Thailand protects against Mexican company



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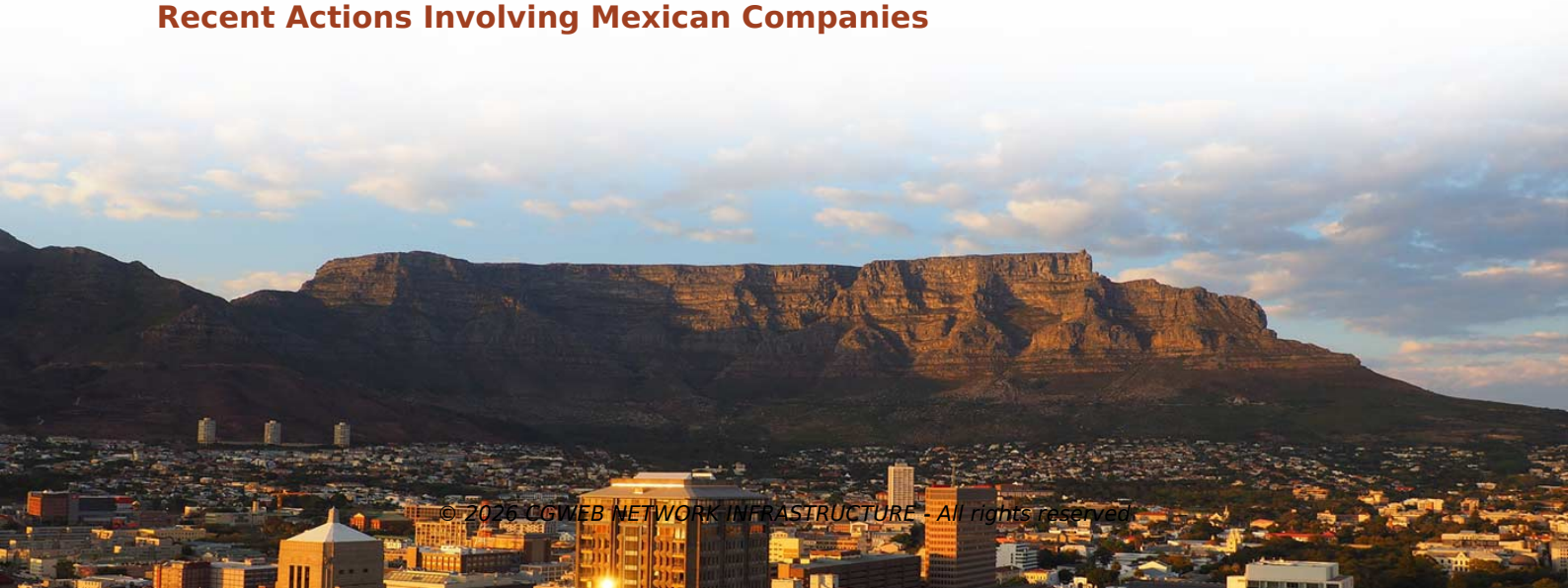
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Key Takeaways

Thailand is actively enforcing laws to prevent foreign companies from circumventing local ownership rules, including actions affecting Mexican-linked businesses. Legal Framework and EnforcementThailand's Foreign Business Act restricts noncitizens from holding more than 49% of shares in local companies. To bypass this, some foreign entrepreneurs have used Thai nominees to appear as majority owners, a practice now under strict scrutiny by authorities.

The government has launched inspections across tourist areas and other regions, identifying tens of thousands of foreign-linked companies for verification of genuine Thai ownership. Companies failing to prove legitimate local ownership risk asset freezes, seizure, or criminal prosecution.

Recent Actions Involving Mexican Companies



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A notable case involved the Miss Universe 2025 pageant in Thailand, where Mexican staff members were detained after a complaint revealed that a sponsor linked to the event was associated with an online gaming company, which is illegal in Thailand. Thai authorities acted to enforce local laws, resulting in arrests of Mexican production personnel, highlighting Thailand's commitment to upholding domestic regulations against foreign entities. Broader Crackdown on Nominee CompaniesAuthorities have intensified investigations into companies using Thai shareholders as proxies, particularly in sectors like tourism, beauty, and cannabis.

The Department of Business Development is verifying shareholder funding sources and cross-checking bank accounts to ensure compliance. Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul has emphasized prosecuting illegal businesses and dismantling shell companies used by foreigners to conduct business unlawfully.

Consumer Protection and Compliance

Thailand also enforces consumer protection laws that apply to foreign companies operating locally, including online platforms. The Consumer Protection Act and related statutes require truthful advertising, product safety, and fair contract terms. Violations can lead to fines, compensation claims, or criminal sanctions.

Recent updates in 2025 have strengthened oversight of cross-border digital services, ensuring foreign companies comply with Thai consumer rights.

Summary

Thailand is actively protecting its legal and economic interests by cracking down on foreign companies that attempt to bypass ownership restrictions or violate local laws. This includes Mexican-linked businesses, as seen in the Miss Universe case, and extends to broader enforcement against nominee arrangements and consumer protection violations. Foreign investors are now under heightened scrutiny and must ensure full compliance with Thai regulations to avoid legal consequences.

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