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To streamline the transshipment process while maintaining national security, the Ministry of Economy and Finance issued Prakas No. 337 on Transshipments at Sihanoukville Autonomous Port, which sets out the rules and procedures for transshipment and allows the transfer of imported goods through Cambodia's seaport for further export to their destination without being subject to any of the taxes or duties stipulated in Articles 23 and

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have to file their tax return again. Investors in cryptocurrency will have to ask themselves whether their income from the sale thereof should be regarded as (to be declared) taxable income. Read More

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Revenue Service
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