**Amendment and supplementation of regulations on printing activities**

The Government (hereinafter referred to as “G”) issued Decree 72/2022/ND-CP (hereinafter referred to as “Decree”) amending and supplementing Decree No. 60/2014/ND -CP's articles dated June 19, 2014 of the Government regulating printing activities and Decree No. 25/2018/ND-CP dated February 28, 2018 of the Government amending and supplementing Decree No. 60/2014/ND-CP's articles dated June 19, 2014 of the Government regulating printing activities. In the Decree, a number of notable regulations are amended and supplemented:

1. Equipment for printing means machinery and tools to perform one or many steps of prepress, printing, post-processing and photocopying (hereinafter referred to as “printing equipment”) (Article 1.1.b of the Decree) , consists of:

* Computer to-film, computer-to-plate machines, stencil makers (HS code 84.42);
* Digital, offset, flexo, copper roller, letterpress printers and screen printers (HS code 84.43);
* Post-processing machines that are electrically operated (HS code 84.40, HS code 84.41): paper trimming machines (including die cut machines), folding machines, book binding machines (wire stitching, thread sewing or adhesive binding), saddle stitchers, combination lines for finishing printed products; machines for making bags, sacks or envelopes; machines for making cartons, boxes, coffers, tubular and drum boxes or containers
* Color copiers, single-function or multi-function color printer-copiers (HS code 84.43).

1. To amend and supplement the import of printing equipment (Article 1.5 of the Decree) as follows: The printing equipment specified in Clause 5, Article 2 of this Decree, before import, the importer must declare to the Ministry of Information and Communications as prescribed in Article 28 of this Decree (except for inkjet printers, monochrome or color laser printers with a speed of up to 60 sheets per minute (A4 size) or with A3 paper size or less and dot matrix printers).
2. To amend and supplement the import of printing equipment (Article 1.5 of the Decree) as follows:

* With regard to printing equipment specified at Point a, Clause 5, Article 2 of this Decree, the age of the equipment must not exceed 10 years;
* With regard to printing equipment specified at Points b and c, Clause 5, Article 2 of this Decree, the age of the equipment must not exceed 20 years;
* With regard to printing equipment specified at Point d, Clause 5, Article 2 of this Decree, the age of the equipment must not exceed 03 years;

**The Decree takes effect from 1 January 2023.**

We hope you found this brief legal update informative.

Kind regards./.

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