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LEGAL DOCUMENTS ISSUED IN AUGUST 2026

Business – Investment

1. Decree No. 274/2026/ND-CP, dated 7 July 2026, of the Government, providing detailed guidance on the implementation of the Law on Bidding with respect to the selection of investors for investment and business projects.
Effective date: 21 August 2026
2. Circular No. 27/2026/TT-BXD, dated 5 June 2026, of the Ministry of Construction, providing for the decentralization of the Minister of Construction's authority in relation to the management and use of public assets, construction investment, and the procurement, repair, renovation and upgrading of assets and equipment financed by recurrent state budget expenditures.
Effective date: 1 August 2026
3. Circular No. 67/2026/TT-BTC, dated 16 June 2026, of the Minister of Finance, repealing Circular No. 105/2021/TT-BTC on the appropriation and management of salaries, remuneration and bonuses for Heads of Supervisory Boards and Controllers of single-member limited liability companies wholly owned by the State, and repealing certain provisions of Circular No. 58/2017/TT-BTC on financial support policies for organizations and entities employing ethnic minority workers in mountainous and exceptionally disadvantaged areas.
Effective date: 1 August 2026
4. Circular No. 80/2026/TT-BTC, dated 30 June 2026, of the Minister of Finance, amending Circular No. 19/2025/TT-BTC governing the registration of public companies, the deregistration of public company status, and audited reports on contributed charter capital.
Effective date: 16 August 2026
5. Circular No. 32/2026/TT-NHNN, dated 30 June 2026, of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, regulating offshore investment lending by credit institutions and foreign bank branches to their customers.
Effective date: 18 August 2026

Business – Commerce

1. Decree No. 273/2026/ND-CP, dated 7 July 2026, of the Government, on duty-free business operations.
Effective date: 21 August 2026
2. Decree No. 275/2026/ND-CP, dated 8 July 2026, of the Government, providing for administrative sanctions for violations in the fields of chemicals and industrial explosives.
Effective date: 25 August 2026
3. Circular No. 35/2026/TT-BCT, dated 31 March 2026, of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, prescribing the economic and technical characteristics of goods included in the Lists of goods and services subject to price stabilization measures and goods and services subject to price declaration.
Effective date: 17 August 2026
4. Resolution No. 66.21/2026/NQ-CP, dated 26 June 2026, of the Government, introducing special mechanisms and policies to address obstacles arising in the implementation of online property auctions in accordance with the Law on Property Auction.
Effective date: 31 August 2026
5. Decision No. 31/2026/QD-TTg, dated 29 June 2026, of the Prime Minister, promulgating the List of imported goods required to undergo customs procedures at the port of entry.
Effective date: 14 August 2026
6. Decision No. 32/2026/QD-TTg, dated 29 June 2026, of the Prime Minister, promulgating the Vietnam Product Classification System.
Effective date: 14 August 2026

Finance – Tax

1. Circular No. 24/2026/TT-NHNN, dated 29 June 2026, of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, amending Circular No. 14/2024/TT-NHNN on asset classification applicable to microfinance institutions and Circular No. 36/2024/TT-NHNN on asset classification applicable to cooperative credit institutions.
Effective date: 3 August 2026
2. Circular No. 26/2026/TT-NHNN, dated 25 June 2026, of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, prescribing prudential limits and safety ratios applicable to the Vietnam Development Bank.
Effective date: 9 August 2026
3. Circular No. 27/2026/TT-NHNN, dated 26 June 2026, of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, amending Circular No. 51/2024/TT-NHNN on independent audits of commercial banks, non-bank credit institutions, microfinance institutions and foreign bank branches.
Effective date: 10 August 2026

4. Circular No. 74/2026/TT-BTC, dated 25 June 2026, of the Minister of Finance, prescribing the rates, collection, payment and management of fees and charges in the field of atomic energy.
Effective date: 10 August 2026
5. Circular No. 29/2026/TT-NHNN, dated 30 June 2026, of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, amending Circular No. 39/2016/TT-NHNN governing lending activities of credit institutions and foreign bank branches to customers.
Effective date: 15 August 2026
6. Circular No. 31/2026/TT-NHNN, dated 30 June 2026, of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, regulating financial leasing activities of general finance companies and financial leasing companies.
Effective date: 15 August 2026
7. Circular No. 32/2026/TT-NHNN, dated 30 June 2026, of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, regulating offshore investment lending by credit institutions and foreign bank branches to their customers.
Effective date: 18 August 2026

Housing – Land – Construction

1. Decree No. 228/2026/ND-CP dated 25 June 2026 of the Government amending Decree No. 18/2020/ND-CP on administrative sanctions in the field of surveying and mapping, as amended by Decree No. 04/2022/ND-CP.
Effective date: 15 August 2026
2. Decree No. 281/2026/ND-CP dated 13 July 2026 of the Government amending Decree No. 123/2024/ND-CP on administrative sanctions in the land sector.
Effective date: 31 August 2026
3. Circular No. 27/2026/TT-BXD dated 5 June 2026 of the Ministry of Construction providing for the decentralization of the Minister of Construction's authority in the management and use of public assets; construction investment; procurement, repair, renovation and upgrading of assets and equipment financed by recurrent state budget expenditures.
Effective date: 1 August 2026
4. Circular No. 42/2026/TT-BXD dated 29 June 2026 of the Ministry of Construction amending Circulars prescribing procedures for technical safety inspection of machinery, equipment and materials subject to stringent occupational safety requirements used in construction activities under the management of the Ministry of Construction.
Effective date: 15 August 2026
5. Circular No. 53/2026/TT-BXD dated 30 June 2026 of the Ministry of Construction prescribing the list of positions subject to periodic rotation and the rotation intervals applicable to agencies, organizations and units under the Ministry of Construction and within the construction sector managed by local authorities.
Effective date: 15 August 2026

Labor – Wages – Insurance

1. Circular No. 20/2026/TT-BYT dated 11 June 2026 of the Minister of Health amending Circular No. 17/2014/TT-BYT providing for the licensing of Red Cross first aid stations and first aid points and the provision of Red Cross first aid training, and Circular No. 17/2013/TT-BYT prescribing criteria and guidelines for the inspection and certification of leprosy elimination at the provincial and district levels.

Effective date: 1 August 2026

2. Circular No. 67/2026/TT-BTC dated 16 June 2026 of the Minister of Finance repealing Circular No. 105/2021/TT-BTC guiding the establishment and management of salaries, remuneration and bonuses for Heads of Supervisory Boards and Controllers of single-member limited liability companies wholly owned by the State, and repealing certain provisions of Circular No. 58/2017/TT-BTC guiding financial support policies for organizations and entities employing ethnic minority workers in mountainous areas and areas with exceptionally difficult socio-economic conditions.

Effective date: 1 August 2026

3. Circular No. 25/2026/TT-BYT dated 30 June 2026 of the Minister of Health amending Circular No. 01/2013/TT-BYT guiding quality management of medical laboratory testing at medical examination and treatment establishments, Circular No. 32/2023/TT-BYT guiding the Law on Medical Examination and Treatment, Circular No. 23/2024/TT-BYT promulgating the List of Technical Services in Medical Examination and Treatment, and Circular No. 42/2025/TT-BYT prescribing health standards for railway vehicle operators.

Effective date: 15 August 2026

4. Circular No. 35/2026/TT-BXD dated 26 June 2026 of the Minister of Construction prescribing qualifications and professional requirements for marine vessel surveyors and marine vessel inspection personnel.

Effective date: 15 August 2026

5. Circular No. 42/2026/TT-BXD dated 29 June 2026 of the Ministry of Construction amending Circulars prescribing procedures for technical safety inspection of machinery, equipment and materials subject to stringent occupational safety requirements used in construction activities under the management of the Ministry of Construction.

Effective date: 15 August 2026

6. Circular No. 43/2026/TT-BXD dated 29 June 2026 of the Minister of Construction prescribing qualifications and professional requirements for inland waterway vessel surveyors and inland waterway vessel inspection personnel.

Effective date: 15 August 2026

Transportation – Logistics

1. Decree No. 218/2026/ND-CP, dated 19 June 2026, amending Decree No. 158/2024/ND-CP on road transport operations.

Effective date: 10 August 2026

2. Decree No. 238/2026/ND-CP, dated 26 June 2026, amending Decree No. 168/2024/ND-CP on administrative sanctions for violations of road traffic order and safety, as well as the demerit point and point restoration system for driver's licenses.
Effective date: 15 August 2026.
3. Circular No. 28/2026/TT-BXD, dated 10 June 2026, issued by the Ministry of Construction, providing regulations on the inspection of inland waterway vessels.
Effective date: 1 August 2026
4. Circular No. 35/2026/TT-BXD, dated 26 June 2026, issued by the Ministry of Construction, prescribing regulations on marine surveyors and professional personnel engaged in ship inspection.
Effective date: 15 August 2026
5. Circular No. 43/2026/TT-BXD, dated 29 June 2026, issued by the Ministry of Construction, prescribing regulations on inland waterway vessel surveyors and professional personnel engaged in inland waterway vessel inspection.
Effective date: 15 August 2026
6. Circular No. 50/2026/TT-BXD, dated 30 June 2026, issued by the Ministry of Construction, providing economic and technical norms for official aircraft charter services (including standby aircraft) financed by the state budget.
Effective date: 16 August 2026.
7. Circular No. 59/2026/TT-BXD, dated 10 July 2026, issued by the Ministry of Construction, prescribing economic and technical norms for dredging works at maritime facilities.
Effective date: 25 August 2026.

Other Sectors

1. Resolution No. 66.22/2026/NQ-CP, dated 9 July 2026, issued by the Government, on the development of digital citizens.
Effective date: 15 August 2026.
2. Decision No. 33/2026/QD-TTg, dated 30 June 2026, issued by the Prime Minister, promulgating the List of High-Risk Artificial Intelligence Systems.
Effective date: 15 August 2026.
3. Circular No. 12/2026/TT-TANDTC, dated 30 May 2026, issued by the Chief Justice of the Supreme People's Court, prescribing courtroom and hearing rules, as well as regulations on audio recording and video recording during court hearings and sessions.
Effective date: 1 August 2026.

KEY LEGAL DOCUMENTS TAKING EFFECT IN AUGUST 2026

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