

Announcement of the Board of Investment No. 6/2559

Measures to Promote Investment in Food Innovation

To promote research and development and innovation in the food industry, and expedite linkages and cooperation in manufacturing, the transfer of knowledge in research and development and innovation, as well as the development of personnel in the promoted projects, academic institutions and research institutes, by virtue of Section 16, 18, 31 and 35 of the Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520, the Board of Investment hereby issues this announcement, in which the Board of Investment deems appropriate to prescribe a stipulation to the BOI Announcement No. 2/2557 dated December 3, 2014 on Policies and Criteria for Investment Promotion, as follows:

1. Amend Section 7, by adding Activity no. 7.9.1.8 Food Innopolis Industrial Estates or Industrial Zones to the list of eligible activities for investment promotion in the attachment of the BOI Announcement No. 2/2557 dated December 3, 2014, with the activities, conditions and incentives as follows:

Activities	Conditions	Incentives
7.9.1.8 Food Innovation Industrial Zones (Food Innopolis)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Projects must be located in the areas approved by the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Office of the Board of Investment.2. Projects must have the science, technology and innovation infrastructure ready to support commercial R&D such as operational R&D laboratories, pilot plants, production trial areas, market testing areas (living lab), and space for rent for the private sector to establish R&D and innovation centers.3. Projects must have a central lab with equipment and apparatus necessary for R&D and innovation activities, as well as stationed technicians to support the private sector in conducting R&D and innovation activities.4. Projects must provide facilities such as conference rooms, seminar rooms, communications systems and electrical backup systems.5. Projects must have appropriate wastewater and sewage treatment systems in accordance with the regulations.	A1

2. The Board hereby prescribes activities located in Food Innovation Industrial Zones (Food Innopolis) to the list of eligible activities for investment promotion in the attachment of the BOI Announcement No. 2/2557 dated December 3, 2014, as following:

Category 1.2	Plant or animal breeding (only those that are not related to biotechnology)
Category 3.9	Creative product design and development centers
Category 7.11	Research and development
Category 7.12	Biotechnology
	7.12.1. Research and development (R&D) activity and/or manufacturing of seed industry, improvement of plants, animals or microorganisms using biotechnology
	7.12.2 R&D activity and/or manufacturing of biopharmaceutical agents using biotechnology
	7.12.3 R&D and/or manufacturing of diagnostic kits for health, agriculture, food and environment
	7.12.4 R&D and/or manufacturing of bio-molecules and bioactive substances using microorganisms, plant cells and animal cells
	7.12.5 Manufacture of raw materials and/or essential materials for molecular biological research and development, experiment, testing or quality control services and/or production of biological substances
	7.12.6 Biological substance analysis and/or synthesis services and/or quality control services and/or product validation services
Category 7.13	Engineering design
Category 7.14	Scientific laboratories
Category 7.15	Calibration services
Category 7.19	Vocational training centers

3. Activities listed in 2 shall be eligible for rights and privileges under Measures to Promote Investment in Food Innovation as following:

3.1 In case projects are eligible for Super Cluster incentives

Conditions

1. Must have cooperation programs with academic institutions, research institutes or the Center of Excellence under the Cluster Investment Promotion policy. Cooperation programs include as follows:
 - Talent Mobility (TM), Work-integrated Learning (WiL), Cooperative Education and Dual Systems

- Human Resource or Technological Development Cooperation as approved by the Board of Investment
- 2. Applications for investment promotion must be submitted by December 30, 2016.
- 3. Must generate revenue by December 31, 2017. Unless under necessary circumstances, the Office of the Board of Investment may consider extension as deemed appropriate.

Incentives

1. Corporate income tax exemption for a period of 8 years, with corporate income tax exemption cap depending on the activity as stipulated in the BOI Announcement No. 2/2557 dated December 3, 2014.
2. A 50 percent reduction from the normal rate of corporate income tax on the net profit deriving from the promoted activity for a period of 5 years counting from the expiry date of the corporate income tax exemption.
3. Other rights and privileges shall be granted in accordance with criteria stipulated in the BOI Announcement No. 2/2557 dated December 3, 2014.

3.2 In case projects are eligible for general incentives

1. Projects shall be granted rights and privileges in accordance with criteria stipulated in the BOI Announcement No. 2/2557 dated December 3, 2014.
2. A 50 percent reduction from the normal rate of corporate income tax on the net profit deriving from the promoted activity for a period of 5 years counting from the expiry date of the corporate income tax exemption.

4. Food Innovation Industrial Zones (Food Innopolis) which developed by the Ministry of Science and Technology shall be designated as the Science and Technology Parks that are approved by the Board, in accordance with Sub-section 8.3 of the BOI Announcement No. 2/2557 dated December 3, 2014, on Policies and Criteria for Investment Promotion.

This announcement shall be effective from February 29, 2016 onwards.

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