

**HOTS NEWS**  
**ON**  
**NAMING CONVENTIONS OF LEGAL FORMS OF ENTERPRISES**

Prakas on Naming Conventions of Legal Forms of Enterprises dated 12 August 2021, through a Prakas No.0169 ព.ណ.ចមព.ជ្រក of the Ministry of Commerce which consists of 10 articles in the purpose to determine the naming conventions of legal form of enterprises by using full words or abbreviations.

This Prakas has promulgated after the Prakas No.137 ព.ណ.ចមព.ជ្រក dated on 23 March 2016 on the naming convention of legal forms of enterprises that to be abolished by article 9 of this Prakas by adding words for identifying the legal form and some more conditions.

**1. The use of full words and abbreviations for identifying the legal form of companies and enterprises:**

Types of Company	Descriptions	Example
<b>The specific words used to identify the form of company</b>	A private limited company shall include the full words “ <b>Private Limited Company</b> ” or abbreviation “ <b>Ltd.</b> ” at the end of or below its name.	<b>Anna &amp; Associates Co., Ltd.</b>
	A public limited company shall include the full words “ <b>Public Limited Company</b> ” or abbreviation “ <b>Plc.</b> ” at the end of or below its name.	<b>Anna &amp; Associates Plc.</b>
<b>The specific words used to identify the form of enterprise</b>	A sole proprietorship shall include the words “ <b>Sole Proprietorship</b> ” in front of its name.	<b>Sole Proprietorship Anna &amp; Associates</b>
<b>The specific words used to identify the branch and representative office</b>	A local branch shall use the name of the principal company with the words “ <b>Local Branch</b> ” on the top or in front of its name.	<b>Local Branch Anna &amp; Associates</b>
	A foreign branch shall use the name of the principal company with the words “ <b>Foreign Branch</b> ” on the top or in front of its name.	<b>Foreign Branch Anna &amp; Associates</b>
	A commercial representative office or commercial relations office shall use the name of the foreign company over or in front of the name of the principal company with the words “ <b>Foreign Representative Office</b> or <b>Foreign Relations Office</b> ”.	<b>Foreign Representative Office Anna &amp; Associates &amp; Foreign Relations Office Anna &amp; Associates</b>
<b>The specific words used to identify Partnership Company</b>	A general partnership company shall include the full words “ <b>General Partnership</b> ” or abbreviation “ <b>GP</b> ” at the end or below its name.	<b>Anna &amp; Associates GP</b>
	A limited partnership company shall include the full words “ <b>Limited Partnership</b> ” or abbreviation “ <b>LP</b> ” at the end or below its name.	<b>Anna &amp; Associates LP</b>

**2. The conditions that allow the private limited company and public company to use the words “HOLDING” or “GROUP” as below:**

- a) The use of word “**HOLDING**” in accordance with article 8, point 1 of this Prakas including:
- Must have at least 3 subsidiaries registered in the Kingdom of Cambodia.
  - The principal company must have business activity No. 642 (activities of holding companies) and provide the capital to subsidiaries company to operate the business. The principal companies cannot operate the business directly.
  - The principal company must hold at least 51% of shares (with voting rights) in each subsidiary.
- b) The use of word “**GROUP**” in accordance with article 8, point 2 of this Prakas including:
- Must have at least 3 subsidiaries registered in the Kingdom of Cambodia.
  - The principal company must hold at least 51% of shares (with voting rights) in each subsidiary.

In summary, the introduction to the use of the legal form of companies by using full words or abbreviations allow the public to better understand the form of each company in the Kingdom of Cambodia by themselves without seeking the information at the Ministry of Commerce.

Thank you!