

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

§ 2496. Office of Foreign Investment Assistance; Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) *Primary Responsibility.* The Office of Foreign Investment Assistance through the director shall be principally responsible for assisting any alien investor, with a long-term business certificate issued under 4 CMC § 5941, or a foreign investment certificate issued under 4 CMC § 5951, in obtaining all the requisite permitting and licensing requirements of the various government departments and agencies in an expedient manner.

The services provided by the office shall include, but not be limited to, assistance in obtaining information and documents from government departments and agencies, assistance in filling out applications for government permits and licenses and other government requirements, routing of applications through the government departments and agencies on behalf of the alien investor, monitoring of the progress of applications for permits and licenses on behalf of the foreign business, and prompt coordination with departments, agencies, and public corporations and other governmental entities, including, but not limited to, permitting and licensing departments and agencies, on any additional documentary support required of the foreign business.

(b) *Interdepartmental agreements.* The Office of Foreign Investment Assistance, through the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, may enter into agreements with other departments, agencies, public corporations, and other governmental entities to establish procedures for expediting the dissemination of information for foreign investors and the processing of any application for permit or license or any other governmental service.

(c) *Rulemaking authority.* The Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall have rulemaking authority to prescribe reasonably necessary rules and regulations to carry out the mandate and intent of this Act.

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