

## Notice on the implementation of inspection of imported new vehicles for safety standards

*The Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (“MISTI”) – Notice No. 2019 MIS-TI/2021 dated 17 September 2021 on the implementation of inspection of imported new vehicles for safety standards (“Notice”)*

MISTI have observed that the distribution of new vehicles in the Cambodian market has been proceeding in various forms without sufficient consideration for product safety in accordance with the technical standards and regulations related to consumer safety.

To manage the above issue, MISTI has announced that all companies, factories, enterprises and importers of all types of new vehicles into Cambodia are required to apply for safety certification for each imported new vehicle with the Institute of Standards of Cambodia (ISC) of MISTI. In addition, inspectors will conduct inspections at the factories, dealerships and distributors currently present in the Cambodian market to ensure they meet safety standards.

All companies, factories, enterprises and importers of all types of new vehicles can apply for a safety certificate by submitting photocopies of the required documents to the Cambodian standards inspection officials. The required documents are:

- Test report;
- Certificate of conformity;
- Factory inspection report; and
- Other related documents.

### Our Comments

Through this Notice, MISTI has asserted that the distribution of new vehicles in the Cambodian market has been going on in various forms without sufficient consideration for product safety in accordance with technical standards and regulations related to consumer safety. The government issues this procedural notice for the purpose of improving the technical standards of new vehicles imported into Cambodia with the intention of benefitting the public, customers and protecting the environment. It is important for all companies, factories, enterprises, and importers of all types of new vehicles to comply with government regulations and to obtain a proper Safety Certificate for each imported new vehicle. Thus, as a committed corporate consultant to our clients, we are more than happy and willing to discuss the relevance of the above matters to your business.

# Labour- Extension of Deadline to Request for Foreign Manpower Quota (FMQ) for the Year 2022

Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MLVT) – Notification No. 058/21 dated 01 December 2021 on the Extension of the Deadline to Request for FMQ for the Year 2022

In accordance with the Cambodian Labour Law and regulations, all factories and enterprises (which employ expatriate staff) shall submit an application for the annual Foreign Manpower Quota (FMQ) in advance of the following year, no later than the end of November in each calendar year. For instance, an application for the 2022 FMQ shall be submitted to the Labour Office no later than 30 November 2021.

Since some factories and enterprises are still unable to apply for the FMQ for the year 2022 on time, the MLVT has extended the deadline of the application for the FMQ for the year 2022 from 30 November 2021 to 31 January 2022. Failure to apply for the FMQ for the year 2022 within the deadline shall result in factories and enterprises being subject to penalties in accordance with the Cambodian Labour Law.

## Our Comments

The Notification on the extension of the deadline to request for the FMQ for the Year 2022 should be welcome news for enterprises/factories which have been unable to complete their application by the original deadline of 30 November 2021. We would encourage any enterprises/factories which have not yet completed their application for the FMQ for 2022 to ensure that they prioritize this task and submit the application prior to the new deadline on 31 January 2022 in order to mitigate the risk of incurring penalties under Cambodian laws.

Should you require any support or assistance needed for the registration/lodgement of the Foreign Manpower Quota, please contact us.

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