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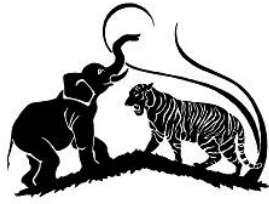
### **Cybersecurity Law criminalises the use of VPNs without permission**

The State Administration Council (“SAC”) on 1 January 2025 decreed a Cybersecurity Law ([English translation](#)).

The law will only come into force on the date specified by the president in a notification and is not in force yet.

The following are important features of this law:

- The establishment (we suppose that this means “use”) of a VPN and the provision of VPN services without permission from the ministry (which ministry is yet to be determined) is criminalised. Violations are punishable with imprisonment from 1 to 6 months, a fine from MMK 1,000,000 to MMK 10,000,000 or both. Companies may in addition be punished with a fine of at least MMK 10,000,000.
- Using a network to send unwanted or unsolicited text messages, e-mails or information is punishable with imprisonment from 1 to 2 years, a fine from MMK 5,000,000 to MMK 20,000,000 or both.
- Digital platform service providers with 100,000 or more users are required to register. Any digital platform service provider whose platform is accessible in the country is obliged to be able to identify the originator of posts that are deemed undesirable and to retain customer and access data for 3 years.
- Cybersecurity service providers require a license.
- Cybersecurity groups (not-for-profits providing cybersecurity services) require permission.
- The law sets up a central committee, steering committee, working committees and investigation teams for various cybersecurity-related matters.
- Setting up an online gambling system is prohibited.



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