

Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

1. VPNs blocked

On 30 May 2024, independent media reported that the State Administration Council (“SAC”) rolled out an internet firewall in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, blocking many if not most VPNs. While there is no official confirmation for this, we noticed that the VPNs that we had installed stopped working, disabling access to social media sites such as Facebook. Facebook still is often synonymous with the internet in Myanmar, and many ministries and other government departments under the SAC publish announcements there.

This may impact the ability to research information and affect the operation and performance of businesses that rely on VPNs and/or social media.

2. Customs matters

On [21 December 2023](#), the Department of Trade under the SAC’s Ministry of Commerce allowed the import of 14 groups of goods without the need to obtain an import license in advance if the importer secured space for them in a customs warehouse. On 30 May 2024, the Department greatly edited down this list with effect from 7 June 2024 to 4 groups of goods “in limited quantities”.

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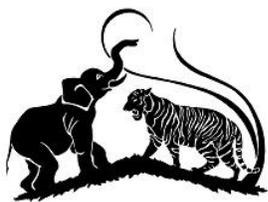
**Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Commerce
Department of Trade**

Export/Import Newsletter 2/2024

Date: 30 May 2024

Subject: **Publication of the list of groups of goods that may be stored in customs warehouses**

1. Export/Import Newsletter 16/2023 notified a list of 14 groups of goods that were



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permitted to be entered into and stored in a customs warehouse without the need to obtain an import license in advance.

2. It is hereby announced that according to current trade procedures, only the following goods may be stored in limited quantities in a customs warehouse according to customs warehouse procedures:
 - (a) Medicine;
 - (b) various electric vehicles and accessories;
 - (c) industrial raw materials and industrial raw chemicals;
 - (d) food raw materials.
3. It is hereby announced that, except for the goods mentioned in paragraph 2, applications to the Customs Department for storage in a customs warehouse of groups of goods (HS code) published in Import/Export Newsletter 16/2023 may only be made until 7 June 2024.

Department of Trade

3. E-commerce registration

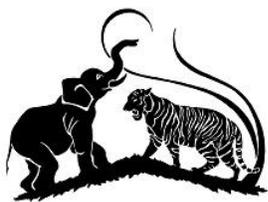
Likewise on 30 May 2024, the Department of Trade announced that [registered e-commerce businesses](#) may file applications to have their registration certificate renewed starting from 17 June 2024. As registration only started on 2 October 2023 and the certificates are valid for 2 years, this may not be too relevant yet, but we wanted to inform our readers nevertheless.

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Announcement 7/2024

Date: 30 May 2024

With respect to the amendment and renewal of an online sales business registration



certificate, the following is hereby announced:

1. Applications must be made through www.ecomreg.gov.mm starting from 17 June 2024.
2. If there is a change in the information recorded in the registration certificate at the time of the application for renewal of the online sales business registration certificate, the renewal may be done only after the amendment procedure has been completed first.
3. Amendment fees and renewal fees shall be paid according to [Export/Import Newsletter 17/2023](#).
4. When applying for the renewal of an online sales business registration certificate, applications may be filed within 60 days before the expiration date.

Department of Trade

4. Barter trade

Against the background of lacking foreign currency, the Department of Trade also seems to have created a procedure for the import and export of certain types of goods by barter trade. The procedure seems to be rather complex and elaborate and, as far as we are aware, has not been published for a wider audience. On 28 May 2024, the UMFCI informed its members about the process for making reports to the Central Bank on barter trade imports and exports.

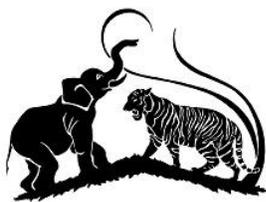
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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

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Letter No. 15-2/3/13 (2149)

Date: 28 May 2024



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Subject: Notification about the IBPE and EBRE application arrangements, attached with forms

1. With respect to the matter in the subject line, we would like to inform the companies that will engage in the barter system about the arrangements to be made when sending the foreign currency repatriation exemption form (Export Bill Receivable Exemption EBRE) and the form for being exempt from paying foreign currency for the import value (Import Bill Payment Exemption IBPE), so as to enable collaboration in the procedures to be followed under the trading system in which goods are exchanged between two trading partners (Barter Transaction Arrangement - BAT) and in the processes of the respective department.
2. We would like to inform you that in these arrangements, the Export Bill Receivable Exemption (EBRE) form (Attachment 1) and the Import Bill Payment Exemption (IBPE) form (Attachment 2), together with supporting documents, shall be addressed to the Director General, Foreign Exchange Management Department, Central Bank of Myanmar, and sent to femd@cbm.gov.mm together with other required supporting documents such as copies of the allowed shipment notification and the release order notification, the export/import license granted in the barter system and the sales contract, and enquiries may be made phone number 01-543511 (ext- 461, 462). (**Attachments:** 2 forms)

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer
Nay Mu, Senior Management Officer

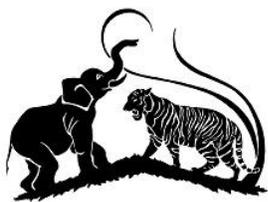
Distribution:

- Relevant affiliate associations/border trade associations in each state
- Relevant affiliate associations by industry/sector

Copies:

- UMFCCI Chairman's Office/Secretary's Office
- Office receipt/for circulation/central register

Arrangements to be made under the trading system in which goods are exchanged between two trading partners (Barter Transaction Arrangement - BAT) when sending the foreign currency repatriation exemption form (Export Bill Receivable Exemption



EBRE) and the form for being exempt from paying foreign currency for the import value (Import Bill Payment Exemption IBPE)

1. After exporting under the Barter Transaction Arrangement (BAT), the Export Bill Receivable Exemption (EBRE) form (Attachment 1) shall be sent to the attention of the Director General, Foreign Exchange Management Department, Central Bank of Myanmar, together with supporting documents.
2. After importing under the Barter Transaction Agreement (BAT), the Import Bill Payment Exemption (IBPE) form (Attachment 2) shall be sent to the attention of the Director General, Foreign Exchange Management Department, Central Bank of Myanmar, together with supporting documents.
3. Other required supporting documents such as copies of the allowed shipment notification and the release order notification, the export/import license granted in the barter system and the sales contract shall be submitted together.
4. These forms shall be sent to femd@cbm.gov.mm.
5. If the Foreign Exchange Management Department receives the letter, it will reply with "well received". If you do not receive this message by the next working day after sending the e-mail, check again whether the e-mail [address] of the Foreign Exchange Management Department [to which the letter] was sent is correct and if it is, enquire by phone at 01-543511, extension -461.

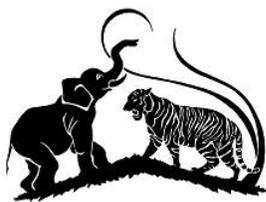
Attachment 1

To

Director General
Foreign Exchange Management Department
Central Bank of Myanmar

Date: / / 202

Subject: **Reporting the foreign currency repatriation exemption form (Export Bill Receivable Exemption EBRE) under the trading system in which goods are**



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exchanged between two trading partners (Barter Transaction Arrangement - BAT)

Our company signed an agreement with company from country to exchange goods, and we would like to report as follows with supporting documents being attached that the goods were exported and we will not receive money in return for the value of the goods:

- (a) Company name
- (b) Export type (type of goods)
- (c) Export license
- (d) Export license date
- (e) Export license amount
- (f) ED [*export declaration*] number
- (g) ED date
- (h) ED amount

[Company stamp]

(Signature)

(Name)

Position

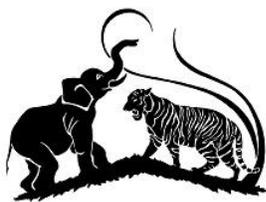
Contact phone number

Attachment 2

To

Director General
Foreign Exchange Management Department
Central Bank of Myanmar

Date: / / 202



Subject: Reporting the Import Bill Payment Exemption Form for imported goods under the trading system in which goods are exchanged between two trading partners (Barter Transaction Arrangement - BAT)

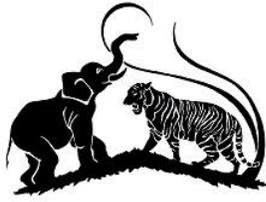
Our company signed an agreement with company from country to exchange goods, and we would like to report as follows with supporting documents being attached that the goods were imported and no payment was made for the value of the goods:

- (a) Company name
- (b) Import type (type of goods)
- (c) Import license
- (d) Import license date
- (e) Import license amount
- (f) ID [*import declaration*] number
- (g) ID date
- (h) ID amount

[Company stamp] (Signature)
(Name)
Position
Contact phone number

5. Reorganisation of SEZ committees

The Myanmar Gazette edition dated 17 May 2024 reported that the SAC on 25 April 2024 reorganised the Special Economic Zone Central Body and the Central Working Body.



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We hope that you have found this information useful.

Sebastian Pawlita
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