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Tax Exemptions to Boost the Digital Asset Market



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Summary

On 24 September 2024, the Thai government issued two royal decrees aimed at fostering the growth of digital assets within the country. These royal decrees provide significant tax exemptions to encourage investment in and the use of digital tokens and cryptocurrencies.

Royal Decree No. 788: VAT exemption for utility tokens and cryptocurrencies

Royal Decree No. 788 was issued to exempt value-added tax (VAT) on the transfer of cryptocurrencies and utility tokens. This exemption applies to transactions conducted through digital asset exchanges, brokers, or dealers, as well as transfers to digital asset dealers under the Emergency Decree on Digital Asset Businesses B.E. 2561 (2018). The royal decree aims to boost the use of digital assets in Thailand by reducing transaction costs and fostering a supportive regulatory environment.

Royal Decree No. 789: Personal income tax exemption for investment tokens

Royal Decree No. 789 was issued to exempt personal income tax on profit sharing or benefits derived by individuals from holding or possessing investment tokens. This royal decree aims to alleviate the tax burden on investors and stimulate the digital economy. The exemption applies to profit sharing or benefits received from 1 January 2024 onwards, provided that the taxpayer does not claim a refund or credit for the tax withheld, which is set at 15%.

Both royal decrees are part of the government's broader strategy to enhance the digital asset market, provide a more favourable tax regime to attract investors and promote economic growth in the digital sector.



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