

(Unofficial Translation)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENT

NO : POR 12/2540

IMPORT DUTY EXEMPTION ON MACHINERY FOR PROJECTS IN ZONE 1 AND ZONE 2

Office of the Board of Investment announcement No. Por.7/1997 dated August 5,1997 provided import duty exemption for machinery for 36 activities located in Zone 1 and Zone 2. The Board now deems it appropriate to add more eligible activities to that incentive.

Under section 13 and section 28 of the Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520, revised in B.E. 2534, and with the consent of the Board of Investment on April 1997 the Board is empowered to make the following announcement :

1. Revocation of Office of the Board of Investment Announcement No. Por. 7/1997 dated August 5,1997, Subject : Import duty exemption for machinery for 36 activities located in Zone 1 and Zone 2 and has designated the following guidelines.
2. Import duty exemption for machinery is hereby granted for 61 activities in Zone 1 and Zone 2 as listed in the attachment .
3. Import duty exemption for machinery is granted for the expansion of promoted projects in those 61 activities in Zone 1 and Zone 2, providing that such expansion is located in the same property as the existing ones.
4. Promoted companies in the 61 activities shall apply to receive import duty exemption for machinery only the machinery used in promoted project which has not yet been imported, or which is in the process of importing and has a bank guarantee or has filed for a tax refund with the customs department for their imported machinery.
5. In cases where the interpretation of this announcement is not clear, the final decision will be made by the Secretary General.

Effective as of October 27, 1997

Announced on December 3, 1997

Staporn Kavitanon

Secretary General of the Board of
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61 Activities Granted Import Duty Exemption for Machinery

1. Smelting 2.2
2. Manufacture of ceramic products 2.6
3. Manufacture of iron and steel casting 2.17

4. Manufacture of forged steel parts 2.18
5. Non-ferrous metal smelting 2.20
6. Manufacture of product of leather or artificial leather 3.10
7. Manufacture of furniture or fixtures, except primarily of wood or metal 3.11
8. Manufacture of footwear or parts 3.12
9. Cutting or polishing of gemstones 3.13
10. Manufacture of jewelry 3.14
11. Manufacture of sports equipment 3.16
12. Manufacture of toys 3.20
13. Manufacture of lenses or spectacles or parts 3.26
14. Manufacture of medical supplies or medical equipment 3.27
15. Manufacture of scientific equipment 3.28
16. Gem and Jewelry supporting industries 3.31
17. Manufacture of hand tools 4.1
18. Manufacture of fabricated metal products, including metal parts for automotive and electronic products 4.8
19. Manufacture of agricultural machinery or equipment 4.9
20. Manufacture of wood or metal-working machinery or machine tools 4.10
21. Manufacture of industrial machinery or equipment 4.11
22. Manufacture of air or gas compressors 4.15
23. Building or repairing of steel ships of not less than 500 gross tons 4.17
24. Manufacture or repair of aircraft 4.20
25. Manufacture or repair of aircraft parts 4.21
26. Manufacture of engine parts, transmissions, brakes, steering, or suspension systems 4.23
27. Manufacture of vehicle parts 4.24
28. Manufacture of other vehicle parts 4.25
29. Surface treatment 4.29

30. Heat treatment 4.29
31. Electric-powered vehicles 4.30
32. Manufacture of vehicle engines 4.32
33. Manufacture of diesel engine used in agriculture 4.33
34. Manufacture of multipurpose benzene engines 4.34
35. Manufacture of electrical industrial machinery or apparatus 5.1
36. Manufacture of electrical products 5.2
37. Manufacture of electric lamps 5.3
38. Manufacture of batteries or cells 5.4
39. Manufacture of electronic products 5.6
40. Manufacture of parts or supplies used for electronic apparatus 5.7
41. Manufacture of petrochemical products 6.5
42. Manufacture of petroleum products 6.6
43. Manufacture of synthetic fibers 6.7
44. Manufacture of plastic or plastic-coated products 6.12
45. Manufacture of paper and pulp 6.13 & 6.14
46. Production of electric or steam power 7.1
47. Water works or water supply for industry 7.2
48. Concession roads 7.3
49. Mass transit systems 7.4
50. Pipeline transport 7.7
51. Maritime transportation 7.9
52. Loading/unloading facilities for sea transport 7.10
53. Container yards 7.11
54. Air transportation services 7.14
55. Commercial airports 7.15

- 56. International trade exhibition centers 7.23
- 57. Research and development 7.28
- 58. Refuse, industrial waste, or water disposal services 7.29
- 59. Transportation of hazardous chemicals 7.30
- 60. Educational institutes or vocational training centers 7.31
- 61. Activities supporting tourist attractions 7.38