

Cambodia residential solar

Phnom Penh, 13 June 2023 - Today, H.E. Suy Sem, Minister of Mines and Energy presided the High-level Forum on the Principles for Permitting the Use of Rooftop Solar Power in Cambodia. The new Prakas (Ministerial Regulation) was presented; it will abrogate any previous Prakas, decisions and provisions on the subject.

The country has been a fast mover in embracing renewable energy, increasing electricity generation from renewable sources from a 10 MW pilot in 2017 to 436.8 MW by the end of 2022. The Power Development Masterplan explores the possibility to reach a total of 1,005 MW by 2030, and 3,155 MW by 2040.

The Ministry of Mines and Energy hopes that the adoption of the "Principles for permitting the use of Rooftop Solar Power in Cambodia" will accelerate the development of rooftop solar power by resolving the existing challenges.

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Reinforcing Cambodia's commitment to increasing renewable energy's contribution to the national power generation portfolio, the Ministry of Mines and Energy ("MME") has issued Prakas No. 0159, Launching of the Principles for Permitting the Use of Rooftop Solar Power in Cambodia, dated 25 April 2023 (the "RTS Principles"). This client alert provides a summary of the RTS Principles and its implications for stakeholders.

The RTS Principles identify guidelines for RTS power generation to service site-specific load.

The site must be owned by the RTS system owner, or installed with the site owner's written permission, which indicates the duration of permission to use the premises. No third-party sales (e.g. direct power purchase agreements) of energy generated from the RTS system is permitted under the RTS Principles.

Category 1 – RTS systems at locations which are not synchronously connected to the national power grid; and

Category 2 – RTS systems at locations which are synchronously connected to the national power grid.

Category 1 and Category 2 permit applicants must show the maximum capacity of the RTS system and provide a justification to use the system for a duration of seven years. Construction must commence within six months for Category 1 and three months for Category 2 RTS installations, calculated from date of permit receipt. Moreover, it must be shown that Category 1 requests do not impact the electricity supply of the national grid.

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