

Client Alert

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MIC Tightens Restrictions on Online Games in Anticipation of New Regulations

The Government recently issued Official letter No. 2455/BTTTT-PTTH&TTDT on 2 August 2010, aiming to enhance management of online game services. Accordingly, the Ministry of Information and Communication (MIC) has requested the following:

1. Providers of online game services in Vietnam must review all of their activities to ensure compliance with the regulations set out in Joint Circular No. 60/2006/TTLB-BVHTT-BBCVT-BCA, dated 1 June 2006. Specifically, online game providers should ensure they comply with regulations on limited playing hours and those eligible to play; minimize "antagonistic" content and related sounds and images; and halt any activities to promote online games.
2. Internet service providers must initiate technical measures to stop providing Internet services for Internet agents after business hours, regulated by the local authorities, from 1 September 2010.

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In addition, competent authorities must stop examining and approving the content of new online games until the Prime Minister approves new draft regulations on these issues.

As new regulations and further policies in the online gaming sector are expected, we will continue to monitor and provide updates on developments in this area.

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