

What is the “object of investment” recognized as foreign investment?

Every month, Invest Korea provides answers to some frequently asked questions submitted by foreign-invested companies in Korea and potential investors.

Q. What is the “object of investment” that is recognized as foreign investment?

A. The term “object of investment” means any object in which a foreign investor invests in order to possess stocks, etc. pursuant to Article 2(1)8 of the Foreign Investment Promotion Act, and which falls under any of the following:



- A means of international payment as defined under the Foreign Exchange Transactions Act or a means of domestic payment incurred by the exchange of such a means of international payment
- Capital goods
- Proceeds from stocks, etc. acquired under the Foreign Investment Promotion Act
- Industrial property rights, intellectual property rights prescribed by Presidential Decree, other technologies corresponding thereto, and rights pertaining to the use of such rights or technologies
- Where a foreigner closes his/her own branch or office located in Korea and converts the branch company or office into another domestic corporation, or where a domestic corporation, the stocks of which are held by a foreigner, is dissolved, the residual property to be distributed to the foreigner upon liquidation of such branch, office, or corporation
- The amount of redemption of loans prescribed by the Foreign Investment Promotion Act or of other loans from foreign countries
- Stocks prescribed by Presidential Decree
 1. Stocks of foreign corporations listed or registered on foreign securities markets
 2. Stocks held by foreigners under the Foreign Investment Promotion Act or the Foreign Exchange Transactions Act
- Real estate located in Korea (required to submit documents certifying the transaction pursuant to the Foreign Exchange Transactions Act)
- Other means of domestic payment prescribed by Presidential Decree (Proceeds from the sale of stocks, etc. of a Korean corporation or a company or of real estate owned by a foreigner pursuant to the Foreign Investment Promotion Act or the Foreign Exchange Transactions Act)

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