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Report Name: Validity Period of Import Licenses and Permits
Applications Established

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Report Highlights:

Burma's Department of Trade set the validity period of import/export licenses and permits applications at 180 days beginning on January 1, 2026. Companies may submit only one import license application for the same product within a single calendar month. While being seen as trade facilitating and supporting transparency, other parts of the December 31, 2025, notification introduce new restrictions. U.S. food and agricultural product exporters are encouraged to discuss implications with Burmese importers. As of January 6, 2026, the notification is not accessible to the public on the World Trade Organization website.

Background:

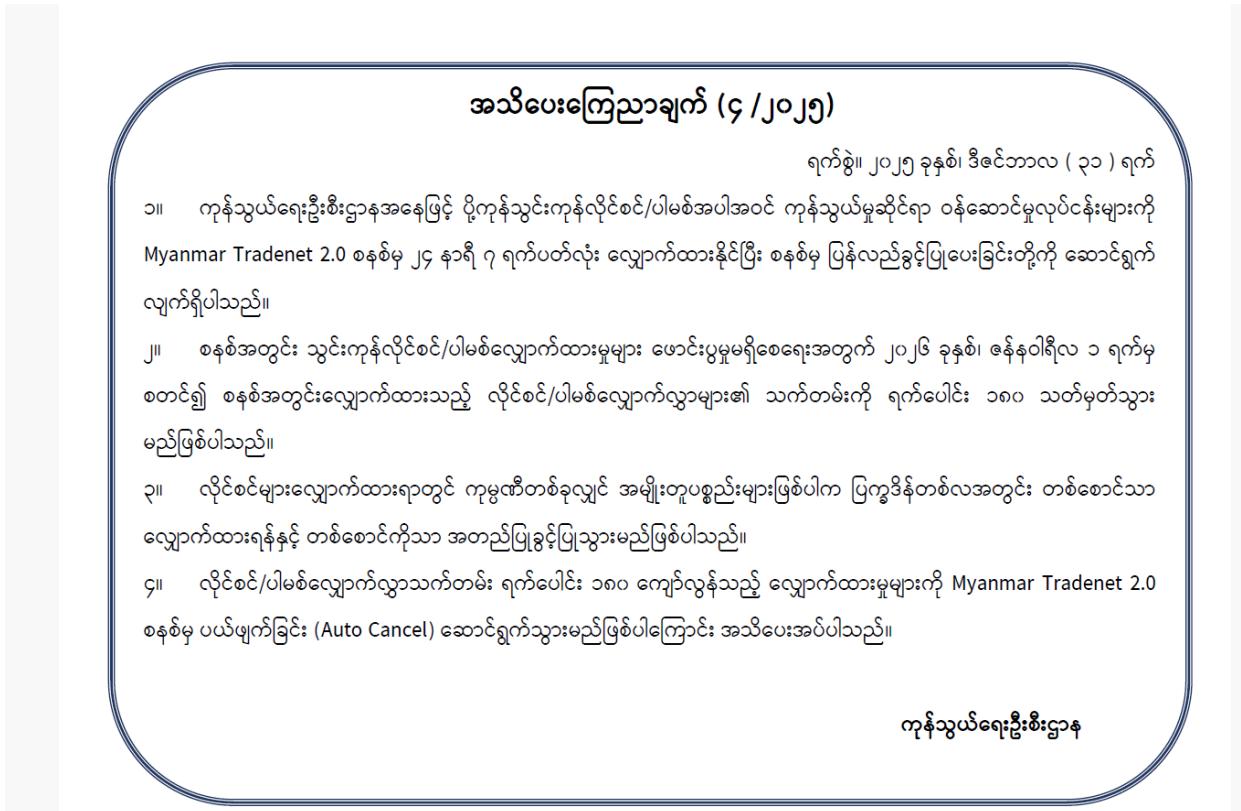
The Department of Trade (DOT) under the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) is responsible for the routine issuance of export/import licenses and permits. All export/import licenses and permits must be applied for in the [Myanmar Tradenet 2.0](#) system. On December 31, 2025, DOT issued Export/Import Notification 4/2022. This notification established the validity period for the applications of licenses and permits to 180 days in the [Myanmar Tradenet 2.0](#) in an effort to curb the accumulation of license applications within the system which helps reduce administrative overhead for applicants and increases transparency. The notification included the following four points:

1. The Department of Trade hereby announces that trade-related services, including export/import licenses and permits, are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the [Myanmar Tradenet 2.0](#) system.
2. To prevent the accumulation or over-inflation of export/import license and permit applications within the system, starting from January 1, 2026, the validity period of license and permit applications registered in the system is set to 180 days.
3. If a company applies for a license for the same type of product, the company must submit only one application within a calendar month, and the Department of Trade will approve only one license for that product.
4. Applications of export/import licenses and permits that exceed the 180-day validity period will be automatically cancelled by the [Myanmar Tradenet 2.0](#) system (auto-cancellation).

License applicants need to make payment and/or withdrawal within 90 days of application approval by the DOT. According to Export/Import Notification 4/2022, those applicants who fail to do so will have their approved licenses and permits automatically annulled. Point three in the notification, which allows a company to apply for only one license for the same type of goods and permits approval of only one license per calendar month, is considered a trade restrictive measure by industry contacts.

As of January 6, 2026, the notification is not accessible through the [World Trade Organization documents website](#), and it remains uncertain whether DOT officials will notify the measure.

Figure 1. Burma: Image of Original Notification No. 4/2025 in Burmese Language



Attachments:

No Attachments.