

Macro & Financial

China Considers Relaxing Restrictions on Foreign Investment and May Implement a "Negative List" Across the Country

Market News

Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China, Mr Wang Shouwen said on August 23 that China will continue to open up its education, finance, culture and manufacturing industries to foreign investors. The new measures will focus on boosting investments in the inland and western regions. Since the launch of the reform and opening-up policy, China has successfully attracted large amount of foreign investments. But now, some high-profit industries, including finance and telecommunications, remain closed to foreign investors. According to the data released earlier by the Ministry of Commerce (MOC), in July this year, 2,400 new foreign-invested enterprises were established nationwide, down 3.8% year on year; actual use of foreign investments was 49.76 billion RMB (US \$ 7.71 billion), down 1.6% year on year.

At present, China applies "Negative List" in free trade areas (FTAs) to restrict the access to specific industries by foreign investors. All industries that are not on the "negative list" are open to foreign investors

[Ifeng News](#)(Currently Only Available in Chinese)

Disclaimer: NAFMII does not guarantee the accuracy of the information contained in the newsletter. Materials and data provided here are intended for general informational purposes only, and are not intended to provide specific investing, tax, business or legal advice to any individual or entity. Certain contents of this newsletter are copyrighted by NAFMII. You agree that information provided on this newsletter will be used solely for your own personal, noncommercial use and benefit, and this information is not to be distributed, sold, transferred or otherwise made available to third parties. You may not copy, recompile or create derivative works from the information provided on this newsletter. Readers are urged to consult with their own advisors before taking action based on any information appearing on this newsletter.