") amending Decree No. 118/2021/ND-CP dated 23 December 2021 ("**Decree 118**") guiding the Law on Handling Administrative Violations. Decree 68 takes effect from 2 May 2025, introducing amendments, repealing several provisions of Decree 118 and replacing 9 attached forms.

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Decree No. 24/2025/ND-CP

Decree No. 24/2025/ND-CP, issued on 21 February 2025, and taking effect on the same date, introduces amendments and supplements to Decree No. 98/2020/ND-

CP, which stipulates penalties for administrative violations in commercial activities, the production and trade of counterfeit or banned goods, and consumer rights protection.

Decree No. 49/2025/ND-CP

Decree No. 49/2025/ND-CP, issued and taking effect on 28 February 2025, establishes specific thresholds and conditions under which individuals may be subject to exit suspension due to outstanding tax debts.

Decree No. 51/2025/ND-CP

Decree No. 51/2025/ND-CP ("**Decree 51**"), issued and taking effect on 1 March 2025, amends Decree No. 10/2022/ND-CP to extend the registration fee exemption for battery-powered electric vehicles (EVs). Initially, a 100% exemption was granted from 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2025, followed by a 50% reduction for the next two years. Decree 51 extends the full exemption for an additional two years, until 28 February 2027.

Decree No. 69/2025/ND-CP

Decree No. 69/2025/ND-CP, issued on 18 March 2025, amends and supplements several provisions of Decree No. 01/2014/ND-CP regarding foreign investors purchasing shares in Vietnamese credit institutions. It aims to create a clear and transparent legal framework for foreign investment in the banking sector, improving the operational efficiency of Vietnamese credit institutions. This decree takes effect on 19 May 2025.

Decree No. 70/2025/ND-CP

Decree No. 70/2025/ND-CP, issued on 20 March 2025, amends and supplements Decree No. 123/2020/ND-CP on invoices and documents. The changes aim to improve the management and transparency of invoices, making them more aligned with modern business practices and technology. The decree will take effect starting 1 June 2025.

Decision No. 26/2025/QD-UBND

Decision No. 26/2025/QD-UBND, issued by the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City on 27 February 2025, regulates the management and use of apartment buildings within the city. This decision aims to create a clear and transparent legal framework for managing and utilizing apartment buildings, contributing to the effective operation and improved living quality for residents. It took effect on the same date.

OTHER NEWS



E-commerce platforms to pay taxes on behalf of sellers

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has proposed that all VAT and personal income tax of sellers on e-commerce platforms are deducted as soon as the order is successfully confirmed and paid for. (<u>VIR</u>)



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VAT cut to aid business development

The ministry (MoF) has proposed reducing VAT by 2 per cent from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026, for goods and services currently subject to a 10 per cent VAT rate, bringing it down to 8 per cent. (<u>VIR</u>)

Vietnam plans to reduce 63 cities and provinces to 34

Vietnam is preparing to reduce its number of administrative units from 63 cities and provinces to 34 as part of a government reform aimed at streamlining its apparatus, Communist Party General Secretary To Lam said Friday. (<u>VnExpress</u>)

Social media must not ask for users' ID photos for verification: Draft personal data law

The Ministry stated that the Law on Personal Data Protection aims to establish a legal framework to promote the lawful use of personal data while preventing data privacy violations. (<u>VietnamNews</u>)

Program on simplifying business administrative procedures approved

The program targets to cut and simplify at least 30% of unnecessary investment conditions, and at least 30% of time required for processing administrative procedures, and reduce compliance costs by 30% in 2025. (<u>VnEconomy</u>)

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HO CHI MINH CITY INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION ARBITRATION CONFERENCE 2025 (HICAC2025)

ACSV Legal is honored to be the Silver Sponsor for HICAC2025 which is organized by the Society of Construction Law – Viet Nam and the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre.

Our Head of Dispute Resolution Practice, Minh Nguyen, will participate as a speaker alongside other professionals from the construction industry, legal experts, arbitrators, and academics to discuss the latest

trends, practices, and developments in construction arbitration.

The conference will take place on Thursday 10 – Friday 11 April 2025 VN Time.

Interested to learn more, please read the agenda and register here.

HOLIDAY NOTICE



In observance of **Hung Kings' Commemoration Day, Liberation Day and Labour Day**, please note that our office will be closed on 7 April 2025, and from 30 April to 2 May 2025.

We wish you and your families a holiday filled with joy and happiness.

From all of us at ACSV Legal

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