

Applicants to five IPIM incentive schemes exempted from submitting certain supporting documents, to ease application processes

Press Release

The Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), in co-operation with several government bureaus under the Secretary for Economy and Finance, introduced in August 2015 a simplified "Document Submission Service for Bureaus under the Secretariat for Economy and Finance". In June 2016, IPIM and the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau jointly launched a new service for collection of notification letters regarding applications for renewal of temporary Macao residency by investors and managerial/technical professionals.

IPIM is now co-operating with several government bodies to introduce another measure to make it easier for users of its services. Applicants for any of the five incentive schemes offered under the "Regulations on Participation in IPIM's Promotional Activities" are exempted from submitting – as part of their respective applications – certain supporting documents issued, respectively, by the Financial Services Bureau, the Printing Bureau and the Commerce and Movable Property Registry. The aim is to simplify applications and administrative procedures for such incentive schemes, while improving the work processes of public administration.

The five incentive schemes under the "Regulations on Participation in IPIM's Promotional Activities" that are covered by the new simplifying measure are as follows:

1. Financial incentives for participation in inbound and outbound exhibitions or trade fairs organised by IPIM.
2. Financial incentives for participation in inbound and outbound exhibitions or trade fairs not organised by IPIM.
3. Participation in entrepreneur delegations organised by IPIM.
4. E-commerce promotion incentive measures.
5. E-commerce promotion (B2C) incentive Measures.

The supporting documents that applicants are no longer required to submit are as follows:

Supporting document	Issuing government body
Copy of Declaration Form of Start/Alteration of Activity – Industrial Contribution (M/1 Form)	Financial Services Bureau
Copy of Receipt of Industrial Contribution (M/8 Form)	
Copy of Professional Tax Form – Nominal List of Employees and Wage Earners (M3/M4 Form)	
Copy of Certificate of No Debt Arrears	
Copy of announcement of the association’s establishment, as published in the Macao Government Gazette	Printing Bureau
Copy of Business Registration Certificate	Commerce and Movable Property Registry

The five incentive schemes are utilized for participation in inbound and outbound exhibitions or trade fairs, and to promotion of products and/or services in B2B and B2C e-commerce platforms. These applications mostly involve the promotion of goods under the following categories: “Made in Macao”; “Macao brands”; “Macao Design”; and products from Portuguese-speaking Countries distributed by Macao-based agents.

With the introduction of this new opt-in/opt-out measure, IPIM will no longer ask applicants to submit – as part of their application – a significant number of supporting documents issued by other government bureaus. This is expected to save applicants time, as they will no longer need to visit different government bureaus to collect these documents. The measure will also increase public administration efficiency.

For more details about this new measure, please contact +853 2872 8212 during office hours, or email smec@ipim.gov.mo. Interested parties can also visit IPIM’s Macao Business Support Centre during office hours for more information. (Address: Alameda 263, Dr. Carlos d’Assumpção, China Civil Plaza Building, 19th Floor.)

Caption:

1. IPIM to implement new measure simplifying applications for five incentive measures relating to promotion activities