

# THE PROMULGATION OF NORMATIVE LEGAL DOCUMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN VIETNAM: SOME LEGAL AND PRACTICE ISSUES

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***Abstract:** Promulgating normative legal documents is always an important task for any State to regulate diverse and common social relationships in practise. In addition to the social relations that have been regulated throughout the development course under legal normative documents, there are extraordinary periods during which the State must deal with unusual problems that occur, with the COVID-19 pandemic as a prime example. The promulgation of legal normative documents in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic also raises many legal and practical issues for discussion. Therefore, this article will analyse the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted the need to promulgate normative legal documents and regulations in practice when the pandemic occurred, while also assessing obstacles to be addressed in the future.*

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## **1. The context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to promulgate legal normative documents**

On 31 December 2019, the first unclear inflammation lung cases were found in Wuhan, Hubei Province (China). Some symptoms, including dry cough, breathing difficulty, fever, and intensively infected lungs, were witnessed in those patients. Pathogens of the disease were determined with a sample cotton swab by the China Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CCDC) on 7 January 2020, and officially labelled by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as “*Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV-2)*”.

On 30 January 2020, the WHO stated that the COVID-19 outbreak in

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