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Report Highlights:

Burma's National Defense and Security Council announced, through Directive No. 2/2025, that all committees, commissions, and organizations have been dissolved effectively from August 1, 2025. This report summarizes the recent decision and provides background on the agricultural and trade-related committees and their work which has now been dissolved.

Background

On July 3, the National Defense and Security Council (NDSC) of Burma (also known as the Republic of the Union of Myanmar) announced the formation of the new Union Government by Order No. 3/2025. On the same day, the NDSC formally established the new National Security and Tranquility Commission by order No. 4/2025. In this new arrangement following the July 31 lifting of the state of emergency, U Nyo Saw serves as the Prime Minister of the Union government, while Senior General Min Aung Hlaing chairs the National Security and Tranquility Commission.

On August 1, the NDSC officially announced the dissolution of 194 committees, commissions, and organizations. These bodies had been established under the previous State Administration Council (SAC) government through various directives and notifications.

Among the notable dissolved entities were the National Solidarity and Peace-making Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) and the Myanmar Press Council. Also dissolved were the Leading Committee and Central Organizing Committee for State Buddhist Title Conferment Ceremonies, the Central Committee for Implementation of National Solidarity and Peace-making, the Working Committee for National Solidarity and Peace-making, the Negotiation Committee for National Solidarity and Peace-making, the Preliminary Scrutiny Group for Land Issues, the Central Committee for Streamlining Trade and Goods Flow, and the Working Committee for Streamlining Trade and Goods Flow, among others. This dissolution is part of an administrative process undertaken to abolish organizations formed under the previous government structure. The NDSC has affirmed its commitment to formally confirm the dissolution of these entities and to continue with the necessary administrative measures.

The following committees were related to agriculture and trade.

Central Committee on Ensuring the Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods

On February 20, 2021, the SAC formed this Committee to ensure that there were no delays or difficulties in domestic and international trade. According to the regime, the responsibilities of this committee included:

- (a) Restoring trade operations with a focus on all seaports, airports, and border trade posts; setting policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure efficiency and accuracy; and coordinating smooth coordination at border checkpoints.
- (b) Coordination and harmonization of trade-related policies and procedures to ensure that business operators could carry out their activities clearly, accurately, and efficiently.
- (c) Formation and assignment of One Stop Service Committees (OSSC) to prioritize streamlining trade operations and to facilitate the simplification of traditional procedures for faster and smoother business processes.
- (d) Inspection of imports of non-essential commodities to prevent unnecessary trade deficits, which the regime claimed harmed the national economy, and to prevent the illegal importation of goods.
- (e) Supervision and regulation of banking operations to ensure the smooth, timely, and systematic flow of official financial transactions related to trade and commerce.
- (f) Prioritized planning and implementation to prevent illegal trade activities.

- (g) Supervising and monitoring the Committee's activities as needed to ensure accuracy and efficiency in trade operations.

Import Valuation Review Committee

On August 25, 2023, the SAC formed the "Import Valuation Review Committee" to verify the accuracy of import values and ensure fair prices for goods entering through border and maritime trade routes, as well as for other necessary products.

The regime assigned the following tasks to the Import Valuation Review Committee:

- (a) Ensure verification of the accuracy of prices for imported goods entering Burma and enforce regulations related to the importation accordingly.
- (b) To prioritize strict enforcement measures to prevent illegal trade of imported goods.
- (c) To inspect the documents for custom clearance for importation.
- (d) To supervise and monitor insurance of full collection of import duties.
- (e) To ensure smooth financial flows for import-related operations, carry out activities in accordance with financial policy guidelines.
- (e) To ensure the accuracy of import values, coordinate and collaborate with relevant departments, associations, and business operators.

Committee for Expanding Oilseed Crop Cultivation to Ensure Sufficient Edible Oil Supply

The committee focuses on increasing the cultivation of oilseeds (e.g., sunflower, groundnut, and sesame) to meet the domestic demand for edible oil. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation led the committee with five union ministers. The committee coordinated with the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealer Association and other stakeholders to increase oilseed production.

Attachments:

No Attachments.