

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER (01.2020)

In this issue, we would like to bring to your attention a brief overview of the recent legal news concerning the following:

- *Our Prominent Legal Article In January 2020;*
- *Remarkable News And Legislations In January 2020;*
- *The Remarkable Executed Legislations In January 2020.*

1. Our Prominent Legal Article In January 2020

First, our Senior Partner – Ms. Pham Thi Thoa had a very interesting article related to the intellectual property which was published on The Saigon Times under the following name - **From “domain speculation” to ... “brand speculation”**. To read and understand the entire article, please visit [here](#).

Second, our Associate lawyer – Ms. Thieu Thi Kieu Thu also had a legal article about the **“Limits of the recognition mechanism of well-known trademarks in Vietnam”**. This article mentioned the popularity of the trademark and the legal issues around it as well as presented some problems in the recognition mechanism of well-known trademarks in Vietnam. To read the entire article, please visit [here](#).

2. Remarkable News And Legislations In January 2020

European Parliament Committee on International Trade (INTA) adopted the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement

On January 21st, 2020, the European Parliament Committee on International Trade (INTA) adopted the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA).

Under the above agreement, Vietnam will reduce 65% of import duties on goods from the EU as soon as EVFTA takes effect. The remainder will be removed in a 10-year period.

In addition, the EU will reduce more than 70% of tariffs on Vietnamese goods immediately after the agreement takes effect. The remainder will be cleared in the next 7 years.

The European Parliament (EP) will vote on the EVFTA and the Investment Protection Agreement (IPA) at its February 2020 meeting in Strasbourg, France. If approved, the trade agreement will officially take effect.

3. The Remarkable Executed Legislations In January 2020

No.	DOCUMENT TITLE	EXECUTION DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Decree No. 01/2020/ND-CP amendments to the Government's Decree no. 84/2015/ND-CP dated September 30, 2015 on investment supervision and assessment	01/01/2020	01/01/2020
2.	Decree No. 02/2020/ND-CP amendments to some articles of the Government's Decree no. 131/2015/ND-CP dated December 25, 2015 on guidance on national important projects	01/01/2020	01/01/2020
3.	Decree No. 06/2020/ND-CP amends and supplements Article 17 of the Decree No. 47/2014/ND-CP dated May 15, 2014 regulates the compensation, support, and resettlement upon land expropriation by the State	03/01/2020	20/02/2020
4.	Decree No. 07/2020/ND-CP on the special preferential import tariff the for implementation of Asean - Hong Kong, China free trade agreement in the period 2019 - 2022	05/01/2020	20/02/2020
5.	Decree No. 08/2020/ND-CP on operations and performance of bailiff	08/01/2020	24/02/2020
6.	Circular No. 01/2020/TT-BCT on import of raw material tobacco under tariff quotas in 2020	14/01/2020	29/02/2020
7.	Circular No. 03/2020/TT-BCT on import of raw material tobacco under tariff quotas in Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership	22/01/2020	29/02/2020

We hope this short Letter of legal updates would bring you useful information.

Best regards.

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