

### **NEWSLETTER 176 - 3 November 2024**

### Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

#### 1. Tradenet 2.0 and electronic taxpayer registration system linked

On 24 October 2024, the Department of Trade under the State Administration Council ("SAC") informed exporters and importers that the Tradenet 2.0 system and the electronic taxpayer registration system had been connected and that starting from 1 November 2024, new exporter/importer registration certificates could only be applied for with prior tax registration and that the same would be the case for renewal applications starting from 1 January 2025.

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## Export and Import Newsletter Newsletter 5/2024

Date: 24 October 2024

Subject: Notice that the Tradenet 2.0 system and the taxpayer registration system (e-Registration Management System) have been connected

- 1. To make business more convenient when engaging in trade, the Tradenet 2.0 system of the Department of Trade and the electronic taxpayer registration system (e-Registration Management System) of the Internal Revenue Department have been connected to each other.
- 2. Due to the connection of the systems, a company, organisation or cooperative society desirous of applying for a new export/importer registration certificate or for its renewal must first apply for a taxpayer registration certificate in the Internal Revenue Department's taxpayer registration system (https://eregistration.ird.gov.mm) and then log into the Tradenet 2.0 system.
- 3. Therefore, please be informed that from 1 November 2024, applications in the Tradenet 2.0 system for new exporter/importer registration certificates and from 1 January 2025, applications for renewal can only be made after registration in the



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taxpayer registration system.

Department of Trade

#### 2. Patent and utility model applications may now be filed

On 22 October 2024, the Intellectual Property Rights Agency announced the corresponding application and registration fees, and on 31 October 2024, the Intellectual Property Department announced that applications for the registration of patents and utility models may now be filed. This is a milestone as inventions and technical creations had been unprotected in Myanmar for decades. It should be noted, however, that if an invention or technical creation has already been published abroad or patented or otherwise registered, it may be precluded from enjoying protection in Myanmar even under the new system as it might not be considered "new" anymore.

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Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Commerce
Intellectual Property Department
Announcement No. 14/2024
(31 October 2024)

#### Determining the commencement date on which patents are officially received

It is hereby announced that applications for patents and utility models may be filed according to the Patent Law and the Patent Rules with the Intellectual Property Department of the Ministry of Commerce starting from 31 October 2024.

**Intellectual Property Department** 

Republic of the Union if Myanmar Intellectual Property Rights Agency Notification No. 2/2024 1386, 5<sup>th</sup> Waning Day of Thadingyut (22 October 2024)



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The Intellectual Property Rights Agency has issued this notification with the consent of the Ministry of Commerce exercising the powers conferred by section 119 (c) Patent Law.

# Determining the service fee concerning applications for a patent or utility model and applications for registration as a patent representative

1. The Intellectual Property Rights Agency has determined the fees to be paid according to the type of service as follows concerning applications for a patent or utility model and applications for registration as a patent representative, having obtained approval from the Union Government after having submitted the matter to the Central Committee according to section 8 (k) Patent Law:

Sr.	Service type	Fee (kyats)			
1	Receipt and examination of a request for a patent or utility				
	model ((PT/UM-1)				
	(a) Up to 5 claims and up to 20 pages	500,000			
	(b) For 1 claim, if there are 5 or more claims	20,000			
	(c) For 1 page, if there are 20 or more pages	3,000			
2	Receipt and examination of a request for earlier	150,000			
	publication (PT/UM-1(c))				
3	Receipt and examination of a request to divide the	500,000			
	application (PT/UM-3)				
4	Receipt and examination of a request to convert the	100,000			
	application (PT/UM-4)				
5	Receipt and examination of an opposition request (PT/UM-	500,000			
	6)				
6	Receipt and examination of a request for substantive	1,000,000			
	examination of a patent application (PT/UM-8)				
7	Receipt and examination of a request to amend the	100,000			
	application (PT/UM-9)				
8	Receipt and examination of a request to issue a certified	50,000			
	copy of a patent or utility model certificate (PT/UM-10)				
9	Receipt and examination of a request to correct the	150,000			
	registration (PT/UM-11)				



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10 (	(a) An	nual fee for a patent application and a patent	
·	(1)	First year	-
	(2)	Second year	-
	(3)	Third year	200,000
Ì	(4)	Fourth year	200,000
	(5)	Fifth year	300,000
	(6)	Sixth year	300,000
	(7)	Seventh year	350,000
	(8)	Eighth year	350,000
ĺ	(9)	Ninth year	400,000
	(10	)) Tenth year	400,000
	(1:	l) Eleventh year	600,000
	(12	2) Twelfth year	600,000
	(13	3) Thirteenth year	800,000
	(14	1) Fourteenth year	800,000
	(1	5) Fifteenth year	1,000,000
	(16	5) Sixteenth year	1,000,000
	(17	7) Seventeenth year	1,200,000
	(18	3) Eighteenth year	1,200,000
	(19	) Nineteenth year	1,500,000
	(20	)) Twentieth year	1,500,000
(	- · · · ·	nual fee for a utility model application and a utility odel	
	(1)	First year	-
	(2)	Second year	200,000
	(3)	Third year	200,000
	(4)	Fourth year	300,000
	(5)	Fifth year	400,000
	(6)	Sixth year	500,000
	(7)	Seventh year	600,000
	(8)	Eighth year	700,000
	(9)	Ninth year	800,000
	(10	D) Tenth year	900,000



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	Overdue fee	50% of the
		current year
11	Receipt and examination of a request for reinstatement of	500,000
	rights (PT/UM-13)	
12	Receipt and examination of a request to record a transfer	100,000
	of a right (PT/UM-14)	
13	Receipt and examination of a request to record a license	100,000
	(PT/UM-15)	
14	Receipt and examination of a request to cancel the	50,000
	recordal of a license (PT/UM-16)	
15	Receipt and examination of a request to revoke a patent or	
	utility model (PT/UM-19)	
	(a) Patent	700,000
	(b) Utility model	500,000
16	Receipt and examination of a request to cancel or change	50,000
	the appointment of a representative (PT/UM-20)	
17	Receipt and examination of an application for registration	300,000
	as a patent representative (PT/UM-21)	
18	Receipt and examination of an application for renewal of a	200,000
	patent representative registration (PT/UM-22)	
19	Fee if the [application for the] renewal of the registration is	50,000
	overdue	
20	Receipt and examination of a request for appeal (PT/UM-	
	23)	
	(a) Patent	700,000
	(b) Utility model	500,000
21	Receipt and examination of a request for a copy of an	
	extract or documents from the register (TM/UM-24)	
	(a) Patent	30,000
	(b) Utility model	1,000
22	Receipt and examination of a request for an extension of	100,000
	time (PT/UM-24)	
23	Registration fee payable for a patent or utility model	50,000



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certificate

**Remark:** Regarding the service in no. 6, if it is necessary to send the matter to a foreign

patent office for examination, the fee shall be paid according to the rate

determined by that office.

(Min Min)
Chairman

Intellectual Property Rights Agency

Letter No. Ma Pa Na (Agency)/2/2024 (008)

Date: 22 October 2024 Copies: [Omitted]

#### 3. Committee established to enforce compulsory worker remittance

The Myanmar Gazette dated 11 October 2024 carried news that the SAC on 30 August 2024 established a committee prominently manned with military and police appointees to enforce the remittance of 25% of the salary earned by Myanmar migrant workers abroad.

Recently, news broke that Myanmar embassies were instructed to carry out campaigns to increase the amount of foreign remittances. As part of these campaigns, migrant workers and other Myanmar expatriates seem to be promised permission to import an electric vehicle if they repatriate large amounts (apparently, USD 200,000 or USD 50,000) through official channels.

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Republic of the Union if Myanmar State Administration Council Notification No. 157/2024 1386, 11<sup>th</sup> Waning Day of Wagaung (30 August 2024)

Establishment of a Supervisory Committee to Increase the Inflow to Salaries and Wages of



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#### **Expatriate Myanmar Citizens**

1. The Supervisory Committee to Increase the Inflow of Salaries and Wages of Expatriate Myanmar Citizens has been established with the following persons to increase the inflow of salaries and wages of Myanmar expatriate citizens (worker remittance) and stabilise the foreign exchange rate:

(a) Brigadier General Win Myint Khaing Ministry of Defence

Chairman

(b) Lieutenant Colonel Aung Ko Ko Oo General Staff Officer, Class-1 Member

Office of the Chief of Military Security Affairs
Ministry of Defence

(c) Police Colonel Ngwe Soe Tin

Special Branch, Myanmar Police Force Headquarters

Ministry of Home Affairs

Member

(d) U Nay Latt

Member

Director

Bureau of Special Investigations Ministry of Home Affairs

(e) Daw Tin Thidar Su

Member

Director

Ministry of Planning and Finance

(f) Daw Nyein Nyein Myint

Member

Director

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(g) U Min Lwin Swe

Member

Director

Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations

(h) Daw Aye Thein

Member



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Director

Ministry of Immigration and Population

(i) Daw Than Than Khin

Member

Director

Ministry of Commerce

(j) Daw Su Su Nwe

Member

Department of Financial Markets, Settlement and

Clearance

Central Bank of Myanmar

(k) Daw Nwe Ni Tun

Secretary

**Director General** 

Foreign Exchange Management Department

Central Bank of Myanmar

(I) Daw Thein Gi Ye Tun

Joint Secretary 1

Deputy Director General Department of Labour

Ministry of Labour

(m) U Myo Myint Oo

Joint Secretary 2

Director

Central Committee for Ensuring a Smooth Flow of

Trade and Goods

2. The duties of the Supervisory Committee to Increase the Inflow to Salaries and Wages of Expatriate Myanmar Citizens are as follows:

(a) To ensure that expatriate workers remit their salaries and wages to their families using official banking channels instead of hundi channels and to increase the inflow of salaries and wages, establishing sub-committees which in countries with Myanmar embassies are led by the embassy and consist of [persons from] group offices\*, consulates general and military embassies\* and economic attachés and labour attachés, and which are led by the military



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embassy\* if there is no embassy, to carry out enforcement and have measures reported back to the Committee;

[\* = literal translation]

- (b) coordinating as necessary in collaboration with relevant stations, banks with an AD license and labour agencies to improve services (collection method, distribution method);
- (c) supervising the accountability of labour agencies for repatriating at least 25% of the wages of migrant workers to their families;
- (d) verifying worker remittance inflow to allow import licenses for amounts transferred through official channels (banks, remittance business companies);
- (e) analysing and suggesting what exchange rate should be used to obtain more worker remittance;
- (f) obtaining information from overseas employment agencies and workers and assisting with the transfer of salaries and wages to families;
- (g) ensuring that salaries and wages can be transferred through companies that have a remittance business license issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar and international money transfer businesses connected to the banking system;
- (h) taking action against migrant workers and overseas employment agencies that illegally transfer salaries and wages to families;
- (i) conducting monthly inspections of overseas employment agencies and companies registered in the Myanmar Companies Online (MyCo) system;
- (j) checking workers leaving the country at a border entry/exit, port or airport as to whether the specified documents and information are complete and correct;
- (k) reviewing and reporting the Committee's activities to the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee once a month.

By order



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Aung Lin Dway General Secretary

#### 4. Gold prices and gold trading

#### (a) Gold prices determined by a committee; gold trading declared an essential service

On 25 October 2024, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation ("MONREC") under the SAC declared gold trading an essential service and issued Notification 55/2024 (not translated) which tightly regulates gold trading.

A day earlier, the Union Government under the SAC had established a "Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee" tasked with the daily determination of gold prices based, among others, on world gold prices on the Central Bank exchange rate.

#### (b) Gold trading licenses

According to Notification 55/2024, gold shop owners must apply to an "initial screening team" formed by the MONREC in their Region or State either for a (i) standard gold trading license or (ii) a trading license for artefacts and accessories. Licenses are issued by No. 2 Mining Enterprise with the approval of the MONREC. Only Myanmar nationals or Myanmar-owned companies may apply. The license fee is MMK 1,500,000; the license is valid for 3 years.

Among others, the license application requires the submission of a bank statement showing a deposit of 25% of the "business volume" which seems to refer to the "maximum amount of gold that can be traded in a month (*viss*, *tical* or troy ounces, grams)", a non-objection letter from the General Administration Department, confirmation from the township police station that there is no criminal record, a membership certificate from the relevant gold entrepreneurs association, confirmation of residence from the ward or village administration office, a tax clearance certificate, and a municipal business license (if any).

As part of the license application screening, data of individual business owners or a company's managers and shareholders may be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs for a background check, the Internal Revenue Department may be requested to confirm that the 25% deposit is from money that has already been taxed, and the Anti-Money Laundering

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Central Board may be requested to confirm that the 25% deposit is not from laundered money.

#### (c) Obligations and prohibitions

MONREC Notification 55/2024 lists the following obligations of license holders:

- Selling and buying only gold that meet the standards set by the Union;
- trading only at the official reference price;
- being a taxpayer that complies with applicable tax laws, rules, regulations and procedures;
- complying with the procedures, orders, directives and terms and conditions issued by relevant ministries and the Central Bank for gold trading;
- obtaining a business license from the relevant municipality;
- conducting online sales only with an online sales business registration certificate from the Ministry of Commerce;
- trading gold only at locations permitted by No. 2 Mining Enterprise;
- submitting without fail to the initial screening team within the first 5 days of the month a list of daily and monthly transactions and the balance sheet;
- giving a receipt to the seller or buyer that includes the seller's or buyer's name, registration number, address and phone number as well as full details of the gold price and weight in the receipt, retaining [copies of] the receipts and the daily transaction records for at least 5 years, and handing them over to relevant government departments and organisations without delay if so requested according to the laws in force.

Furthermore, Notification 55/2024 lists the following prohibitions:

- No one may trade gold without a license from No. 2 Mining Enterprise;
- no one may store or trade with the purpose of destabilising the gold market;



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- no license holder may, when trading gold, unscrupulously trade basic materials or trade with methods similar to a lottery that may increase prices;
- no license holder may transfer, sell or let the license without MONREC approval;
- no license holder may without MONREC approval modify, fill in or change data in the license;
- only the transfer of physical gold by the trading methods permitted in Notification 55/2024 is allowed, and no one may sell gold without having it, buy and sell gold in advance, or engage in illegal transactions.

Violations may be punished with imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years and a fine of up to MMK 500,000 (section 5 Essential Supplies and Services Law).

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Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
Notification No. 38/2024
1386, 8<sup>th</sup> Waning Day of Thadingyut
(25 October 2024)
Order Designating Mineral (Gold) Trading Services as an Essential Service

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has exercised the right to issue an order conferred by the Union Government according to section 4 (c) Essential Supplies and Services Law designated mineral (gold) trading services as an essential service.

Khin Maung Yi Union Minister

Letter No. 5 Sub-division (2) 24/Metal (10005)

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## 1386, 7<sup>th</sup> Waning Day of Thadingyut (24 October 2024)

#### Establishment of a Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee

1. The Union Government has established a "Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee" with the following persons to determine and publish the daily mineral (gold) reference price in accordance with the law, rules, regulations and terms [literally, "disciplines"] in force to make the price of gold in the country stable and correct:

(a) Deputy Minister

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental

Conservation

Chairman

(b) Vice Governor
Central Bank of Myanmar

Vice Chairman

(c) Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental

Member

(d) Director General

Conservation

Member

General Administration Department

Ministry of Home Affairs

(e) Director General

Member

Special Investigation Department

Ministry of Home Affairs

(f) Director General

Member

Union Minister's Office

Ministry of Planning and Finance

(g) Director General

Member

Internal Revenue Department



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Ministry of Planning and Finance (h) **Director General** Member Mines Department Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (i) **Managing Director** Member Myanma Gems Enterprise Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (j) **Director General** Member **Department of Consumer Affairs** Ministry of Commerce (k) **Director General** Member Central Bank of Myanmar (I) Member Commander Financial Crime Prevention and Suppression Police Force Ministry of Home Affairs (m) Managing Director Secretary No. 2 Mining Enterprise Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation General Manager Joint Secretary 1 (n) No. 2 Mining Enterprise Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (o) **Deputy General Manager** Joint Secretary 2 No. 2 Mining Enterprise Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental



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#### Conservation

- 2. The duties of the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee are as follows:
  - (a) To make the price of gold in the country stable and correct, confirming, determining and publishing, in daily online virtual meetings with at least three quarters of the committee members in attendance, the mineral (gold) reference price verified and calculated with the exchange rate published by the Central Bank of Myanmar as appropriate for Myanmar, based on the Myanmar weight used for mineral (gold) in various calculations and standards published by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in 1967, the daily world gold price, the gold price in neighbouring countries, the foreign exchange rate, and the state of the domestic gold market;
  - (b) taking into account and reviewing the gold price submitted daily by the mineral (gold) reference price determination working group formed by gold entrepreneurs;
  - (c) liaising with the Ministry of Information to inform the public about the mineral (gold) reference price calculated and published daily according to sub-para. (a);
  - (d) in case of significant changes in the world gold price, coordinating and publishing the mineral (gold) reference price in a timely manner as per subpara. (a);
  - (e) forming working groups based on business needs;
  - (f) preventing activities aimed at destabilising the gold market in the country by determining the mineral (gold) reference price, and monitoring and controlling the gold and currency market and coordinating with the surveillance working committee;
  - (g) if necessary, obtaining and coordinating expert advice from relevant associations such as the Federation of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association, the Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association, and the



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Mandalay Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

By order

Zaw Than Thin

Secretary

Union Government

#### 5. Reshuffling of SEZ committees

The Myanmar Gazette dated 25 October 2024 reported that the SAC on 7 October 2024 reshuffled the Myanmar Special Economic Zone Central Body and the Myanmar Special Economic Zone Central Working Body (<u>text in Burmese</u>; scroll down to page 5).

#### 6. MoU with Laos on migrant workers

On <u>22 October 2024</u>, Myanmar's minister of labour under the SAC and his counterpart from Laos signed a memorandum of understanding ("**MoU**") on migrant workers. Once implemented, overseas employment agencies with a license in Myanmar may officially dispatch Myanmar workers to Laos according to the terms and conditions of the MoU.

#### 7. Online film broadcasting declared an essential service

On 13 March 2024, the Ministry of Information under the SAC declared film broadcasting services using a telecommunications network an essential service which requires registration with the Information and Public Relations Department and the submission of films to a "screening team" prior to making them available. The notification covers films and videos that can be accessed through a web browser or an app.

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Ministry of Information
Notification No. 31/2024
1385, 4<sup>th</sup> Waxing Day of Tabaung



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#### (13 March 2024)

## Order Designating Film Broadcasting Businesses Using a Telecommunications Network as an Essential Service

The Ministry of Information has issued the following order by exercising the right to issue an order conferred by the Union Government according to section 4 (c) Essential Supplies and Services Law:

- 1. The Ministry of Information has designated film broadcasting businesses using a telecommunications network as an essential service according to section 4 (c) Essential Supplies and Services Law.
- 2. Any person engaging in a film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network shall apply for a registration certificate.
- Starting 1 month from the publication of this notification, any person found to be operating a film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network without a registration certificate shall be subject to prosecution according to section 5 Essential Supplies and Services Law.

(Signed)

Maung Maung Ohn
Union Minister

Letter No. 2-6(7)/2024 (887)

Date: 13 March 2024 Copies: [Omitted.]

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Information

Order on the Right to Operate a Film Broadcasting Business Using a Telecommunications

Network

Order No. 23/2024 1385, 4<sup>th</sup> Waxing Day of Tabaung (13 March 2024)

The Ministry of Information has issued the following order by exercising the right to issue an



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order conferred by the Union Government according to section 4 (c) Essential Supplies and Services Law:

## Chapter 1 Title and definitions

- 1. (a) This order shall be known as the Order on the Right to Operate a Film Broadcasting Business Using a Telecommunications Network.
  - (b) This order shall not apply if the telecommunications network is not used in an activity covered by the Motion Picture Law or the Television and Video Law.
- 2. The following expressions in this order shall have the following meanings:
  - (a) "Film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network" means the business of publishing, sharing, selling or displaying through a telecommunication network films or videos that were filmed and produced as feature films, documentaries, films for archives, newsreels, entertainment films, or educational films. This expression also includes the establishment of film theatres and the launching of film-related applications using a telecommunications network.
  - (b) "Telecommunications network" means a system that can be used in conjunction with network equipment, telecommunications equipment, computer, and equipment similar to a computer, and a wired or wireless system that interconnects the equipment, all using any telecommunications technology. This expression includes an online system.
  - (c) "Screening team" means the team formed by the Department by notification and assigned the task of screening with regard to businesses broadcasting films using a telecommunications network.
  - (d) "Registration certificate" means the registration certificate for a film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network issued by the Department under this order.
  - (e) "Ministry" means the Ministry of Information of the Government of the



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Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

(f) "Department" means the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information.

#### Chapter 2

#### Application for a registration certificate

- 3. One application form shall be submitted for each business category below:
  - (a) Establishment of a film theatre using a telecommunications network;
  - (b) launching film-related applications;
  - (c) broadcasting films using a telecommunications network.
- 4. A person desirous of engaging in any business category in para. 3 shall apply to the Department with Form A through the office of the Information and Public Relations Department in the relevant Region or State. A 300 kyats office tax stamp shall be affixed to Form A.
- 5. If the applicant for the registration certificate according to para. 4 is a company or business organisation, it must fulfill any of the following criteria:
  - (a) Being a company or business organisation established according to the Myanmar Companies Law, the Special Company Act, the Cooperative Societies Law or any other law in force;
  - (b) being a company or business organisation that has a website under its own name;
  - (c) being a company or business organisation that can show a *[physical]* location where it conducts the film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network.
- 6. The applicant for the registration certificate must have the following qualifications:
  - (a) Must be a citizen of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;



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- (b) must be at least 18 years of age;
- (c) must have permission according to the laws and rules in force necessary to possess the equipment used for the broadcasting of films using a telecommunications network;
- (d) must be able to show a [physical] location where the film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network is conducted.
- 7. The applicant shall submit the application for the registration certificate together with the following particulars:
  - In case of a company or business organisation, a colour photograph of the person in charge in the company or business organisation, or in case of an individual, a colour photograph of this person;
  - (b) in case of a company or business organisation, a copy of the citizenship scrutiny card of the person in charge in the company or business organisation, or in case of an individual, a copy of the citizenship scrutiny card of this person;
  - (c) endorsement from the Ward or Village Administration Office that the person resides in the ward/village;
  - (d) endorsement from the relevant Township Police Chief's Office that the person has no criminal record;
  - (e) list of business equipment;
  - (f) copies of legal evidence of ownership for the business equipment;
  - (g) copies of necessary documents if owned by a partnership;
  - (h) endorsement from the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization;
  - (i) undertaking to comply with the terms and conditions issued by the Ministry and the Department from time to time.



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#### Chapter 3

## Issuance, application for an amendment and application for renewal of the registration certificate

- 8. The Information and Public Relations Department in the Region or State shall review whether the Form A that it received complies with the criteria in paras. 6 and 7 and submit it to the Department.
- 9. The Department shall review Form A received from the Information and Public Relations Department in the Region or State and if it complies with the criteria and is complete and correct, notify the applicant and the Information and Public Relations Department in the Region or State that the registration fee of 200,000 kyats (exactly two hundred thousand kyats) shall be transferred to the designated bank account of the Department with Myanma Economic Bank, Branch 5 (Yangon), account no. MD 014960.
- 10. The Information and Public Relations Department in the relevant Region or State shall submit to the Department evidence that the applicant paid the registration fee.
- 11. The Department shall issue the registration certificate with Form C within 7 days (excluding holidays).
- 12. The Department may, after reviewing Form A, reject the application if it does not comply with the criteria.
- 13. The registration certificate is valid for 1 year from the date of issuance.
- 14. If there is a change in the data contained in Form A, the registration certificate holder shall submit this to the Department in writing within 30 days from the date of such change.
- 15. If the registration certificate holder has lost or damaged the registration certificate, he shall apply to the Information and Public Relations Department in the relevant Region or State.
- 16. The Department shall review the application according to para. 15 and, if it complies with the criteria, shall issue a new registration certificate upon payment of 10,000



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kyats (exactly ten thousand kyats) for each item to be amended.

- 17. The registration certificate holder shall apply for its renewal within 30 days before its expiry with Form B according to the method in para. 4, paying a fee of 100,000 kyats (exactly one hundred thousand kyats).
- 18. If the application for renewal is filed after the expiry of the registration certificate, a fine of 5,000 kyats (exactly five thousand kyats) shall be paid per month starting from the expiration date.
- 19. The registration certificate holder shall submit each film to be broadcast using a telecommunications network to the screening team and undergo screening.
- 20. The registration certificate holder shall pay to the Department's account a screening fee of 1,000 kyats (exactly one thousand kyats) for each film submitted according to para. 19 that does not exceed 120 minutes, and of 2,000 kyats (exactly two thousand kyats) for each film submitted according to para. 19 that exceeds 120 minutes.

## Chapter 4 Terms

- 21. No one shall carry on a film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network without a registration certificate issued under this order.
- 22. The registration certificate holder shall not transfer the registration certificate without obtaining the Department's permission.
- 23. Any person having obtained a registration certificate shall comply with the terms and conditions issued by the Ministry and the Department from time to time.
- 24. The occurrence of any of the following invalidates the registration certificate:
  - (a) Failure to apply for renewal within 6 months after the expiration of the registration certificate;
  - (b) revocation of the registration certificate;



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- (c) return of the registration certificate by its holder;
- (d) conviction under the Essential Supplies and Services Law.
- 25. The registration certificate holder shall not broadcast a film without submitting it to the screening team and undergoing screening.
- 26. No one may publish, and no one may share, display or promote to harm individuals and organisations contrary to the decision of the screening team.

## Chapter 5 Supervision and action

- 27. The Department may access and inspect film broadcasting businesses using a telecommunications network with a team formed from time to time.
- 28. If the registration certificate holder violates any of the rules of this order, the Department may either temporarily or permanently revoke the registration certificate or prosecute under the Essential Supplies and Services Law, depending on the violator's violation.

## Chapter 6 Miscellaneous

- 29. If the registration certificate holder wishes to cease the film broadcasting business using a telecommunications network for any reason before the expiration of the registration certificate, he shall submit the matter to the Department or the Information and Public Relations Department in the relevant Region or State and return the registration certificate.
- 30. The Information and Public Relations Department in the Region or State shall submit list of registration certificate holders to the Department before the 5<sup>th</sup> day in the beginning of each month.

Maung Maung Ohn
Union Minister

Form A, Form B, Form C [omitted]



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We hope that you have found this information useful.

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