国务院办公厅关于建立外国投资者并购境内企业安全审查制度的通知

Notice of the General Office of the State Council on Launching the Security Review System for Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors

国办发 〔2011〕6号

Guo Ban Fa [2011] No. 6

各省、自治区、直辖市人 民政府,国务院各部委、 各直属机构: To the people's governments of all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government and all the departments of and the organizations directly under the State Council,

境内企业安全审查(以下简

称并购安全审查)制度有关

In the midst of the development of economic globalization and further implementation of China's opening up policy, China has seen gradual increase in the numbers of mergers and acquisitions (M&As) of domestic enterprises by foreign investors, which has played an active role in promoting the diversification of foreign capital utilization in China, optimizing allocation, promoting technological advancement, and enhancing enterprise management capability. In order to guide the orderly development of foreign investors' M&As of domestic enterprises, and protect the national security, subject to the approval of the State Council, we hereby announce the relevant matters regarding the launching of security review system for M&As of domestic enterprises by foreign investors (hereinafter referred to as "M&A security review") as follows:

事项通知如下:

- 一、并购安全审查范围
- (一) 并购安全资金源重重实资金制料国际, 为 工人, 为 工人, 为 工人, 为 工人, 为 工人, 为 工人, 以 单 为 为 工人, 以 单 为 为 不会, 以 单 为 为 不会, 以 单 为 为 不会, 从 单 为 , 要 、 等 都 和 要 , 的 购 企 施 防 投 安 能 、 , 国 投
- 1. Scope of M&A security review
- (1) Scope of M&A security review covers: foreign investors' M&As of military industrial enterprises or military industry related supporting enterprises, enterprises located near key and sensitive military facilities, and other entities relating to national defense; foreign investors' M&As of key domestic enterprises in areas such as agriculture, energy and resources, infrastructure, transport, technology, assembly manufacturing, etc., whereby the foreign investors might acquire the actual controlling right thereof.

- (二)外国投资者并购 境内企业,是指下列情形:
- (2) M&As of domestic enterprises by foreign investors shall refer to the following circumstances:

1¹²外国投资者购买境内 非外商投资企业的股权或 认购境内非外商投资企业 增资,使该境内企业变更 设立为外商投资企业。

- (a) A foreign investor's purchase of the equity of a non-foreign-invested enterprise in China, or subscription of the capital increase of a non-foreign-invested enterprise in China, thereby transforming said enterprise into a foreign-invested enterprise;
- (b) A foreign investor's purchase of the equity held by Chinese shareholders in a foreign-invested enterprise in China, or subscription of the capital increase of a foreign-invested enterprise in China;
- (c) A foreign investor establishes a foreign-invested

2¹²外国投资者购买境内 外商投资企业中方股东的 股权,或认购境内外商投 资企业增资。

3¹³外国投资者设立外商 投资企业,并通过该外商 投资企业协议购买境内企 业资产并且运营该资产, 或通过该外商投资企业购 买境内企业股权。

4型外国投资者直接购买 境内企业资产,并以该资 产投资设立外商投资企业 运营该资产。

(三)外国投资者取得实际控制权,是指外国投资者通过并购成为境内企业的控股股东或实际控制人。包括下列情形:

1¹ 1² 外国投资者及其控股母公司、控股子公司在并购后持有的股份总额在

enterprise, purchases by agreement the assets of a domestic enterprise through said foreign-invested enterprise, and operates such purchased assets, or purchases the equity of a domestic enterprise through the said foreign-invested enterprise; or

(d) A foreign investor directly purchases the assets of a domestic enterprise and uses the purchased assets to invest and establish a foreign-invested enterprise for operation of such assets.

- (3) A foreign investor acquiring the actual controlling right shall mean that the foreign investor becomes the controlling shareholder or actual controller of the concerned domestic enterprise through the M&A, which shall include the following circumstances:
- (a) A foreign investor or its parent company or subsidiary holds a 50% stake or more in the target company after the M&A;
- (b) More than one foreign investor holds an aggregate of 50% stake or more in the target company after the M&A;
- (c) A foreign investor holds less than 50% stake in the target company after the M&A, but the voting rights actually enjoyed by the foreign investor is sufficient to exert major impact on the resolution of the shareholders' meeting, general meeting of shareholders, or the board of directors; or

50%以上。

2回数个外国投资者在并购后持有的股份总额合计在 50%以上。

3四外国投资者在并购后 所持有的股份总额不足 50%,但依其持有的股份所 享有的表决权已足以对股 东会或股东大会、董事会 的决议产生重大影响。

4型其他导致境内企业的 经营决策、财务、人事、 技术等实际控制权转移给 外国投资者的情形。 (d) Other circumstances that may result in the actual controlling right in business decision-making, financial affairs, human resources, technologies, etc., being transitioned to the foreign investor.

二、并购安全审查内容

(一)并购交易对国防 安全,包括对国防需要的 国内产品生产能力、国内 服务提供能力和有关设备 设施的影响。

(二)并购交易对国家 经济稳定运行的影响。

2. Content of M&A security review

- (1) Impact of the M&A transactions on the national security, including the domestic product manufacturing capacity, domestic service provision capacity, and relevant equipment and facilities needed for the national security;
- (2) Impact of the M&A transactions on the stable operation of national economy;
- (3) Impact of the M&A transactions on the basic living of the people; and
- (4) Impact of the M&A transactions on the R&D capacity for key technologies related to the national security.

(三)并购交易对社会 基本生活秩序的影响。

(四)并购交易对涉及 国家安全关键技术研发能 力的影响。

三、并购安全审查工作 机制

(一)建立外国投资者 并购境内企业安全审查部 际联席会议(以下简称联 席会议)制度,具体承担 并购安全审查工作。

(二)联席会议在国务院领导下,由发展改革委、商务部牵头,根据外资并购所涉及的行业和领域,会同相关部门开展并购安全审查。

(三)联席会议的主要 职责是:分析外国投资者 并购境内企业对国家安全

的影响:研究、协调外国

3. M&A security review work mechanism

- (1) A system of ministerial panel for the security review of M&As of domestic enterprises by foreign investors (hereinafter referred to as "Ministerial Panel") shall be established to be responsible for the specific M&A security review work;
- (2) The Ministerial Panel shall be under the leadership of the State Council, while the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Commerce shall take the lead in carrying out M&A security review in conjunction with other relevant departments according to the industries and fields involved in the foreign M&A; and
- (3) The main duties and responsibilities of the Ministerial Panel shall include: analyzing the impact of the M&A of domestic enterprises by foreign investors on the national security; studying and coordinating the major issues involved in the security review of foreign investors' M&As of domestic enterprises; carrying out security review regarding the foreign investors' M&As of domestic enterprises if so required and making decisions.

投资者并购境内企业安全 审查工作中的重大问题; 对需要进行安全审查的外 国投资者并购境内企业交 易进行安全审查并作出决 定。

四、并购安全审查程序

(一)外国投资者并购境内企业,应按照本通知规定,由投资者向商务部提出申请。对属于安全审查范围内的并购交易,商务部应在 5 个工作日内提请联席会议进行审查。

(二)外国投资者并购 境内企业,国务院有关部 门、全国性行业协会、同 业企业及上下游企业认为 需要进行并购安全审查 的,可以通过商务部提出 进行并购安全审查的建 议。联席会议认为确有必

4. Procedures of M&A security review

- (1) With regard to a foreign investor's M&A of a domestic enterprise, the investor shall file an application with the Ministry of Commerce in accordance with this Notice. If the M&A falls under the scope of security review, the Ministry of Commerce shall file a request for M&A security review with the Ministerial Panel within five working days;
- (2) With regard to a foreign investor's M&A of a domestic enterprise, if the relevant departments under the State Council, national industrial associations, enterprises in the same trade, and other enterprises on the upstream and downstream sides believe it necessary to conduct the M&A security review, they may make proposals through the Ministry of Commerce on conducting the M&A security review. The Ministerial Panel may decide to conduct the review if it deems it necessary;
- (3) With respect to M&A transactions submitted by the Ministry of Commerce for M&A security review, the Ministerial Panel shall first conduct general review, and implement the special review if the transactions fail the general review. The parties to the transactions shall cooperate with the Ministerial Panel in the review process, provide materials and information required for the security review work, and accept relevant inquiries; The general review shall be carried out by means of written opinion solicitation. Upon the receipt of the application for M&A security review filed by the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministerial Panel shall seek opinions in writing from the relevant departments within five working days. The relevant departments shall, upon the receipt of the opinion solicitation letter, present written

要进行并购安全审查的,可以决定进行审查。

(三)联席会议对商务 部提请安全审查的并购交 易,首先进行一般性审查, 对未能通过一般性审查 的,进行特别审查。并则 交易的安全审查工作,提供 安全审查需要的材料、信 息,接受有关询问。

一般性审查采取书面征 求意见的方式进行。联席 会议收到商务部提请安全 审查的并购交易申请后,在 多个工作日的意见。对于的意见。对于的意见。对于的方式进行的。如 不能到书面征工作的。如 有关即的。如 是出书面。如 是出书的。 是出书的。 是出书的。

国家安全,则不再进行特

opinions within 20 working days. If the relevant departments reach a consensus that the concerned M&A transactions will not have any impact on national security and the special review is unnecessary, the Ministerial Panel shall issue review opinions within five working days upon the receipt of all the written opinions, and inform the Ministry of Commerce of the same in writing.

If certain departments believe that the concerned M&A transactions may impact the national security, the Ministerial Panel shall initiate the special review procedures within five working days upon the receipt of the relevant written opinions. After the special review procedures are initiated, the Ministerial Panel shall organize security assessment on said M&A transactions and review the same by taking into account the assessment opinions. If a consensus is reached after the review, the Ministerial Panel shall present review opinions. In the event of major divergence of views, the Ministerial Panel shall report the circumstances to the State Council for a decision. The Ministerial Panel shall complete the special review or report to the State Council for a decision within 60 working days after the special review procedures are initiated. The Ministry of Commerce shall be notified of the review opinions in writing by the Ministerial Panel;

- (4) During the M&A security review, the applicant may apply with the Ministry of Commerce for modification of the transaction plan or cancellation of the transaction;
- (5) The Ministry of Commerce shall notify the applicant of the M&A security review opinions; and
- (6) If a foreign investor's M&A of a domestic enterprise has exerted, or is likely to exert, major impact on the national security, the Ministerial Panel shall require the Ministry of Commerce, in conjunction with other relevant departments, to terminate the transaction, or take other effective measures such as transfer of relevant equity or assets, so as to eliminate the influence of the said M&A on the national security.

别审查,由联席会议在收 到全部书面意见后 5 个工 作日内提出审查意见,并 书面通知商务部。

如有部门认为并购交易 可能对国家安全造成影 响,联席会议应在收到书 面意见后 5 个工作日内启 动特别审查程序。启动特 别审查程序后,联席会议 组织对并购交易的安全评 估,并结合评估意见对并 购交易进行审查,意见基 本一致的,由联席会议提 出审查意见;存在重大分 歧的,由联席会议报请国 务院决定。联席会议自启 动特别审查程序之日起 60 个工作日内完成特别审 查,或报请国务院决定。 审查意见由联席会议书面 通知商务部。

(四)在并购安全审查 过程中,申请人可向商务 部申请修改交易方案或撤 销并购交易。

(五)并购安全审查意 见由商务部书面通知申请 人。

五、其他规定

(一)有关部门和单位 要树立全局观念,增强责 任意识,保守国家秘密和 商业秘密,提高工作效率, 在扩大对外开放和提高利

5. Other provisions

- (1) The relevant departments and entities shall bear in mind the overall interests, enhance their sense of responsibility, keep the national secrets and trade secrets, and improve their work efficiency, so as to promote the sound development of foreign capital M&As and effectively safeguard the national security in the midst of the further opening up the market to the outside world and improvement of the capability in foreign capital utilization,;
- (2) Where a foreign investor's M&A of a domestic enterprises involves new investment in fixed assets, the

用外资水平的同时,推动 外资并购健康发展,切实 维护国家安全。

- (二)外国投资者并购 境内企业涉及新增固定资 产投资的,按国家固定资 产投资管理规定办理项目 核准。
- (三)外国投资者并购 境内企业涉及国有产权变 更的,按国家国有资产管 理的有关规定办理。
- (四)外国投资者并购 境内金融机构的安全审查 另行规定。
- (五)香港特别行政区、 澳门特别行政区、台湾地 区的投资者进行并购,参 照本通知的规定执行。
- (六)并购安全审查制度自本通知发布之日起30日后实施。

transaction shall be subject to project verification and approval in accordance with the relevant provisions of the State on fixed asset investment management;

- (3) Where a foreign investor's M&A of a domestic enterprises involves the change of State-owned equity, the relevant provisions of the State on State-owned asset management shall apply;
- (4) The security review for foreign investors' M&A of domestic financial institutions shall be separately provided;
- (5) With regard to M&As by investors from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Macau Special Administrative Region or Taiwan Region, this Notice shall apply as a reference; and
- (6) The M&A security review system shall become effective 30 days from the date of promulgation of this Notice.

国务院办公厅

General Office of the State Council February 3, 2011

二○一一年二月三日