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## Announcement On

## Business Operations related to the Importation, Supply, and Distribution of **Telecommunications Equipment**

The Telecommunication Regulator of Cambodia (TRC) would like to inform individuals and companies involved in importing, supplying, and distributing telecommunications equipment in the Kingdom of Cambodia that there are requests for intervention by the Authorized Agents obtained a Qualified Agent Certificate from TRC and got authorization from the vendor companies, on the importation, supply, and distribution of Apple and Samsung smart phones, Garmin smart watches and other types of telecommunications products by the unauthorized individuals and companies. These unauthorized actions have had severe impacts on their legitimate business operations.

To ensure fair competition and protect consumers, individuals and companies involved in importing, supplying, and distributing telecommunications equipment shall cease:

1. Importation, supply, and distribution of telecommunications equipment without a Qualified Agent Certificate from TRC.

2. Importation, supply, and distribution of telecommunications equipment not having a Type Approval Certificate from TRC.

3. Importation, supply, and distribution of any telecommunications equipment that are not intended for specific geographical markets designated by vendors.

TRC would like to highlight certain provisions of the Law on Telecommunications as follows:

- Shall be punished by imprisonment from 6 days to 1 month and a fine from 1 million to 5 million riels for the business of importing, supplying, and distributing telecommunications equipment without a permit and certificate from TRC. (Article 89)
- Legal entities shall be fined from 10 million to 50 million riels and any additional penalties as stated in Article 168 of the Criminal Code (Article 90)
- Confiscation of illegal telecommunications equipment and
- Other penalties.

Please note that if TRC becomes aware of any ongoing violation by individuals and companies, we will take strict actions in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. TRC encourages individuals and companies to report any illegal activities mentioned above by calling hotline 6789 during business hours or sending an email to info@trc.gov.kh.

It is important for individuals and companies involved in importing, supplying, and distributing telecommunications equipment to be aware of these regulations and cooperate accordingly. K. W. PSR

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