

(Unofficial Translation)
Board of Investment Announcement
No.3/2552

Subject: Additional activities under the special measures to stimulate investment during Thailand Investment Years 2008-2009

With regards to the Board of Investment Announcement No. 2/2551 dated November 28, 2008, regarding Special Measures to Stimulate Investment During Thailand Investment Years 2008-2009 and in order to achieve the targets under Thailand Investment Years 2008-2009, it is deemed appropriate to add activities entitled to the special investment promotion incentives.

By virtue of Section 16 paragraph 2, Section 31, and Section 35 of Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520, the Board of Investment hereby announces as follows.

1. Section 2 of the Board of Investment Announcement No. 2/2551 dated November 28, 2008, regarding special measures to stimulate investment during Thailand Investment Years 2008-2009, shall be repealed and replaced with the following.

2. The following 5 categories shall be classified as priority activities eligible for special privileges.

2.1 Activities related to energy saving and alternative source of energy, including

Category 1.26 Manufacture of alcohol or fuel from agricultural products including scrap, garbage ,or waste.

Category 4.24 Manufacture of energy-conserving machinery or equipment or Manufacture of machinery or equipment which uses alternative energy.

Category 4.25 Manufacture of fuel cells.

Category 4.26 Manufacture of engines, machinery and accessories for Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV).

Category 4.27 Assembly of Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV)

Category 5.5.24 Manufacture of solar cell

Category 7.1.1 Manufacture of electric power or steam power

- For alternative energy usage projects such as energy from agricultural products, bio gas, and wind power

Category 7.29 Natural gas station for transportation vehicles

2.2 Activities that involve high technology, including

Category 2.1.9 Manufacture of advanced ceramics

Category 3.1.1 Manufacture of natural fiber or artificial fiber

- Functional fiber

Category 3.9 Manufacture of medical supplies or medical equipment

Category 3.14 Manufacture of scientific equipment

Category 4.2 Manufacture of machinery and equipment as follows

- Manufacture of mould and die and parts

- Manufacture of jigs and fixtures

- Manufacture of industrial machinery including turning machines, drilling machines, boring machines, milling machines, grinding machines, machining center, gear cutting & finishing machines, die sinking EDMs, wire cut EDMs, laser beam machines, plasma arc cutting machines, electron beam machines, broaching machines, deburring machines

- Manufacture of equipment or parts for high precision machining processes, namely cutting, milling, turning, grooving, shaving, grinding, polishing and threading

- Manufacture of farm machinery or food processing machinery

- Manufacture of transmission for tractors

Category 4.7 Manufacture or repair aircraft, including parts or onboard equipment

Category 4.8 Manufacture of automotive parts

- Automatic transmission

- CVT transmission (continuously variable transmission)

- Traction motor for automobile such as hybrid car or fuel cell

- Electronic stability control (ESC)

- Regenerative braking system

Category 5.4.3 Manufacture of automated industrial automation equipment

Category 5.4.4 Manufacture of radio, television, or telecommunication equipment and apparatus

- Telecommunication equipment

Category 5.5 Manufacture of parts and supplies used for electronic apparatus

- Flat panel display, such as LCD panel, OLED panel
- Semiconductor such as IC, diode sensor, actuator, etc.
- Hard disk drive and parts for hard disk drive
- Parts for telecommunication equipments
- Automotive electronics
- Agritronics

Category 5.6 Manufacture of material for micro-electronics

Category 5.7 Electronic design

Category 7.12 Research and development

Category 7.13 Scientific laboratories

Category 7.14 Calibration

Category 7.15 Human resource development

Category 7.30 Biotechnology

2.3 Activities related to manufacture of eco-friendly material and product, including

Category 6.17 Manufacture of eco-friendly chemicals

Category 6.18 Manufacture of econ-friendly products

2.4 Activities related to the mega-projects ,especially, in water resources management activity and transportation and logistics activity, namely

Category 2.11 Manufacture of steel pipes and stainless steel pipes

- Must be capable to produce pipes with diameter of 1,200 mm. and above.

Category 2.20 Manufacture of high-tension concrete for public utilities

Category 4.2 Manufacture of Machinery and equipment

- Water pump with intake pipe of not less than 30 inches

Category 4.6 Manufacture of trains or electric trains or parts (rail system only)

Category 6.9 Manufacture of plastic or plastic coated products

-Plastic pipe, must be capable to produce pipes with diameter of 1,200 mm. and above

Revenue eligible for promotion under this measure must be the revenue derived from the mega-projects in water resource management activity and transportation and logistics activity.

2.5 Activities that use agricultural products as raw materials and use high technology, namely

Category 1.11.10 Manufacture of medical food

Category 4.8 Manufacture of vehicle parts

-Manufacture of vehicle tire”

2. Category 4.6 Manufacture of trains or electric trains or parts (for rail system only), after this special measure expires in 2009, shall be classified as priority activity which has special importance and benefits to the country, which is exempted from import duty of machinery and is exempted from corporate income tax without subject to corporate income tax exemption cap for 8 years regardless of zone.

3. Category 4.8 Manufacture of vehicle tire, after this special measure expires in 2009, shall be classified as priority activity which has special importance and benefits to the country, which is exempted from import duty of machinery and is exempted from corporate income tax for 8 years regardless of zone.

Effective from March 4, 2009 onward.

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