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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CLARIFIES TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT ALLOWED FOR TRADING BY FOREIGN JOINT VENTURES.

On 20th December 2016, the Ministry of Commerce issued the Notification No. 85/2016 (“the Notification”) specifying the items included under hospital equipment and construction materials which were allowed to be traded by the JV companies by the Notification No. 96/2015 and the Notification No. 56/2016.

Previously, the Ministry of Commerce (“MOC”) eased trading restrictions to allow foreign joint venture companies to conduct trading activities in fertilizers, seeds, pesticides and hospital equipment by Notification No. 96/2015, and further allowed the trading of construction materials with the issuance of Notification No. 56/2016.

While the previous notifications did not set out details of products which would be classified as hospital equipment and construction materials that may be traded by foreign joint ventures, with the issuance of the Notification No. 85/2016, this lack of clarity has been addressed.

The Notification lists items in accordance with the Myanmar HS Code 2012, and included **(69)** items for hospital equipment and **(461)** items for construction materials. While both machinery and non-machinery items, such as optical testing, ultrasound machine as well as hospital furniture and fittings have been incorporated into the list of permissible hospital equipment, large scale apparatus, machineries and installations which are generally required in connection with the successful construction of modern high-rise buildings have not been incorporated – by and large only basic construction materials such as cement, articles of iron, steel and aluminum and other decorative materials have been included.

The list of hospital equipment which may be traded by Foreign Joint-Ventures

No.	Name of material	Number of Line
1	X-ray or radiographic plate and film	4
2	Plastic mould made for denture (artificial teeth)	2
3	Equipment for operation theater and laboratory (cooling machine)	5
4	Ultrasound device, CT Scan, Eye Examination device and other hospital equipment	48
5	(Bedding, Desk, Light and Lamp) used for hospital, clinic and operation theater	10

The list of construction materials which may be traded by Foreign Joint-Ventures

No.	Name of Material	Number of Line
1	Cement and Decorative stone	16
2	Various house paints and varnishes	3
3	Tube, pipe and pipe fitting (Plastic)	33
4	Particle board and plywood board	17
5	Roofing tile, brick, floor tile	34
6	Ceramic products	21
7	Glass	12
8	Iron rod and plate (U, L, T shapes)	200
9	Iron pipe, steel pipe, wire, ropes, cables, nails,	57
10	Copper pipes and hoses	8
11	Metal pipe and metal plate	3
12	Aluminum wire, plate, tube and pipe	27
13	Zinc plate, pipe and pipe fitting	6
14	Door lock, hinge	24



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