Notification

Subject: Exemption of Location Clearance

In keeping with the Royal Government's objective of creating an enabling environment for conducting business, the then Ministry of Trade and Industry vide letter no. MTI/PPD-26/06/255 dated 27th October 2006, issued an Office Order exempting location clearance for the following eleven industrial activities.

1. Contract
2. Consultancy
3. Tour operators/travel agents
4. Training institutes/hotels/restaurants not involving change in land use
5. Logging
6. Tailor shop
7. PCO/Fax/Photocopying services
8. Barber shop
9. Cobbler shop
10. Beauty Parlour
11. Indoor games

In addition to the above, the Ministry of Economic Affairs is pleased to notify that, henceforth, location clearance shall not be required for the following small and cottage activities where there is no change in land use. Further, approval of these activities are hereby delegated to the Regional Directors, of the respective Regional Trade and Industry Offices. It is envisaged that the exemption of location clearance and delegation of approval authority to Regional Trade & Industry Offices will reduce the time required for obtaining licences and facilitate growth of small and cottage scale industries.

1. Foreign exchange services (Authorized money changer)
2. Internet Cafes
3. Clearing and forwarding agent
4. Education consultancy services
5. Research units
6. Call Centre
7. Supply services of commercial and industrial workers (Labour recruitment agency)
8. Advertising Services
9. Courier services
10. Real estate services
11. Asset brokerages
12. Incense unit
13. Weaving without dyes
14. Sculpture
15. Wood carving
16. Production of audio visual
17. Assembling of computers
18. Door to door delivery of goods
19. Home delivery services
20. Goods transport services
21. Passenger transportation
22. Art work
23. Embroidery unit
24. Taxi Services
25. Private cars rental services
26. Gold smith
27. Black smith
28. Providing of security services
29. Repair of watches and clocks
30. Repair of household electrical appliances
31. Repair of TV, VCR, radio, tape recorder and other similar items

This notification exempts the requirement of locational clearance for the above activities. All other prerequisites in terms of sectoral clearance and other documents as required by existing rules and procedures shall remain unchanged. This is issued based on the approval of the Ministry vide MoEA/PDSD-1/2009/1519 dated 22nd January, 2009.

Your sincerely,

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4. The Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Information & Communications, Thimphu
5. The Director, National Environment Commission, Thimphu-for kind information.
6. The Director, Department of Industry, MoEA
7. The Director, BICMA, Thimphu.
8. The Regional Directors, Regional Trade and Industry Offices, Thimphu, Phuentsholing Samdrup Jongkhar, Mongar, Trongsa & Gelephu.
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