

24.5 Repatriation of Profits

The repatriation of profits to a foreign country shall be taxable at a rate between 5 and 10 percent. The rate will be charged in accordance with the approval of the investment project. Transfer taxes will be exempt when credit is being reimbursed to a foreign country. Any terms for loans from outside Cambodia must have approval from the Council of Ministers.

Remittances have to be approved by the State Bank. Foreign companies are required to be self-sufficient in their foreign currency needs. Riels are not officially convertible; however, in practice, the riel and foreign currencies are freely traded in the markets.

Foreigners working in Cambodia in a legal business organization are permitted to repatriate their salaries and other incomes in foreign exchange once they have paid taxes on their income. Individuals should contact the NCFI for details (see section 22.9).

24.6 Accounting

Foreign enterprises are to follow standard international accounting procedures recognized by the Ministry of Finance in maintaining their accounts (companies are advised to contact the Ministry of Finance for details). Foreigners are allowed to open bank accounts in riels or in foreign currencies with the Foreign Trade Bank or foreign-licensed banks. All account books must be kept in the Khmer language, unless permission is granted by the Ministry of Finance to use a foreign language.

Yearly accounting reports will be submitted to the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Finance within a period not later than three months after the closing date of each financial year which must coincide with the fiscal year. Audits will be undertaken once a year by the Ministry of Finance.