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**New rules on importing  
used production lines,  
equipment, machinery and  
tools for the semiconductor  
and digital technology  
industries**

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# At a glance

On 14 November, the Ministry of Science and Technology issued Circular no. 30/2025/TT-BKHCHN, providing guidance on certain provisions of the Digital Industry Law (effective on 1 January 2026). The Circular sets out criteria for the import of used production lines, equipment, machinery and tools. It takes effect on 1 January 2026.

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# Key points

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### Scope of application

Circular 30/2025 sets out the criteria that apply to used production lines, equipment, machinery and tools imported into Vietnam where the stated import purpose is one of the following:

- Training, research and development of digital products and services; and
  - Production, packaging and testing of semiconductor chips.
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### Import criteria

The applicable criteria vary depending on the stated import purposes:

- For imports for training, research and development of digital products and services, imported goods must not appear on the exporting country's list of obsolete, poor-quality or polluting used production lines, equipment, machinery and tools; nor on lists of technologies banned or restricted from transfer. They must also meet prescribed safety, energy-saving and environmental protection standards;
- For imports for production, packaging and testing of semiconductor chips, in addition to the above, certain goods must meet further conditions depending on their type, such as remaining operational capacity, energy consumption versus design specifications, and the age of the goods.



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