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MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
Thimphu



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11th February 2009

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.

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

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.

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| 1. Foreign exchange services
(Authorized money changer) | 7. Supply services of commercial
and industrial workers (Labour
recruitment agency) |
| 2. Internet Cafes | 8. Advertising Services |
| 3. Clearing and forwarding agent | 9. Courier services |
| 4. Education consultancy services | 10. Real estate services |
| 5. Research units | 11. Asset brokerages |
| 6. Call Centre | 12. Incense unit |

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| 13. Weaving without dyes | 24. Taxi Services |
| 14. Sculpture | 25. Private cars rental services |
| 15. Wood carving | 26. Gold smith |
| 16. Production of audio visual | 27. Black smith |
| 17. Assembling of computers | 28. Providing of security services |
| 18. Door to door delivery of goods | 29. Repair of watches and clocks |
| 19. Home delivery services | 30. Repair of household electrical appliances |
| 20. Goods transport services | 31. Repair of TV, VCR, radio, tape recorder and other similar items |
| 21. Passenger transportation | |
| 22. Art work | |
| 23. Embroidery unit | |

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

(Sonam Tshering)
Secretary

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1. The Hon'ble Tengye Lyonpo, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Thimphu
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home & Cultural Affairs, Thimphu.
3. The Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Thimphu
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.
9. The Chief Industries Officer, PDSD, Dol
10. The Chief Planning Officer, PPD, MoEA-for kind information.
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