

(Unofficial Translation)

Announcement of the Board of Investment

No. Sor 3/2545

Relaxation of Criteria for Factory Location of Priority Activities

It is deemed appropriate to modify the types, sizes and conditions for promoted activities in the automotive industry, as stipulated in the Announcement of the Board of Investment No. 2/2543, dated August 1, 2000, regarding types, sizes and conditions of activities eligible for promotion.

By virtue of Section 16, Paragraph 2, of the Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520, the Board of Investment hereby revokes the conditions under which factories conducting the following activities of special importance are required to be located in Zone 2 or Zone 3:

1. The manufacture of cast metal parts using an Induction Furnace (Activity 2.12)
2. The manufacture of forged metal parts (Activity 2.13)
3. The manufacture of machinery and equipment (Activity 4.2), as follows:
 - (1) Molds, dies and parts
 - (2) Jigs and fixtures
 - (3) Industrial machinery, specifically the following: Turning Machines, Drilling Machines, Boring Machines, Milling Machines, Grinding Machines, Machine Centers, Gear Cutting & Finishing Machines, Die Sinking EDMs, Wire EDMs, Laser Beam Machines, Plasma Arc Cutting Machines, Electron Beam Machines, Broaching Machines
 - (4) The manufacture of equipment or items to be used in high-precision machines, namely: cutting, milling, turning, grooving, shaving, grinding, polishing and threading
4. The manufacture of parts of forged pressed metal powder (Activity 4.3)
5. The manufacture of the following vehicle parts (Activity 4.8):
 - (1) Anti-lock brake systems (ABS);
 - (2) Substrates for Catalytic Converters;
 - (3) Electronic Fuel Injection Systems

6. Heat treatment (Activity 4.12), provided that projects involving the use of cyanide must locate production facilities in industrial estates or promoted industrial zones.

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