

**Rules of Selection/Comparison of The General Chamber of Commerce of R.O.C.
for Recognizing
Outstanding Foreign Commerce Agencies/Foreign Firms Based in the R.O.C.**

- (1) In view of the varied conditions existed in the targets for selection, it may be difficult to separate the superiority because of parallel competence among them. For this reason, a resolution has been reached in the seminar for the present case and the Selection/Comparison Rules are hereby drafted and decided by This Chamber based on the said “Practicing Points”.
- (2) In aspect of the terms for the selection of foreign commerce agencies stationed in the R.O.C., the sequence order by importance shall be: “previous year's growth rate of bilateral trade of each relevant country with the R.O.C.”, “collateral service of entry visa”, “promotion of economic/trading activities”, “cultural exchange activities” and “sponsorship of social public service activities”, as well as other accomplishments.
- (3) In aspect of the terms for the selection of foreign firms in the R.O.C., the sequence order by importance shall be: “previous year's actual import/export performance or turnover”, “science-tech transfer”, “promotion services”, “ratio of return sales” or “pollution improvement”, “protection of laborer's welfare”, “enthusiasm of social public service”, or other accomplishments.
- (4) Please be informed that the “Remarks” column of the Selection/Comparison Chart (as per attachment) is provided mainly for the event unfavorable to the R.O.C. such as high tariff, trading barrier, as well as the discrimination of the R.O.C. in international organizations or activities, etc.
- (5) The aforesaid outstanding or unfavorable items should be summarized and filled in the Selection/Comparison Chart by each participating organization upon recommendation stage, but it would be unnecessary to do so if without such event.
- (6) After the recommendation list containing the aforesaid solid event as submitted by each relevant organization is received and arranged by This Chamber, together with the said Selection/Comparison Rules, they will be forwarded to each participating organization for joint reference and then based on which above, decide and select the qualified foreign commerce agencies and foreign firms based in the R.O.C.

**The practicing Points of The General Chamber of Commerce of R.O.C.
for the Selection of
Outstanding Foreign Commerce Agencies and Foreign Firms Based in the
R.O.C.**

I . Basis:

It should be stated that the present case has been passed in This Chamber's first international Relations Committee meeting held in the 80th ROC Calendar Year. The latest amendment was made and passed in the 6th board directors' meeting of the 8th term held on September 8, 2011.

II . Purpose:

In consideration of solid and significant contributions to the growth of R.O.C.'s foreign trade and other substantial bilateral relationship as being extended by foreign commerce agencies and foreign firms based in the R.O.C. a plan is hereby made to select from among those of above who have achieved excellent performance and as a follow up step, they will be publicly recognized in the convention celebrating the Merchant's Day (falls on November 1st) hosted by This Chamber annually in the R.O.C. Making use of the occasion, it is our aim to show the attention paid by ROC's private firms to them on the one hand and on the other, to encourage the elevation of amicable relationship of them with ROC.

III. Standard and Operation of Selection:

(I) For foreign commerce agencies stationed in the R.O.C.:

1. The target for selection shall be the commerce agencies (including foreign Embassies & Consulates, Trade Offices in the R.O.C.), which are stationed in the R.O.C. and have been registered on file in our government, from our country's trading partner nations or areas as the unit of selection.
2. By referencing to the growth rate, the promotion of economic/trading activities and particular accomplishments (such as collateral service of entry visa, cultural exchange or sponsorship of social public services, etc.) in aspect of bilateral trade achieved by the nations or areas, to which the aforesaid targets for selection belong, with our country in previous year, the candidates will be selected through the recommendation of local organizations related and joint participation of selection/comparison operation.
3. In principle, no more than five foreign commerce agencies stationed in the R.O.C. shall be selected in each year for the aforesaid selection/comparison operation, and the selected agencies shall claim the title for just once within three years.
4. After the foreign commerce agencies are selected. This Chamber will give a notice to their responsible persons by inviting them to present at the

Merchant's Day convention to be held in that year and they will be recognized in public at the scene. On due date, they will be awarded a "Golden Merchant Medal" together with a Certificate issued by This Chamber as keepsake.

(II) For foreign firms in the R.O.C.

1. The target for selection shall be the foreign firms which have put investment and set up factories or companies through registration in the R.O.C. for more than one year.
2. By referencing to the actual import/export performance, the employee numbers and particular accomplishments (such as science-tech transfer, the ratio of return sales, pollution improvement, protection of laborer's welfare, or enthusiasm of social public service, etc.), the candidates will be selected through the recommendation of organizations related and joint participation of selection/comparison operation.
3. Result of selection of foreign firms shall avoid concentrating on a certain country. Firms selected shall not be recommended to claim the title again within the next three years.
4. After the "Outstanding foreign firms" are selected, This Chamber will give a notice to their responsible persons by inviting them to present at the Merchant's Day convention to be held in that year and they will be recognized in public at the scene. On due date, they will be given with one set of "Golden Merchant Award" together with a Certificate issued by This Chamber as keepsake.

The execution of the above said practicing points has been passed in the board directors meeting of This Chamber. However, please be notified that it may be modified or supplemented corresponding to the actual situation or the suggestion of organizations related.