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WHAT ENTERPRISES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW GUIDANCE ON FIRE PREVENTION AND FIREFIGHTING UNDER DECREE 347/2026/ND-CP?

On September 8, 2026, the Government issued Decree 347/2026/ND-CP amending several Government Decrees, including Decree 105/2025/ND-CP detailing a number of articles of, and measures for implementing, the Law on Fire Prevention, Firefighting, Rescue and Salvage, and Decree 106/2025/ND-CP providing for sanctions for administrative violations in the field of fire prevention and firefighting, and rescue and salvage (**Decree 347**). Decree 347, which comes into force on September 15, 2026, aims to establish a consistent and unified legal basis in line with the applicable legal documents and to reduce and simplify administrative procedures to support citizens and businesses. Below are some key highlights of Decree 347:

Firstly, Decree 347 **abolishes the administrative procedure** for checking the acceptance of fire prevention and firefighting (*fire safety*) requirements by the Public Security Agency. This abolition is in accordance with the regulations and policy on reducing administrative procedures as stipulated in Resolution No. 66.18/2026/NQ-CP on decentralization, reduction, and simplification of administrative procedures and business conditions. Accordingly, construction works and vehicles that were previously subject to fire safety design appraisal and required to undergo this procedure will instead follow the following process:

- **Carry out** the acceptance of fire safety requirements for projects, construction works, and vehicles, and **bear legal responsibility** for the results of such acceptance.
- **Make a declaration** on the Fire Prevention, Firefighting, Rescue, Salvage and Fire Alarm Transmission Database system before putting the construction work into operation (for the investors, construction work owners) or **submit a written notification** to the specialized management agency on putting the vehicle into operation (for vehicle owners).



Secondly, Decree 347 **amends** the regulations on **sanctions for administrative violations** in the design appraisal and acceptance of fire safety. Accordingly, when the procedure for checking the acceptance of fire safety requirements is abolished, the result of this procedure (the written approval of the acceptance results of fire safety requirements) no longer serves as the basis for determining and imposing sanctions for administrative violations. Specifically:

- The act of putting a construction work, construction item, or a vehicle whose fire safety design has been approved or appraised into operation or use, before the investor, construction work owner, or vehicle owner has completed the acceptance of fire safety requirements (previously referred to as the act of "not having a written approval of the acceptance results of fire safety requirements issued by the specialized management agency") will be subject to a fine of VND 30,000,000 to VND 50,000,000.
- The act of putting a construction work, construction item, or a vehicle subject to fire safety design appraisal into operation or use, without a fire safety design appraisal document issued by the specialized management agency (previously including the act of "not having a written approval of the acceptance results of fire safety requirements issued by the specialized management agency") will be subject to a fine of VND 40,000,000 to VND 50,000,000.

Thirdly, Decree 347 **amends, replaces, and abolishes** certain regulations and forms related to fire safety, such as:

- Amend the required documents for the fire safety design appraisal procedure applicable to certain types of construction designs (e.g., technical designs or construction drawing designs of construction works included in an economic-technical report for construction investment). The required documents have been revised from "legal land documents proving the suitability of the land use purpose and ownership of the construction" to "legal land documents and technical design documents", thereby removing the requirement for the document to serve such evidentiary purposes. This amendment ensures compatibility with the Law on Fire Prevention, Firefighting, Rescue and Salvage and is consistent with Form PC11 issued together with Decree 347.
- Abolish certain forms such as Forms PC15, PC16, and PC17 in Appendix VIII, which are forms used in the procedure for checking the acceptance of fire safety requirements.
- Replace Forms PC11 and PC12 (forms for fire safety design appraisal) in Appendix VIII of Decree 105/2025/ND-CP with Forms PC11 and PC12 in Appendix VIII of Decree 347.

Decree 347 primarily focuses on reducing and simplifying administrative procedures and business conditions related to fire safety. Businesses should review this document to ensure timely compliance and minimize the costs and time spent on related administrative procedures and business conditions. In the event that our Clients and readers wish to learn more and seek legal advice regarding the new provisions of Decree 347, as well as other issues relating to fire safety, NHQuang&Associates stands ready to provide further explanations and relevant legal opinions.

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