

## CLIENT ALERT

# THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY INTRODUCES PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SERVICES

On 20 February 2025, the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) issued the Prakas No. 0389 on the Principles and Procedures for the Management and Regulation of the Development and Provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Services (EV Charging Service Regulation). This regulation outlines essential principles and procedures for managing and regulating the following:

- I. The development of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in Cambodia;
- II. The provision of services by EV charging stations and battery swapping stations; and
- III. Safety, stability and efficiency of energy into EV batteries, ensuring reliability and performance for EV users.

### Key Aspects of the EV Charging Service Regulation

- **Roles and Responsibilities of Relevant Authorities and Distribution Licensees:** The roles and responsibilities of MME, Electricity Authority of Cambodia (EAC), Electricite du Cambodge (EDC), and private electricity distribution licensees have been specified with respect to the management and regulation of EV charging services in Cambodia.
- **Authorisation Requirements:** The provision of EV charging and/or battery swapping services are considered as electricity supply services, which requires a charging service license from the EAC. The development and construction of EV charging and/or battery swapping stations require a permit from the MME.
- **Central Management System:** The electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) and EVs imported and manufactured for use in Cambodia must be equipped with communication systems that allow the MME to develop a nationwide unified communication system to exchange information through the internet or telephone system. Charging stations established before the EV Charging Station Regulation comes into force, whose communication protocols differ from the MME's standards, must upgrade their communication systems to be compatible with the MME's unified communication system. Further, to continue operating, they must obtain a charging service license from EAC.
- **Mobile Applications for EVs:** The introduction of the development and provision of mobile applications to provide online services related to the charging of EVs which functions such as charging station search, parking and connector reservation, vehicle charging management, invoice receipt and payment, navigation map, residential charging management, and participation in the "Vehicle-to-Grid" program.

### Roles and Responsibilities of Relevant Authorities and Distribution Licensees

The EV Charging Service Regulation outlines the roles and responsibilities of MME, EAC, EDC and private electricity distribution licensees, which include (but not limited to):

1. **Ministry of Mines and Energy**
  - granting permit for development, construction, and installation of charging and battery swapping station;

- granting permit for the development of mobile applications for charging and battery swapping of EVs;
- determining policies and plans for setting the charging price of EV; and
- determining the procedure for applying and granting the development and construction permit.

**2. Electricity Authority of Cambodia**

- issuing, amending, suspending, revoking, or denying license for charging or battery swapping services;
- granting permit for the provision of mobile applications for charging and battery swapping services for EVs to EV consumers;
- monitoring compliance with the applicable technical, safety, and environmental requirements; and
- setting tariffs for charging, battery swapping and mobile application services to the EV users.

**3. Electricite du Cambodge**

- inspecting and supply electricity to all types of EV charging stations and/or battery swapping stations; and
- reviewing and evaluating the communication service project for charging station and EV consumers in the form of a mobile application to establish the unified communication system.

**4. Private Electricity Distribution Licensees**

- coordinating and advising electricity consumers in its supplying area who intend to apply for permission to install and operate EV charging and battery swapping stations; and
- providing relevant information to EDC to analyze the impact of EV charging stations on the electricity supply network.

**Stations for EV Charging and/or Battery Swapping**

A person who intends to develop and construct EV charging and/or battery swapping stations and provide charging services must procure the following permit and license from MME and EAC respectively:

Permit/License	Issued by	Scope of Permit/License
Development and Construction Permit	MME	Development and construction of charging and battery swapping stations for electric vehicles
Charging Service License	EAC	Provision of electric vehicle charging or battery swapping services for electric vehicles

In addition, a person wishing to construct and install a charging or battery swapping station for electric vehicles must first request an inspection and enter into an agreement to provide electricity from their electricity supplier (i.e., the EDC or the private electricity distribution licensee).

**Mobile Applications for EV Charging and/or Battery Swapping**

A person who intends to develop and provide mobile applications services for charging and battery swapping for EVs to provide communication services to EV users must procure the following permit and license from MME and EAC respectively:

Permit/License	Issued by	Scope of Permit/License
Development Permit	MME	Development of mobile applications for charging and battery swapping of EVs.
Mobile Application Service License	EAC	Provision of mobile application services for charging and battery swapping of EVs to EV consumers.

If you have any questions about the alert or need advice on related electric vehicle charging services, please contact your usual contact at Bun & Associates or our team members as mentioned below.

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