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Ministry of Information

Ministry of Interior

**Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunication**

No. 170 Br.K/Inter-ministerial

Inter-Ministerial Prakas
On

**Publication Controls of Website and Social Media Processing via Internet in the
Kingdom of Cambodia**

**Minister, Ministry of
Information**

**Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister, Ministry of
Interior**

**Minister, Ministry of
Posts and
Telecommunication**

- Having seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Having seen the Royal Decree No. NS/RKT/0913/903 dated 24 September 2013 on the Appointment of the Royal Government of Cambodia;
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. 02/NS/94 dated July 20, 1994 promulgating the Law on Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers;
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0196/14 dated January 24, 1996 promulgating the Law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Information;
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0196/08 dated January 24, 1996 promulgating the Law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Interior;
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0196/20 dated January 24, 1996 promulgating the Law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication;
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/0895/07 dated September 01, 1995 promulgating the Law on the Press;
- Having seen the Royal Kram No. NS/RKM/1215/17 dated December 17, 2015 promulgating the Law on Telecommunication;
- Having seen Sub-Decree No. 70 ANKr/BK dated 25 August 1999 on the Organization and Functioning of the Ministry of Information;
- Having seen Sub-Decree No. 71 ANKr/BK dated 13 July 2007 on the Re-Formation of Audio and Administration Department of Ministry of Information;
- Having seen Sub-Decree No. 109 ANKr/BK dated 19 August 2015 on the Organization and Functioning of the Ministry of Interior;
- Having seen Sub-Decree No. 39 ANKr/BK dated 28 April 2014 on the Organization and Functioning of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication;
- Reference to the necessary of Ministry of Information, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication.
- Reference to the request of Ministry of Information dated 15 June 2017.

Hereby Decides

Clause 1: This Prakas has an objective to manage publication of all news contents or written messages, audios, photos, videos, and/or others means on website and social media by using internet in the Kingdom of Cambodia, following Sub-Decree on the Organization and Functioning of the Ministry of Information as well as Law on Press.

Clause 2: The Prakas aims at obstructing and preventing all publications or news content sharing or written messages, audios, photos, videos, and/or other means intended to create turmoil leading to undermine national defence, national security, relation with other countries, national economy, public order, discrimination and national culture and tradition.

Clause 3: This Prakas shall be enforceable on website publications and any kinds of social media networks ran by internet in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Clause 4: To ensure effective implementation of this Prakas, Ministry of Information, and Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication, have to establish specialized unit as secretariat in order to cooperatively monitor, study, research, find out illegal business activities and publications on websites and social media in order to take legal action against them following the procedure.

Specialized unit has an obligation to implement this Prakas as follow:

- Ministry of Information operated by Director General of Information and Audio.
- Ministry of Interior operated by General Commissioner of National Police.
- Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication operated by Regulator of Telecom Cambodia.

Clause 5: Institutions and specialized units have to fulfill their own obligations and cooperate with each other, and/or cooperate with ministries and relevant institutions, in order to take actions against and prevent all news publication contents or written messages, audios, photos, videos, and/or other means willing to create turmoil leading to undermine national defence, national security, relation with other countries, national economy, public order, discrimination and national culture and tradition.

Each specialized unit must request to the management of ministries and institutions concerned to implement their works and regularly report them the outcome of the implementation.

Clause 6: Ministry of Information must ensure:

- a) Manage information published through electronic system: all news contents or written messages, audios, photos, videos, and/or other means on website and social media by using internet in the Kingdom of Cambodia.
- b) Take actions against illegally publications on electronic media whose given license by Ministry of Information.
- c) Inform Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication to take actions and shutdown websites and social media page that operate illegally, and/or publicize information willing to create turmoil in the society leading to undermine national defence, national security, relation with other countries, national economy, public order, discrimination and national culture and tradition.

- d) Cooperate with Ministry of Interior and relevant institutions to take actions against illegal business on internet.
- e) Inform Ministry of Interior about address, websites, and accounts and any social media that illegally publicize information so that they can take actions against them following the procedure.

Clause 7: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication must ensure:

- a) Strictly take actions against all Internet Service Providers who operating in the Kingdom of Cambodia without license granted by Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication.
- b) Require all Internet Service Providers, who operating in the Kingdom of Cambodia, to install software programs and equip internet surveillance tools to easily filter and block any social media accounts or pages that run their business activities and/or publicize illegally.
- c) Cooperate with Ministry of Information or relevant ministries and institutions, and/or offer cooperation/help from other relevant ministries or international institutions, in order to block or close the websites and/or social media page who run business activities and/or publicize illegally which considered as incitement, breaking solidarity, discrimination, create turmoil by will, leading to undermine national security, and public interests and social order.
- d) Cooperatively inform relevant ministries and institutions to take legal actions following the procedure.

Clause 8: Ministry of Interior must ensure:

- a) Study, research, find out source of websites and social media that publicize illegally, create social turmoil, leading to undermine national defence, national security, relation with other countries, public order, discrimination and national culture and tradition, in order to take legal actions against them following the procedure.
- b) Cooperatively inform relevant ministries and institutions to take actions against those who operate social media business on website and social media networks without license.
- c) Cooperate with relevant ministries and institutions to shutdown illegal business activities on social media networks operated through internet and/or publicize news or written messages, audios, photos, videos, and/or other means which considered as contrary to the law of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Clause 9: Any provision contrary to this Prakas shall be deemed as abrogation.

Clause 10: Director General of General Department of Information and Audio of Ministry of Information, General Commissioner of National Police of Ministry of Interior, Head of Regulator of Telecom Cambodia, Capital-Provincial Police Chiefs, Heads of Capital-Provincial Department of Posts and Telecommunication, and Head of relevant institutions and units, shall have to effectively implement this Inter-Ministerial Prakas from the date of signature.

**Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of Ministry of
Interior**

[Sign and seal]
Sar Kheng

**Minister, Ministry of
Posts and
Telecommunication**

[Sign and seal]
Tram Eivtek

**Minister, Ministry of
Information**

[Sign and Seal]
Khiev Kanharith

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- Cabinet of Prime Minister.
- Relevant ministries and institutions.
- Capital and provincial city hall.
- All Internet Service Providers.
- Like Clause 10 “to be implemented.”
- Royal Gazette.
- Chronology documents.