



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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28 Sep 2026

Call for inputs on relaxation of market access conditions for foreign investors

At the request of the Ministry of Finance (MOF), VBF facilitates Chambers to gather input from member companies on the relaxation of market access conditions for foreign investors under the draft amendments to the Law on Investment.

The consultation is particularly significant as the Government reviews which sectors should be opened further, to what extent, and under what roadmap, in line with Resolution No. 10-NQ/TW and Viet Nam's ambition to attract higher-quality and next-generation FDI.

VBF is coordinating evidence-based input from the foreign business community, covering existing market access restrictions, business-level obstacles, international practices and the rationale and priority for reform in specific sectors.

Through this process, VBF brings practical investor experience and sector-specific evidence into the policy-making process, helping inform more targeted policy measures to improve market access for foreign investors and further enhance Viet Nam's investment environment.

VBF ITWG continues engagement on the Draft Law amending the Law on Investment

Building on months of advocacy on the draft Law amending Law on Investment, VBF's Investment & Trade Working Group (ITWG) continued its substantive engagement through the final stages of the drafting and appraisal process.

- **On 4 September**, ITWG joined an ad hoc consultation hosted by Ms. Bui Thu Thuy, FIA/ MOF Deputy Director General, where VBF presented consolidated business concerns, proposed adjustments to key outstanding provisions.
- **On 11 September**, ITWG continued this work at the second appraisal meeting organised by the Ministry of Justice, providing further input on the remaining provisions and helping ensure that key recommendations from the foreign business community were reflected in the finalisation process.

Through this sustained effort, VBF has contributed not only comments, but practical, sector-informed recommendations at multiple stages of the legislative process.

Meanwhile, as part of the ongoing legislative process, the National Assembly Standing Committee provided comments on the draft Law on 30 September 2026.

VBF PEWVG Steering committee strengthens dialogue with VCCI on Power Sector Priorities



On 16 Sep, PEWVG Steering Committee met with VCCI’s Legal Department to highlight key investor concerns and discuss how these issues could be channelled through VCCI’s Government engagement mechanism.

The discussion focused on:

- PPA bankability for utility-scale projects
- A level playing field for foreign investors
- Incentives for early-stage offshore wind investors



VBF CMWVG provides input to SSC consultation on capital market reforms

On 17 September 2026, VBF CMWVG participated in the consultation meeting on the draft Circular replacing Circular No. 119/2020/TT-BTC on securities registration, depository, clearing and settlement activities.

Prior to the consultation, CMWVG actively engaged its members in internal discussions and submitted consolidated comments and recommendations on the draft.

Following the consultation process, the Ministry of Finance issued Circular No. 145/2026/TT-BTC on 30 September 2026, which will take effect from 16 November 2026.

This engagement reflects CMWVG’s continued contribution to the development of a practical and effective regulatory framework for Vietnam’s capital market.

VBF Tax & Customs WG participates in Consultations on amended Customs Law

On 24–25 September 2026, VBF’s Tax & Customs Working Group participated in consultation workshops organised by the Customs Department on the draft implementing regulations for the amended Customs Law.

Chaired by Mr. Âu Anh Tuấn, Deputy Director General of the Customs Department, the consultations brought together government agencies, business associations and enterprises to discuss one draft Decree and two draft Circulars covering customs procedures, inspection, supervision and control, tax administration for import-export goods, and customs procedures at ports of entry.



VBF actively contributed practical business perspectives and recommendations to the draft regulations, drawing on members’ operational experience and concerns. The engagement provided a valuable channel for direct dialogue with Customs authorities and further strengthened VBF’s contribution to the development of clear, practical and business-responsive implementing regulations.

The consultations form part of the ongoing implementation of Law No. 11/2026/QH16, which is scheduled to take effect on 1 March 2027.

VBF contributes Business Perspectives to World Bank Group CPF 2027–2032



On 28 September 2026, VBF, represented by the Banking Working Group, Infrastructure Working Group, and Investment & Trade Working Group, participated in the World Bank Group's private-sector consultation for the Viet Nam Country Partnership Framework (CPF) FY2027–2032.

VBF representatives contributed practical inputs from the business community on priority development challenges and investment conditions, including perspectives on infrastructure, access to finance, and the investment and business environment. These inputs helped inform discussions on areas where the World Bank Group could focus its financial and technical support to maximise development impact and support Viet Nam's ambition to become a high-income country by 2045.

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