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Legislation

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has submitted the following information on legislation, with the request that they be circulated to the members of the Working Party.

Newly Issued Legal Documents

Number	Name of documents	Year of Issuance
1	Law on the State Bank of Vietnam	1998
2	Law on Credit Organizations	1998
3	Law on Amendment of and Addition to a Number of Articles of the Law on Import and Export duties	1998
4	Law on Special Consumption Tax (Excise Tax)	1998
5	Law on Amendment of and Addition to a Number of Articles of the Law on State Budget	1998
6	Law on the Encouragement of Domestic Investment	1998
7	Law on Amendment of and Addition to a Number of Articles of the Land Law	1998
8	Law on Enterprises	1999
9	Ordinance on the Protection of Consumer's Right	1999
10	Ordinance on Amendment of and Addition to a Number of Articles of the Ordinance on the Procedures of Settlement of Administrative Cases	1999

Tentative Legislative Programme
for New or Revised Legal Documents in the period of 1999-2002

	Name of documents	Description	Note
1	Law on State-Owned Enterprises	Stipulating in detail the rights and obligations of the owner, assignee and user of properties; creating equal legal conditions for production and business activities; step by step removing the privileges given to State-owned enterprises; exerting Government's control of the activities of these enterprises.	(*)
2	Ordinance on Commercial Arbitration	Stipulating the scope of activities, responsibilities, competence, procedures for establishment, organizational structure of non-governmental commercial arbitration centres; the Ordinance will be in compliance with generally accepted international norms, such as those provided for in the New York Convention of 1958, Standard Regulations of UNCITRAL etc.	(**)
3	Ordinance on Most-Favoured Nation, National Treatment and Safeguards to rectify unfair practices in international trade of the S.R. Vietnam.	Providing for criteria, procedures, and the authority to decide for the application of MFN, NT and safeguard measures, which would enable Vietnam to extend MFN treatment, create a fair, non-discriminatory environment and eliminate the WTO-inconsistent measures in some areas.	(**)
4	Ordinance on Entry, Exit, Residence and Travelling of Foreigners in Vietnam	The amendment of this Ordinance is aimed at stipulating more clearly the rights and obligations of foreigners in Vietnam, simplifying entry and exit procedures for foreigners doing business and investing in Vietnam.	(*)
5	Civil Procedures Code	Stipulating procedures for civil cases; the authority of the courts; rights and obligations of the judge, the defendants and other persons concerned.	(**)
6	Law on Customs	Stipulating the customs procedures; the methods of customs valuation; and the mechanisms through which effected persons can resort to administrative procedures to claim against customs authorities.	(**)
7	Ordinance on amendment of and addition to a number of articles of the Ordinance on the Enforcement of Civil Rulings	The amendment of this Ordinance is aimed at stipulating tasks, competence and responsibilities of law-enforcing authorities; and the procedures for the enforcement of civil rulings.	(**)

(*) Amendment and addition to an already existing law.

(**) A completely new law.