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Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

1. Exemptions for business vehicles added to driving on alternate days order

On 3 March 2026, the National Defence and Security Council (“**NDSC**”) announced that beginning from 7 March 2026, private vehicles whose licence plate started with an odd number would be allowed to be driven only on odd days of the month, and those whose licence plate started with an even number only on even days.

The announcement exempted electric vehicles, electric motorcycles, vehicles for public transport, taxis, vehicles for fuel transport, construction vehicles, vehicles for cargo transport, ambulances/hearses, and municipal garbage collection vehicles.

On 4 March 2026, the NDSC furthermore exempted shuttle vehicles for employees, vehicles to transport goods, vehicles used for business purposes and vehicles used to transport students to and from school, provided that “valid evidence or endorsements from the businesses” are carried on the vehicle and by the passengers.

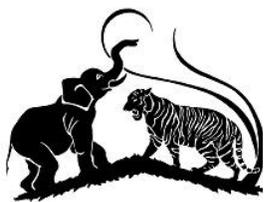
Independent media reported that inspections will be conducted by multi-departmental teams specifically formed for this task and violators may be sentenced to 1 month imprisonment and/or a fine of MMK 20,000 according to section 188 Penal Code (“disobedience to order duly promulgated by a public servant”) after an “education period” until 14 March 2026.

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Supplementing the public announcement on the economical use of fuel

Nay Pyi Taw, March 4th

1. A public announcement of the economical use of fuel was made on 3 March 2026. To facilitate the movement of persons and enable businesses to operate smoothly, vehicles used for the following purposes are added to the list in para. 2 (b) of this announcement of vehicles that may be driven on any day:
 - (a) Vehicles to transport employees of factories, workshops and workplaces;



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- (b) vehicles used for the distribution of goods;
 - (c) vehicles used for the office work of factories, workshops and workplaces;
 - (d) vehicles for school pick-up/drop-off.
2. It is hereby further announced that the frequency with which vehicles that may be driven on any day are used and the number of such vehicles in use must be limited, and that for this reason, valid evidence or endorsements from the relevant establishments [*i.e., businesses*] confirming legitimate use must be carried by the passengers in the vehicle and in the vehicle itself.

Information Team
National Defense and Security Council

2. Higher rate for uninterrupted electricity supply for businesses

On 27 February 2026, the Ministry of Electric Power under the NDSC announced that businesses in industrial zones and special economic zones with a direct, separate power line to an LNG power plant would be able to receive uninterrupted electricity supply for MMK 900 per kWh. Businesses outside industrial zones and special economic zones may also receive uninterrupted electricity supply for MMK 900 per kWh if they can procure a direct, separate power line to an LNG power plant.

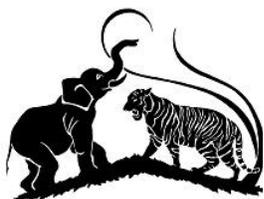
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Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Electric Power

Adjusting Electricity Rates

Notification No. 89/2026

1387, 12th Waxing Day of Tabaung
(27 February 2026)

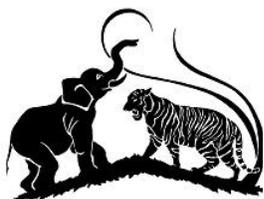


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1. The Ministry of Electric Power, exercising the powers conferred by section 72 (b) Electricity Law and according to section 41 of this law, hereby issues with the approval of the Union Government Notification No. 89/2026 dated 27 February 2026 on electricity rates.
2. Electricity generated by liquefied natural gas (LNG) power plants will be independently supplied to non-household users in industrial zones and special economic zones 24 hours a day without load shedding, except in the event of a line fault or system breakdown, provided that there is a direct power line to the industrial zone or special economic zone. A fixed electricity rate of MMK 900 per unit will be charged for this electricity.
3. If industrial or commercial businesses located outside industrial zones report to the Department that they wish to receive electricity 24 hours a day for a fixed rate of MMK 900 per unit as per para. 2 above, this will be provided.
4. However, for the general public and industrial or commercial businesses currently receiving regular power transmission and distribution depending on the generation capacity of existing power plants and the transmission capacity of power lines, the existing electricity rates (tiered rates for both household and non-household use types) will continue to be applied without any change.
5. The electricity rates to be charged by type of electricity user are as follows:

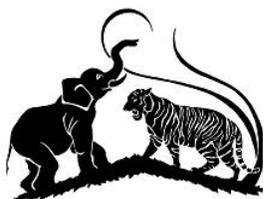
Sr.	Type of electricity user	Electricity rate	
		Range of the used units	MMK
(a)	Household use type		
	Power for home and household use, one-time payment (household use), non-commercial buildings for religion and faith Note: There is no change to the rate currently charged.	1-50 units	50
		51 - 100 units	100
		101 - 200 units	150
	201 and more units	300	
(b)	Non-household use type		



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	Industrial businesses, commercial businesses, one-time payment, temporary use, streetlights, government departments and organisations, state-owned industrial businesses, state-owned enterprises, river water projects, municipal departments/businesses, foreign embassies, international organisations Notes: (1) There is no change to the rate currently charged. (2) If power generation and distribution is insufficient, power cuts (load shed) may occur. (3) If industrial or commercial businesses located outside industrial zones report to the Department that they wish to receive electricity 24 hours a day for a fixed rate of MMK 900 per unit, this will be provided.	1 - 5,000 units	250
		5,001 - 10,000 units	400
		10,001 and more units	500
(c)	Industrial zones, special economic zones, and industrial/commercial businesses that receive power through a separate direct line 24 hours without power cuts	1 and more units	900



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3. Update for food manufacturers

In January 2026, the Food and Drug Administration Department (FDA) under the NDSC published standard operating procedures (SOP) for food manufacturing recommendations. Obtaining such a recommendation is compulsory for labelled bottled water and labelled edible oil and optional for other packaged food. An AI-generated translation of the SOP can be found on our [website](#).

Furthermore, undated FDA Directive 1/2026 makes it compulsory to display the “food product code” on product labels of packaged food, but there is a grace period of 1 year and 6 months from the date of the directive. The directive is undated but was published on the FDA’s [website](#) on 4 March 2026. Food business operators that fail to comply after the grace period may face imprisonment of up to 3 years and/or a fine from MMK 100,000 to MMK 300,000.

Food businesses may obtain the food product code by submitting a “food product notification” through the e-submission system on the FDA’s website. The food product code may be directly printed on the label, applied as a sticker, or provided as a QR code.

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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