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

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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

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