

(Unofficial Translation)

Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment

No. Por 9/2544

Re: Criteria for Consideration and Approval of Lists of Raw or Essential Materials in Accordance with Section 30

In order to enhance clarity in the consideration and approval of lists of raw or essential materials in accordance with Section 30, by virtue of Sections 13 and 30 of the Investment Promotion Act of B.E. 2520, as amended by the Investment Promotion Act (No. 2) of B.E. 2534, the Office of the Board of Investment, as authorized by the Board of Investment, hereby stipulates the criteria for consideration and approval of lists of raw or essential materials in accordance with Section 30, as follows:

1. Materials must be raw or essential, for which no domestic manufacturer is available, as stipulated by the Office.
2. The raw or essential materials must be in compliance with the manufacturing process approved for the promoted project.
3. Materials must be raw or essential, in accordance with the definitions stipulated by the Office.
4. In the event of raw or essential materials for which domestic manufacturers are not available, but domestic manufacturing potential exists for such materials, such as sintered metal parts, forged metal parts, die-cast metal parts, sintered plastic parts, sintered rubber parts, etc., the Office may grant a one year conditional approval for the first year, in order to allow the promoted party time to seek domestic parts suppliers for the manufacture of such parts during the following year.
5. The Office shall not grant approval for lists of raw or essential materials for which a one year conditional approval as mentioned in No. 4 above has been granted, unless the promoted party produces for the Office written confirmation that a domestic manufacturer cannot produce such raw or essential materials, in which the Office may consider granting an approval for the following year.
6. Approval will be granted for raw or essential materials that are in compliance with the approved manufacturing process for promoted projects for which domestic manufacturing is unavailable, provided that the materials are used for engineering assembly processes, under which high-precision parts, precise measurements, quality inspections to obtain tolerance matching parts, and post-assembly testing using exclusive testing equipment are all required, in order to meet the strict specification requirements.

The Office of the Board of Investment shall adopt the above criteria as general guidelines in granting approval. Any case that cannot be decided in accordance with this Announcement shall be decided by the Secretary-General, whose decision shall be deemed final.

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