

Newsletter:

Myanmar's 2025 Investment Privileges for Foreign Companies : Unlocking New Opportunities

In Brief

In a significant move to stimulate foreign investment, expand international trade, and position Myanmar as a competitive player in the global economy, the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) have introduced progressive measures in 2025 that are designed to attract and facilitate foreign business participation.

Key Takeaways

A. Expanded Investment Opportunities

The MIC now welcomes new foreign investment projects across key growth industries and service sectors. In 2025 alone, the Commission approved three major projects worth USD 35.778 million and MMK 30,206.920 million, covering:

- ◆ Production of solar panels and related renewable energy materials
- ◆ Electrification infrastructure
- ◆ Instant food manufacturing
- ◆ CMP garment production
- ◆ Iron and steel-based material production

These initiatives open the door for investors to participate in high-demand sectors that align with both Myanmar's development priorities and global market trends.

B. New Export Rights for Foreign Companies

In a groundbreaking policy shift, the MOC now grants foreign companies the right to export domestically produced goods, creating unprecedented opportunities for international trade from within Myanmar. Eligible products include:

- ◆ Processed meat, fish, and fishery products
- ◆ Processed agricultural goods
- ◆ Various types of pulp and paper
- ◆ Seeds and refined minerals
- ◆ Semi-finished or finished horticultural products (including fruits and flowers)
- ◆ Wood-based furniture
- ◆ Environmental goods related to sustainability and environmental protection

For the export of rice and broken rice, specific requirements apply, including a minimum capital of USD 3 million, proof of adequate warehouse facilities, and valid membership in the Myanmar Rice Federation.

C. Key Advantages for Investors

- ◆ First-Mover Advantage: Enter emerging sectors before the market becomes saturated.
- ◆ Export Gateway: Myanmar's strategic location provides direct access to ASEAN, China, and India.
- ◆ Policy Support: Clear regulations and official approval frameworks reduce legal uncertainties.

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- ◆ Sustainability Alignment: Priority sectors such as renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and environmental goods aligned with global ESG investment trends.
- ◆ Economic Diversification: Investors benefit from participation in Myanmar's transition to higher-value industries and export-oriented growth.

D. Compliance and Regulatory Clarity

All foreign companies participating in these opportunities must strictly adhere to all applicable laws, procedures, and regulations set by the MIC, MOC, and other relevant authorities, ensuring a transparent and stable business environment.

Conclusion

Myanmar's 2025 investment privileges mark a pivotal step in opening its economy to the world. By combining expanded sector access with newly granted export rights, the government is sending a clear signal: Myanmar is ready for business. For foreign investors seeking a high-potential market with strong regional connectivity and untapped growth sectors, this is the time to act.

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