

# Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Commerce

# Key Updates of Import and Export Regulations of Myanmar

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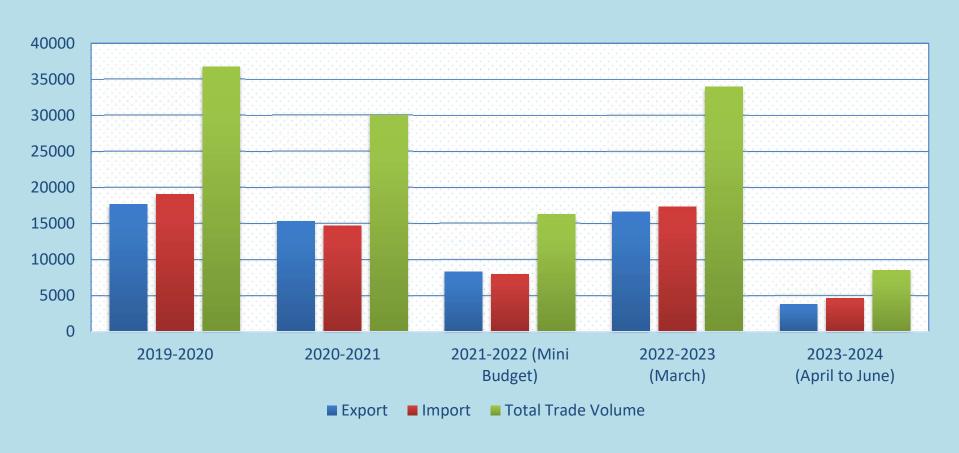
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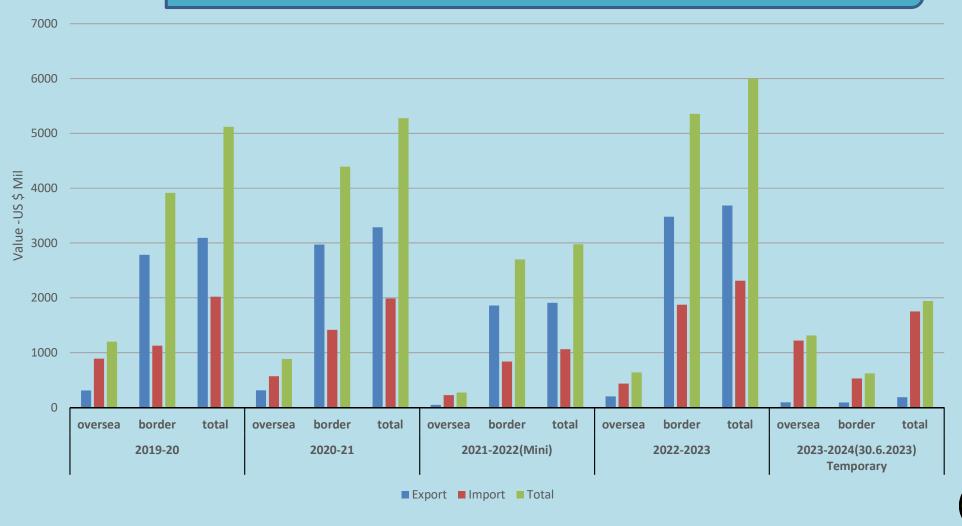
# Part I Bilateral Trade between Myanmar and Thailand

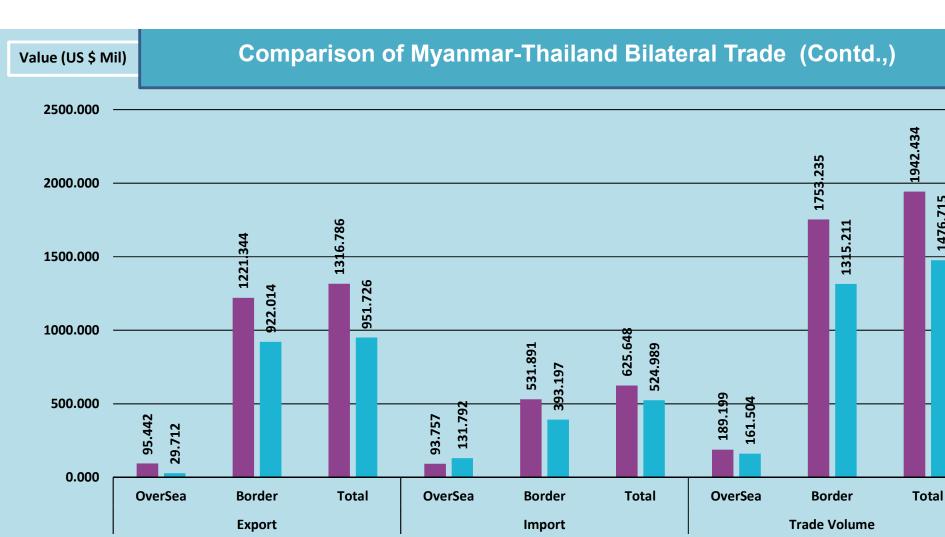
# Total Trade Volume of Myanmar (From 2019-2020 Fiscal Year to 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (April to June))

### Value (US \$ Mil)



# Comparison of Myanmar-Thailand Bilateral Trade (From 2020-2021 to 2023-2024)





2022-2023

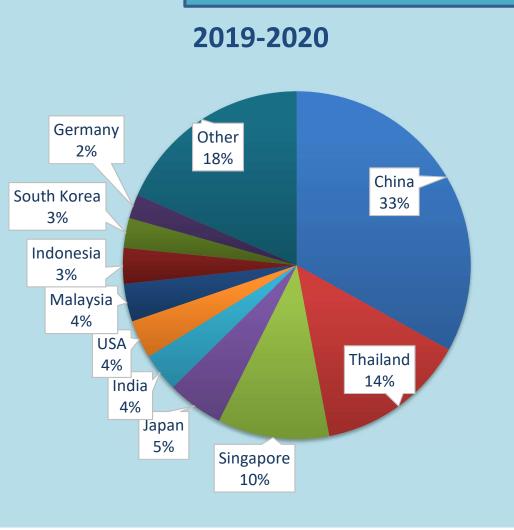
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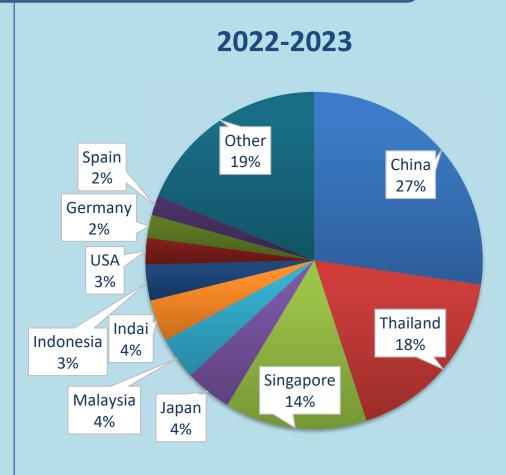
**2023-2024** 

(April-June)

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# Part II Trade Policy Landscape of Myanmar



- Monetary Policy
- Fiscal Policy
- Investment Policy
- other trade related policies

#### Foreign Exchange Supervising Committee (FESC)

- ❖ Formed on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- The Objectives of the Committee
  - to make the Exchange Rate Stability and
  - to utilize Foreign Currency effectively.

## The progress of balancing inflow and outflow of foreign currency

- ❖ The foreign earnings of the residents must be deposited in AD licensed banks and converted into Myanmar Kyat within a working day [Notification No (12/2022) (3.4.2022)] (100 % of foreign earnings including export earning)
  - **Exemption**: foreign companies are exempted
- ❖ Exporters shall convert 65% of the export earnings to Myanmar Kyats [Notification No 12/2022 and (36/2022) (5.8.2022)].
  - ❖ 35% of the export earning can be used freely within 30 days.
  - Only Foreign Companies which are exporting value-added products are exempted.
- Exporters are to exchange only 50% of their export earnings [Notification No (15/2023). (13.7.2023)]

# Implementing Cross-Border Payment Systems At the Borders with Neighboring Countries

Settlement by bilateral currencies (**Kyat-Yuan**) through Banking system is being started in **China- Myanmar** Border Trade [Notification No. 48/2021 of the CBM].

Settlement by bilateral currencies (**Kyat-Bath**) through Banking system is being started in **Thailand - Myanmar** Border Trade [Notification No. 5/2022 of the CBM]

In India – Myanmar Border Trade, the use of Kyat-Rupee cross-border payment is under negotiation.

# **Encouraging Settlement through Banking System for Border Trade**

#### **Objectives**

- To strengthen the implementation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) report, and
- To ensure the systematic use of banking system in conducting export and import activities in border trade.

### **Encouraging Settlement through Banking System for Border Trade (Contd.)**

#### Myanmar-Thailand Border: Bulletin (10/2022),

- Payments for importation at the border are to be made via bank transaction.
- Export earnings and other types of foreign currency earnings (including salary and income remitted by Myanmar workers overseas) will be allowed to be used for imports.
- Initially (as a first step), this system was applied to trade at the Myanmar-Thailand border from 1st November 2022.

#### Myanmar-China Border : Bulletin (10 /2023)

- As a second step, the above-mentioned system was proceed to the Myanmar-China border from 1st August 2023.
- It will be allowed to use from exports earning, other earnings and balance account (Yuan) obtained from the local banks (AD licensed banks) for imports only via bank transactions.

## Relaxing Regulations on Advanced TT system for Border Trade

#### Relaxing Regulations on Advanced TT System for Border Trade : Bulletin No. (11/2023) and (13/2023)

- Advanced Telegraphic Transfer (TT) system was exercised in the exports of pulses and beans, sesame and peanut to neighboring countries via border from July 2022.
- ❖ According to this bulletin, from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, exporters no longer need to pay export earning for the export license in advance.

#### Company with more than 3 years of establishment

need to deposit 20 % of the total export value of the license

#### Company with less than 3 years of establishment

- need to deposit 35% of the total export value of the license
- The deposit can be paid in Myanmar Kyat with market price at the border.
- After receiving export declaration, export earnings must be entered to the company's account within 15 days.

# Part III Available Online Services

#### Online Services via TradeNet 2.0 system

- Since November 2020, Myanmar Tradent 2.0 system could fully operated and the followings can be applied through online:
  - Applying TradeNet Member;
  - Certificate of Exporter/importer Registration and related Certificates (9 types of Certificates); and
  - Export/Import Licenses and Permits.
- Trade-related government departments/organizations can access to the system.



## Regulation governing the importation of automobile

- Importation of Commercial vehicles is allowed under Car Showroom and Sales Centre Registration System.
- ❖ Importation of electric vehicles and related goods is allowed with the permission of the Steering Committee on National Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries since the beginning of 2023.

# Online Sales Registration (Coming Soon)

#### Registration on Online Sales of goods and services

- ❖ Published the Online Sales Registration Order [Notification No 51/2023 on 21.7.2023]
- ❖ In order to register, the system "e-Commerce Registration" and SOP are developing and entering into force in near future.

### **Vehicle Monitoring System for Border Trade**

#### QR Code-Based Vehicle Pass System: Bulletin No. (2/2023) (1.2.2023)

- ❖ Launched an online system to issue vehicle passes which carry export commodities,
- Intention to facilitate the exports in the border channel.
- \* Exporters can apply for the QR code-based Vehicle Pass through the Vehicle Monitoring system (htpps://vehicle.myanmartradenet.com) after obtaining a border export license.
- This system was fully operational from 11 February, 2023.

#### **Export Licensing for Commodities from Border Trade : Bulletin No. (3/2023) (4.2.2023)**

- In order to apply for a permit of vehicle pass, all commodities exported from border trade are firstly needed to apply for an export license.
- ❖ For the convenience of traders, Automatic Licensing System is being granted for the commodities that are not needed to apply for export licenses.

### **Trade Information**

The following websites will help traders to find information they require to import goods into Myanmar and export goods from Myanmar.

http://www.commerce.gov.mm

http://myanmartradeportal.gov.mm

<u>TradeNet 2.0 (myanmartradenet.com)</u>

Q&A