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Prakas No. 988 dated November 17, 2025 issued by the Ministry of Economy and Finance on “Imposition Value Added Tax Under State Charge on Basic Daily Foodstuffs”

This Prakas aims to support and improve the daily living conditions of Cambodian citizens, the Ministry of Economy and Finance announced that, effective from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028, the State will be responsible for the payment of value added tax (“VAT”) on certain locally produced goods that constitute basic food necessities.

This applies to the domestic supply of locally produced basic foodstuffs by taxpayers operating under the self-declaration regime, excluding the supply of food by restaurants.

For purposes of this regulation, “basic food” refers to the following categories of locally produced goods necessary for daily living:

- Meat of livestock, whether fresh or processed by steaming, salting, or boiling
- Eggs of all kinds, whether fresh or processed
- Freshwater and saltwater fish of all kinds, including lobster, shrimp, clams, crabs, and all types of shellfish, whether fresh or processed by steaming, salting, or boiling
- All types of sugar, excluding sugar in the form of candy
- All types of salt
- All types of fish sauce and soy sauce

This Prakas replaces and abrogates the Prakas No. 171 dated March 20, 2024 on the Exemption of Value-Added Tax as State Burden on Basic Food Items for Daily Living of Citizens.

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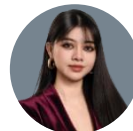
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