

ADVOCACY BRIEFS

NEWSLETTER OF EUROCHAM CAMBODIA'S
ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT



Join EuroCham's Sectoral Committees and Working Groups

Dear members,

This edition of Advocacy Briefs looks a bit different than usual. In this "Lockdown Edition", we take the opportunity to highlight one of the key benefits of your EuroCham membership. As a member of EuroCham, you are eligible to join one or more of our **11 Sectoral Committees and 3 Working Groups**. Membership of these committees and groups is free. Our Committees and Working Groups have regular (virtual) meetings and are an excellent venue to meet up with other members of the industry, to discuss current issues and to shape our advocacy programme. Learn more about them in this edition! We are back with a full edition in June.

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Contact us through assistant@eurocham-cambodia.org to Join our Sectoral Committees and Working Groups now

11 sectoral committees

Agribusiness - EuroCham members which are involved in the Cambodian Agricultural Business sector or have a significant interest in agricultural business sector or food processing.

Automotive - EuroCham members that are authorized importers and distributors of automotive brands headquartered in Europe. *Next meeting: 26 May*

Beer, Wine & Spirits - EuroCham members who are active in the production, import, distribution and sale of products containing alcohol for human consumption, or others who are stakeholders in these industries.

Green Business - The 'Green Biz' Committee is open to all EuroCham companies and individuals that either work in the green business sector - e.g. renewable energy or waste management, or operate their businesses by respecting green principals - e.g. energy efficiency or low carbon dioxide emissions.

Healthcare - The Healthcare Committee consists of human health professionals as well as companies in the healthcare sector, co-sharing all codes of conduct issued and whose manufacturing facilities can be either located in Cambodia or in another country.

Human resources - The Human Resources Committee consists of companies and professionals with a significant interest in the Human Resources sector.

ICT - The ICT or "Digital & New Technologies" Committee is open to EuroCham members that provide technology services or have a significant interest in New Technologies or the ICT sector.

Real Estate & Construction - Companies/individuals that provide construction or real estate services or companies/individuals that have a significant interest in the construction or real estate industries. *Next meeting: 13 May*

Tax - The Tax Committee is open to EuroCham members who are dealing with tax and legal advice.

GREEN BUSINESS COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 17 MAY 2021

On 17 May 2021, EuroCham's Green Business Committee holds its virtual Annual General Meeting at 2 PM. All members of the Committee have been invited to run for one of the 4 available ExCom positions. You can find the invitation and all information [here](#).

THANK YOU ANDÉOL CADIN



Mr. Andéol Cadin is not only the artist behind many of the artworks at EuroCham's office (Photos

Reflections) - he has also been the driving force behind nearly a decade of successes in EuroCham's Green Business Committee as its Chairman. After many years of dedication to the Committee, Andéol has decided it is time to pass the torch to a new equipe. Andéol has made a tremendous contribution to the furthering of sustainability in Cambodia and South-East Asia, through tens of public events (such as Green Business Forums and Breakfast Talks), his dedication to the EuroCham CSR Contest & Awards and by leaving a huge footprint on the development of numerous government policies. Andéol was one of the pioneers of the Green Building Council, has contributed to the drafting of the new Environmental Resources Code and has continuously shared his expertise in climate change, sustainability, energy and waste with the Royal Government, the EU and international organisation through countless consultative meetings. Thank you for everything, Andéol!

Tourism - The Tourism Committee is open to associations, companies and individuals involved in the Cambodian tourism and hospitality sector (*under reform*).

Transport & Logistics - The Transport and Logistics Committee is open to companies that provide transportation or logistics services or companies that have a significant interest in the transport and logistics industries. Current members include container shipping lines, freight forwarding and logistics companies, airlines, airport operators, consulting firms, and parcel service companies.

3 Working Groups

Working groups are gatherings of members around ad-hoc topics and specific advocacy needs in their industry.

Education

Healthcare Representatives *Next meeting: 11 May*

Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG)



As the number of COVID-19 cases in Cambodia continues to rise, it is essential that people have access to accurate and evidence-based information to understand this crisis and how to appropriately respond. We have been asked by **UNICEF** to share a package of communication materials developed in collaboration with the **WHO** and other development partners and **approved by the Ministry of Health**. Businesses and partner organisations are **strongly encouraged to use these materials** and **share them with their employees**, customers and suppliers through **social media** and by **displaying them** throughout their places of business.

[Download the Materials Here](#)

A FEW REGULATORY UPDATES

- 20210401 PPCA Decision on curfew
- 20210405 MoH Letter on COVID-19 measures reminder for healthcare service providers
- 20210405 PPCA Notification on enhancing health safety measures during Khmer New Year
- 20210406 RGC Decision on inter-provincial travel and tourism areas restriction
- 20210407 MoH Guideline on COVID-19 patient home treatment
- 20210408 RGC Subdecree on VAT implementation on e-commerce business
- 20210410 Decision on alcohol sale ban
- 20210413 PPCA Decision on extension of curfew
- 20210413 Royal Decree on Operation of Kep provincial court
- 20210414 RGC Decision on Phnom Penh and Takmao lockdown
- 20210415 MoLVT Decision on the types of factories and enterprises permitted to operate during lockdown
- 20210417 MoJ Summary of Decision 50
- 20210417 RGC Decision 50 on Modification of Lockdown Measures in Phnom Penh and Takhmao KH ENG
- 20210418 GDT Guideline on E-documents submission system
- 20210426 MEF Prakas on procedures for patent tax collection
- 20210426 RGC Decision on extension of Phnom Penh and Takmao lockdown
- 20210427 PPCA Decision on Red, Dark Yellow and Yellow zones
- 20210428 PPAC Instruction on business activities in Yellow Zone
- 20210503 RGC Decision on Lifting Phnom Penh and Takmao Lockdown measures

Many more available at **LEGAL-E, EuroCham's online legal library**

(www.eurocham-cambodia.org > info center; accessible to members only)



EuroCham COVID-19 & Lockdown Telegram Group

Since the beginning of the lockdown in Phnom Penh, the advocacy department has launched a Telegram group to quickly share information with EuroCham members for Q&A and to exchange experiences. The Telegram group now boasts nearly 400 members! If your company is a member of EuroCham, feel free to join the group to share your questions and to help the network:

https://t.me/joinchat/zO6N6ba1B_5IMDU1

Advocacy for the e-commerce and logistics sector

At the initiative of the ExComs of our ICT Committee and our Transport and Logistics Committee, EuroCham has cooperated with the Royal Government and the National Lockdown Committee to address some of the issues the e-commerce and the logistics sectors had been experiencing since the beginning of the lockdown. In a virtual meeting with H.E. Phan Phalla (Secretary of State at the Ministry of Economy and Finance) on 22 April, EuroCham has worked together with the Royal Government to improve a.o. the situation for logistics- and warehouse companies and the system to apply for travel permits. The Royal Government was able to offer some practical solutions and we continue to work together to continue to improve the public health situation, while acknowledging the needs of the business community.

Recap: 10 years Cambodia's Security Exchange

In 2011, the Cambodia's Security Exchange's (CSX) was established as the country's national stock exchange. Last year, the listing of bank ACLEDA in May 2020 substantially boosted CSX's total value (market capitalisation) to \$2.4 billion. Before, the CSX was regarded as the world's second-smallest stock exchange, behind only Myanmar, with a total value of listed shares, of only about \$440 million.

Despite the recent boost in market capitalisation figures, the amount of listed companies (currently 7) and the trading volumes remain modest. To incentivise **SMEs** and to prepare them to list, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia (SECC) established the **Excellence Programme**, with regular seminars. Keep an eye on CSX's Facebook for regular updates.

The Law on Government Securities and the Law on the Issuance and Trading of Non-Government Securities are key elements in the regulatory framework of the securities market, further supplemented by tens of regulations issued by SECC. On 26 December 2020, a new version of the Law on Government Securities was promulgated, which provided a new framework for the issuance, trading and management of government securities both within and outside of Cambodia.

Listed companies enjoy tax incentives in a bid to further increase the attraction of the CSX. Noteworthy is also Prakas 471 of 5 May 2020 by the MEF, which incentives investors on the CSX too. Investors on the CSX receive a 50% reduction of withholding tax on interest and dividends received with respect to the holding, buying, and selling of government bonds, stock securities, and debt securities for three years—from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021.

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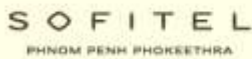
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