

(Unofficial Translation)

**Board of Investment Announcement
No. 4 /2549
Investment Promotion Policy for
Electronics and Electrical Appliances Industry**

To promote Thailand as a hub for the production of electronic and electrical appliances in the region, and by virtue of Section 16 of the Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520, as amended by Investment Promotion Act No. 3 B.E. 2544, the Board of Investment hereby issues this announcement specifying the criteria for investment promotion in the electronics and electrical appliance industry as follows:

1. This announcement repeals the Board of Investment Announcement No. 4/2547, dated May 6, 2004, Re: Investment Promotion Policy for the production of Hard Disk Drive (HDD) units.
2. This announcement repeals Board of Investment Announcement No. 9/2547, dated November 19, 2547, Re: Investment Promotion Policy for production in the Semiconductor Industry.
3. This announcement covers production of all electronics, electrical appliances, and parts, specified in the list of activities in the attachment of the Board of Investment Announcement No. 2/2543, dated August 1, 2000, granting rights and benefits according to the following conditions, excluding activities for which the Board of Investment has specified otherwise.
 - 3.1 Exemption of import duty for machinery in all zones throughout the period of the promoted status.
 - 3.2 Exemption of corporate income tax as follows:
 - (1) Exemption from corporate income tax for a period of 5 years will be granted to projects in Zone 1
 - (2) Exemption from corporate income tax for a period of 6 years will be granted to projects in Zone 2. If the project is located in an industrial estate or a promoted industrial zone, it will receive corporate income tax exemption for a period of 7 years
 - (3) Exemption from corporate income tax for a period of 8 years will be granted to projects in Zone 3
 - 3.3 Other rights and benefits will be according to Board of Investment Announcement No.1/2543 dated August 1, 2000.
 - 3.4 Investment in replacement machinery using higher technology used in the production of Integrated Circuits (IC), Hard Disk Drives (HDD) and parts for Hard Disk Drives (HDD), are regarded as part of investment promoted projects.
 - 3.5 Those applying for investment promotion must submit applications according to the criteria specified by the Office of the Board of Investment as well as a specific plan for raw material and parts usage.

4. Approved projects for investment promotion status that have not generated earnings can apply for additional rights and benefits according to the above mentioned criteria.

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