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Dear Readers,

Revocation of the exemption of DICA companies "with 10% or more foreign investment" from compulsory conversion

This is just to inform you that, after having notified banks of this exemption less than a month ago, the Central Bank today **revoked the exemption** of DICA companies "with 10% or more foreign investment" from compulsory conversion (<u>CBM Letter No. FE-1/739dated 13th July 2022</u>).

We understand from publicly available sources that currently, the following businesses and individuals are still exempted from compulsory conversion:

- Non-resident foreign employees;
- Union Ministries;
- foreign direct investment with an investment permit or endorsement from the Myanmar Investment Commission, a Regional or State Investment Committee, or an SEZ Management Committee;
- foreign diplomats and staff of the diplomatic corps with the same rank as diplomats, as well as members of their families;
- staff of the UN and its agencies and Myanmar nationals holding a UN laissez-passer passport;
- foreign staff at development agencies;
- foreign staff with the rank of a diplomat at international organisations (e.g. ICRC, ILO), INGOs and development agencies (e.g. JICA TICA);
- local staff of exempted organisations such as the UN (within limits);
- state-owned or citizen-owned international airlines;
- businesses in the Sino-Myanmar and Thai-Myanmar border trade (within limits);
- each member company of the Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association (MIFFA)
 may keep a monthly balance of USD 300,000 in foreign currency;
- each shipping line being a member of the Myanmar Mercantile Marine Development
 Association may keep a balance of USD 2,000,000 in foreign currency;



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- each business providing freight forwarding services, or ground handling services for international airlines may keep a balance of USD 100,000 in foreign currency;
- the foreign currency account of Woori Bank with MFTB; the foreign currency accounts of SEZ Management Committees and their named subsidiaries; the Export-Import Bank of India; China National United Oil Corporation (Myanmar Branch); and Punjab National Bank Yangon Representative Office.

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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