



Corporate Update

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Environment – Classification of Environmental Impact Assessments for development projects

Ministry of Environment (MoE) – Prakas No. 021 dated 03 February 2020 on the Classification of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for development projects

This Prakas aims to facilitate and guide private and public development project owners in implementing the EIA process efficiently.

This Prakas applies to all development project requests including for existing activities and for activities in progress and to all individuals, mixed state-owned enterprises, state-owned enterprises and Ministries-government institutions as mentioned in the Annex of this Prakas.

This Prakas classifies the EIA for development projects as follows:

- For the projects having **small impact** to the environment and society as mentioned in the Annex to the Prakas, the project owners are required to prepare the Environmental Protection Agreement together with the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan.
- For the projects having **medium impact** to the environment and society as mentioned in the Annex to the Prakas, the project owner is required to prepare the initial Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report.
- For the projects having **serious impact** to the environment and society as mentioned in the Annex to the Prakas, the project owner is required to prepare the full ESIA report.

The Annex to the Prakas is subject to the amendment of the regulations of the MoE.

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