

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER (April 2020)

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

- *Our prominent legal article in April, 2020;*
- *The remarkable executed legislations in April, 2020.*

### 1. **Our prominent legal articles in April, 2020**

In April 2020, recognizing the negative impacts of Covid-19 epidemic on the economy, as well as the considerable difficulty of businesses in resolving crisis arising this period, Apolat Legal released the "Covid-19 - Legal handbook for businesses". By synthesizing the critical provisions of the law related to problems usually arising to the businesses during the pandemic, Apolat Legal believes that this handbook will be a useful legal reference for businesses to prepare well plans to handle crisis scenario arising during and after the epidemic.

To read the entire content of this Handbook, please visit [here](#).

Additionally, in last April, our personnel had articles with useful information on Saigon Economic Times, specifically:

- Lawyer Pham Thi Thoa with the Article "Covid-19 period – the enterprise rescues itself by bankruptcy" on Saigon Economic Times released on 16th April 2020 provides a legal perspective on using bankruptcy as a rescue tool for businesses suffering heavy losses due to the Covid-19 epidemic.
- Lawyer Pham Thi Thoa and Master Tran Chau Hoai Han gave helpful advice to start-ups on delaying the calling for capital during the Covid-19 epidemic, and remarkable legal issues when start-ups participate in an M&A deal (M&A)

To read the entire article, please visit [here](#).

Beside highlights news posted on Saigon Times:

- Master Tran Chau Hoai Han synthesized countries allowing to prolong the duration of filing application and extension intellectual property rights due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in Southeast Asia through the article "Extending the term for intellectual property-related procedures in Southeast Asian countries".

To read the entire article, please visit [here](#).

- Lawyer Le Tien Dat has summarized the basic steps of procedures and legal notes to restructure labor of businesses in the article "Restructuring corporate workers: procedures and legal notes"

To read the entire article, please visit [here](#).

## 2. The remarkable executed legislations in April, 2020

No.	DOCUMENT TITLE	EXECUTION DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Decree No. 10/2020/NĐ-CP dated January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 on auto transport business and conditions for auto transport business	01/04/2020	01/04/2020
2.	Decree No. 41/2020/NĐ-CP dated April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 on tax and land rent deferral	08/04/2020	08/04/2020
3.	Decree 28/2020/ND-CP stipulating in detail a number of articles of Law on Vietnamese employees working abroad under contract	15/04/2020	15/04/2020
4.	Decree No. 51/2020/NĐ-CP amends and supplements Decree No. 14/2014/NĐ-CP dated February 21 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 stipulating implementation of electricity law regarding electrical safety	21/04/2020	21/04/2020

We hope this Monthly Newsletter would bring you useful information.

Best regards.

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