



# EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THAILAND (“EXIM THAILAND”) SECOND PARTY OPINION ON THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCE FRAMEWORK



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# DNV'S INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT

## Scope and Objectives

The Export-Import Bank of Thailand ("EXIM Thailand" or the "Customer") is a state-owned, specialized financial institution under the Ministry of Finance's supervision. The Bank's objective is to conduct business that promotes and supports Thai exports, imports, and investments for the purpose of national development by providing credit facilities, guarantees, insurance against risks, and other services conducive to the achievement of these goals. EXIM Thailand raises funds by borrowing from financial institutions, both at home and abroad, and issues short-term and long-term financial instruments for sale to financial institutions and the general public.

EXIM Thailand has developed a Sustainable Finance Framework (henceforth referred to as "Framework") with the aim to raise capital via bonds, loans, and other financial instruments (collectively "Sustainable Finance Instruments" or "SFI"), and to label these transactions as either green, blue, social, or sustainable. The SFIs will be allocated to an amount equal to the net proceeds of green, blue, social, and sustainable bonds/loans to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, expenditures directly related to eligible green, blue, social, and sustainable projects.

The Framework is in alignment with the stated standards and principles (collectively the "Standards & Principles"):

- Green Bond Principles ("GBP") issued by the International Capital Markets Association ("ICMA") in June 2021
- Green Loan Principles ("GLP") issued by the Loan Market Association ("LMA") / Asia-Pacific Loan Market Association ("APLMA") / Loan Syndication and Trading Association ("LSTA") in February 2023
- Social Bond Principles ("SBP") issued by the ICMA in June 2023
- Social Loan Principles ("SLP") issued by the LMA / APLMA / LSTA in February 2023
- Sustainability Bond Guidelines ("SBG") issued by the ICMA in June 2021
- ASEAN Green Bond Standards ("ASEAN GBS") issued by the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum ("ACMF") in October 2018
- ASEAN Social Bond Standards ("ASEAN SBS") issued by the ACMF in October 2018
- ASEAN Sustainability Bond Standards ("ASEAN SUS") issued by the ACMF in October 2018
- Sustainable Blue Economy Practitioner's Guide published by the Asian Development Bank ("ADB"), ICMA, International Finance Corporation ("IFC"), United Nations Environment Programme ("UNEP"), and United Nations Global Compact ("UNGC"), dated September 2023.

DNV (Thailand) Co., Ltd. ("DNV") has been commissioned by EXIM Thailand to review its Framework and provide a Second Party Opinion on the Framework, based on the Standards & Principles.

Our methodology to achieve this is described under 'Work Undertaken' below. We were not commissioned to provide independent assurance or other audit activities.

No assurance is provided regarding the financial performance of instruments issued via EXIM Thailand's Framework, the value of any investments, or the long-term environmental benefits of the transaction. Our

objective has been to provide an assessment that the Framework has met the criteria established on the basis set out below.

## **Responsibilities of the Management of the EXIM Thailand and DNV**

The management of EXIM Thailand has provided the information and data used by DNV during the delivery of this review. Our statement represents an independent opinion and is intended to inform EXIM Thailand's management and other interested stakeholders in the SFIs as to whether the SFIs are aligned with the listed Standards & Principles. In our work, we have relied on the information and the facts presented to us by EXIM Thailand. DNV is not responsible for any aspect of the nominated assets or projects referred to in this opinion and cannot be held liable if estimates, findings, opinions, or conclusions are incorrect. Thus, DNV shall not be held liable if any of the information or data provided by EXIM Thailand's management and used as a basis for this assessment were not correct or complete.

## Basis of DNV's Opinion

We have adapted our assessment methodology to create the EXIM Thailand-specific Eligibility Assessment Protocol (henceforth referred to as "Protocol"). Our Protocol includes a set of suitable criteria that can be used to underpin DNV's opinion. As per our Protocol, the criteria against which the Framework has been reviewed are grouped under the four core components:

### 1. Use of Proceeds

The Use of Proceeds criteria are guided by the requirement that an issuer of a bond / a borrower of a loan must use the funds raised to finance or refinance or to repay equity of eligible activities. The eligible activities should produce clear environmental and social benefits.

### 2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

The Project Evaluation and Selection criteria are guided by the requirements that an issuer of a bond / a borrower of a loan should outline the process it follows when determining eligibility of an investment using Green / Blue / Social / Sustainable bond or loan proceeds and outline any impact objectives it will consider.

### 3. Management of Proceeds

The Management of Proceeds criteria are guided by the requirements that a bond / loan should be tracked within the organization, that separate portfolios should be created when necessary and that a declaration of how unallocated funds will be handled.

### 4. Reporting

The Reporting criteria are guided by the recommendation that at least annual reporting should be made of the use of proceeds and that quantitative and/or qualitative performance indicators should be used, where feasible.

No assurance is provided regarding the financial performance of instruments issued via the Framework, the value of any investments, or the long-term environmental benefits of the transaction. Our objective has been to provide an assessment that the Framework has met the criteria established on the basis set out below.

## Work Undertaken

Our work constituted a high-level review of the available information, based on the understanding that this information was provided to us by EXIM Thailand in good faith. We have not performed an audit or other tests to check the veracity of the information provided to us. The work undertaken to form our opinion included:

- Creation of a Protocol, adapted to the purpose of the SFIs, as described above and in Schedule 3 to this Assessment;
- Assessment of documentary evidence provided by EXIM Thailand on the SFIs and supplemented by a high-level desktop research. These checks refer to current assessment best practices and standards methodology;
- Review of published materials by EXIM Thailand and EXIM Thailand's website;
- Discussions with EXIM Thailand's management, and review of relevant documentation and evidence related to the criteria of the Protocol; and
- Documentation of findings against each element of the criteria.

Our opinion as detailed below is a summary of these findings.

## Findings and DNV's Opinion

DNV's findings on the alignment with Standards & Principles are listed below:

### 1. Use of Proceeds

EXIM Thailand states that the proceeds raised through the SFIs issued under its Framework will be allocated exclusively to finance and/or refinance, in whole or in part, expenditures directly related to eligible green, blue, social, and sustainable projects.

The Framework defines the following eligible project categories.

Green Projects are:

- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Waste management and resource efficiency
- Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use
- Water supply and infrastructure
- Clean transportation

Blue Projects are:

- Marine renewable energy
- Wastewater management
- Sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and marine value chain
- Sustainable marine transportation
- Sustainable ports
- Sustainable coastal and marine tourism

Social Projects are:

- Access to essential services
- Employment generation
- Socio-economic advancement and empowerment

DNV undertook an analysis of the associated project types to determine the eligibility as Green, Blue, and Social projects, in line with the Standards & Principles. DNV concludes that the eligible categories outlined in the Framework are consistent with the categories outlined in the Standards & Principles.

### 2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

EXIM Thailand provides a comprehensive and detailed process for the selection and evaluation of eligible project categories in the Framework.

EXIM Thailand's corporate governance structure is overseen by the Corporate Governance and Sustainability Committee. The Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) is responsible for EXIM Thailand's adherence to the Framework. For the internal approval of a project, its assets, and expenditures, the SFWG will assess and select existing lending portfolios (with a maximum look-back period of three years) and prospective new lending projects against the eligibility criteria of the framework, and then report to the Asset and Liability Management Committee for acknowledgement.

DNV concludes that EXIM Thailand's Framework appropriately describes the process for Project Evaluation and Selection.

### 3. Management of Proceeds

EXIM Thailand has explicitly stated that it is aligning its eligible projects with sustainable bonds, loans, and other financing instruments issued through a portfolio approach.

The proceeds will be earmarked to finance or refinance loans for projects, assets, and expenditures that meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Framework. The Framework indicates that pending the allocation of any proceeds, EXIM Thailand will temporarily invest the balance of unallocated proceeds in cash or cash-equivalent instruments within its normal treasury processes. Any unallocated proceeds will not be invested in excluded categories as defined in this framework.

DNV has reviewed the evidence presented and concludes that the Framework appropriately describes the process for Management of Proceeds.

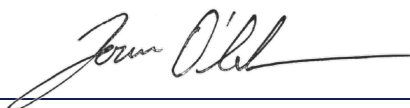
### 4. Reporting

EXIM Thailand has committed to being transparent in its reporting and will produce an update report at least annually and when appropriate based on material developments in EXIM Thailand's operations. The update report for EXIM Thailand's Framework will be published annually. All relevant documents — including the Framework, update reports, and reports from external reviewers — will be made available on EXIM Thailand's website.

On the basis of the information provided by EXIM Thailand and the work undertaken, it is DNV's opinion that the Framework meets the criteria established in the Protocol and that it is aligned with the stated definition of SFIs within the Standards & Principles.

**For** DNV (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

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## Schedule 1. Description of Categories to be financed or refinanced through EXIM Thailand's SFIs

Eligible Green Project Categories	Eligible Criteria and Description	DNV Findings
Renewable energy	<p>To finance or refinance projects related to development, construction, management, operation, or maintenance of renewable energy projects (e.g., production, power generation, transmission, and parts manufacturing), including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar PV and solar thermal (less than 15% usage of non-renewable energies as backup power)</li> <li>• On-shore wind</li> <li>• Biomass from bio-waste (such as wood or feedstock waste) and certified feedstock (with lifecycle GHG emissions &lt;100gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh)</li> <li>• Geothermal (lifecycle GHG emissions &lt;100gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh)</li> <li>• Electricity storage facilities</li> </ul>	<p>DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>
Energy efficiency	<p>To finance or refinance projects related to the installation of systems or products that optimize energy performance of all buildings and factories.</p>	
Waste management and resource efficiency	<p>To finance or refinance circular projects related to the development, construction, management, operation, or maintenance of facilities, equipment, and value chains including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction of air emissions</li> <li>• Waste reduction and prevention (e.g., use of biodegradable packaging materials)</li> <li>• Waste recycling</li> </ul>	
Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use	<p>To finance or refinance projects related to environmentally sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry, including climate-smart farming, forestry (including afforestation or reforestation), and natural landscape preservation or restoration.</p>	
Water supply and infrastructure	<p>To finance or refinance projects related to clean and/or drinking water infrastructure, wastewater treatment, sustainable urban drainage systems, river training, and other forms of flooding mitigation.</p>	
Clean Transportation	<p>To finance or refinance projects related to the production, installation, and operation of a clean transportation system, such as the installation of EV charging stations and the purchase of electric vehicles.</p>	



Eligible Blue Project Categories	Eligible Criteria and Description	DNV Findings
Marine renewable energy	<p>To finance or refinance projects related to development, construction, management, operation, or maintenance of renewable energy projects (e.g., production, power generation, transmission, and parts manufacturing), including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offshore wind</li> <li>• Wave</li> <li>• Offshore floating solar</li> </ul>	<p>DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the following categories under the GBP/GLP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable energy</li> </ul> <p>DNV also considers the eligibility of this project to be well aligned with the IFC and ICMA Guidelines for Blue Finance.</p>
Wastewater management	<p>To finance or refinance wastewater management, located within 100 kilometres of the coast to the ocean, including the construction and improvement of wastewater treatment systems.</p>	<p>DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the following categories under the GBP/GLP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution prevention and control</li> </ul> <p>DNV also considers the eligibility of this project to be well aligned with the IFC and ICMA Guidelines for Blue Finance.</p>
Sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and marine value chain	<p>To finance or refinance sustainable fisheries, aquaculture operations, and marine value chain projects, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecosystem-based fisheries management, aquaculture management</li> <li>• Cold storage, processing, and certification scheme enhancements such as production, trade, or retail of seafood products with the blue Marine Stewardship Council label, the Aquaculture Stewardship Council label, or equivalent sustainability certification standard (e.g., seafood supply chain sustainability such as the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative [GSSI])</li> <li>• Traceability systems to ensure sustainability of operations, facilities, and supply chains in the fishing industry</li> </ul>	<p>DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the following categories under the GBP/GLP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity</li> </ul> <p>DNV also considers the eligibility of this project to be well aligned with the IFC and ICMA Guidelines for Blue Finance.</p>
Sustainable marine transportation	<p>To finance or refinance projects related to environmental and sustainability performance improvement of marine transportation, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase new vessels or retrofit existing vessels that meet the technical criteria in the ASEAN or Thailand Taxonomy for</li> </ul>	<p>DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the following categories under the GBP/GLP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean transportation</li> </ul>

	<p>Sustainable Finance, or in accordance with applicable international standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air pollution reduction and ballast water treatment in accordance with applicable international standards</li> </ul>	<p>DNV also considers the eligibility of this project to be well aligned with the IFC and ICMA Guidelines for Blue Finance.</p>
Sustainable ports	<p>To finance or refinance projects, related to port management improvement, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste reduction and recycling management</li> <li>• Construction or improvement of renewable energy systems</li> <li>• Improvement of oil spill prevention</li> <li>• Air pollution reduction</li> <li>• Enabling infrastructure for low emission transport (e.g., electricity charging, hydrogen-based refuelling) and infrastructure that is dedicated to the performance of the port's own operation with zero direct (tailpipe) CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</li> </ul>	<p>DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the following categories under the GBP/GLP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution prevention and control</li> <li>• Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity</li> <li>• Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use</li> </ul> <p>DNV also considers the eligibility of this project to be well aligned with the IFC and ICMA Guidelines for Blue Finance.</p>
Sustainable coastal and marine tourism	<p>To finance or refinance projects, located within 100 kilometres of the coast, to improve environmental and sustainability management of coastal and marine tourism, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction and operation of coastal hotels/resorts with sustainability standards, sustainable management, and marine natural resource and/or biodiversity conservation in accordance with local or international recognized certification such as the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC), Green Globe</li> <li>• Solid waste and wastewater management for coastal hotels/resorts</li> </ul>	<p>DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the following categories under the GBP/GLP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity</li> <li>• Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use</li> </ul> <p>DNV also considers the eligibility of this project to be well aligned with the IFC and ICMA Guidelines for Blue Finance.</p>

Eligible Social Project Categories	Eligible Criteria and Description	DNV Findings
Access to essential services	Implementation of the Government of Thailand's policy of providing low-interest loans to SMEs. This includes nonperforming loan debtors who have undergone debt restructuring and would otherwise be unable to obtain financial assistance elsewhere.	DNV considers the stated proposed Use of Proceeds to be aligned with the Standards & Principles.
Employment generation	Loans given to SMEs, including women-led SMEs, to generate employment (as well as self-employment) and programs designed to prevent and/or alleviate unemployment stemming from socioeconomic crises. <sup>2</sup>	
Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment	Implementation of programs to support entrepreneur development activities such as the EXIM Excellence Academy, which aims to support and create market opportunities for SME entrepreneurs and exporters who wish to increase their competitiveness and expand their market share. Other training programs organized by EXIM Thailand include, but are not limited to, the Exporting Excellence Program, Neo Exporter, Mid-Pro and High Achiever Course, and projects to develop franchise business towards new frontier countries.	

### Exclusion Criteria

EXIM Thailand's Framework explicitly indicates that the financing proceeds shall not be utilized towards the following activities:









- Development, refining, and transportation of fossil fuels (including coal, oil, and gas)
- Fossil fuel power generation<sup>3</sup>
- Nuclear power generation
- Weapons and defence
- Gambling and casinos
- Alcohol and tobacco (excluding beer and wine)
- Activities with forced or child labour

<sup>2</sup> EXIM Thailand's Framework defines that women-led SMEs are those where there is a woman (or women) as either the owner(s) of the enterprise or the primary, sole, or co-borrower(s).

<sup>3</sup> Excepting non-renewable energy generators used as back-up for renewable energy.

- Production or trade of dangerous chemicals, radioactive materials, or engendered species
- Commercial logging in old growth or primary tropical forests
- Harmful marine or coastal fishing practices
- Projects, assets, or expenditures associated with human or labour rights violations or environmental harm are also excluded

## Schedule 2. Contributions to UN SDGs

Eligible Green Project Categories	UN SDGs	DNV Findings
Renewable energy	<b>SDG 7:</b> Affordable and clean energy 	DNV is of the opinion that the eligible category outlined in the Framework contributes to the achievement of the UN SDGs.
Energy efficiency	<b>SDG 9:</b> Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure <b>SDG 11:</b> Sustainable Cities and Communities  	
Waste management and resource efficiency	<b>SDG 11:</b> Sustainable Cities and Communities <b>SDG 12:</b> Responsible Consumption and Production  	
Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use	<b>SDG 15:</b> Life on Land 	
Water supply and infrastructure	<b>SDG 6:</b> Clean Water and Sanitation 	
Clean transportation	<b>SDG 11:</b> Sustainable Cities and Communities 	

Eligible Blue Project Categories	UN SDGs	DNV Findings
Marine renewable energy	<b>SDG 7:</b> Affordable and clean energy	DNV is of the opinion that the eligible category outlined in the Framework contributes to the achievement of the UN SDGs.
Wastewater management	<b>SDG 6:</b> Clean Water and Sanitation	
Sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and marine value chain	<b>SDG 12:</b> Responsible Consumption and Production <b>SDG 14:</b> Life Below Water	
Sustainable marine transportation	<b>SDG 9:</b> Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure <b>SDG 14:</b> Life Below Water	
Sustainable ports		
Sustainable coastal and marine tourism	<b>SDG 12:</b> Responsible Consumption and Production <b>SDG 14:</b> Life Below Water	

Eligible Social Project Categories	UN SDGs	DNV Findings
Access to essential services	<p><b>SDG 4:</b> Quality Education</p> <p><b>SDG 8:</b> Decent Work and Economic Growth</p> <p><b>SDG 10:</b> Reduced Inequalities</p>	<p>DNV is of the opinion that the eligible category outlined in the Framework contributes to the achievement of the UN SDGs.</p>
Employment generation	  	
Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment		

## Schedule 3. Eligibility Assessment Protocol

### 1. Use of Proceeds

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	DNV Findings
1a	Type of Bond /Loan	<p>The Bond/Loan must fall in one of the following categories, as defined by the Standards &amp; Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green / Social / Blue / Sustainable Use of Proceeds Bond</li> <li>• Green / Social / Blue / Sustainable Use of Proceeds Revenue Bond</li> <li>• Green / Social / Blue / Sustainable Project Bond</li> <li>• Green / Social / Blue / Sustainable Securitized Bond</li> <li>• Loan instrument made available for Green / Social / Blue / Sustainable projects (Green / Social / Blue / Sustainable use of loan proceeds)</li> </ul>	<p>EXIM Thailand states that the proceeds raised through the SFIs issued under its Framework will be allocated exclusively to finance and/or refinance, in whole or in part, expenditures directly related to eligible green, blue, social, and sustainable projects.</p> <p>The eligible projects to be financed/refinanced by EXIM Thailand are specified under the Eligible Green, Social, Blue, and Sustainable projects as listed under Schedule 1.</p> <p>The reviewed evidence confirms that the intended issuance of the proceeds from SFIs under the Framework, meets the criteria under the Standards &amp; Principles. DNV can confirm this process to be well aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>
1b	Eligible Project Categories	<p>The cornerstones of Green / Social / Blue / Sustainable Bonds and Loans are the utilization of the proceeds of the bonds or the loans which should be appropriately described in the legal documentation for the security.</p>	<p>Eligible project categories presented by EXIM Thailand are as follows.</p> <p>Green Projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable energy</li> <li>• Energy efficiency</li> <li>• Waste management and resource efficiency</li> <li>• Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use</li> <li>• Water supply and infrastructure</li> <li>• Clean transportation</li> </ul>



			<p>Blue Projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine renewable energy</li> <li>• Wastewater management</li> <li>• Sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and marine value chain</li> <li>• Sustainable marine transportation</li> <li>• Sustainable ports</li> <li>• Sustainable coastal and marine tourism</li> </ul> <p>Social Projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to essential services</li> <li>• Employment generation</li> <li>• Socio-economic advancement and empowerment</li> </ul> <p>The above-mentioned project categories meet the Eligibility Criteria listed under the Standards &amp; Principles, as well as the IFC and ICMA Guidelines for Blue Finance.</p> <p>DNV can confirm this to be well aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>
1c	Environmental and Social Benefits	All designated Green / Social / Blue / Project categories should provide clear environmentally and socially sustainable benefits, which, where feasible, will be quantified or assessed by the Issuer.	<p>EXIM Thailand’s Framework explicitly describes its dedication to integrating business objectives with social and environmental dimensions. Within their Framework is a Green Development Bank Initiative and a Sustainable Development Framework, describing the commitments and processes involved in achieving key environmental and social benefits.</p> <p>For example, EXIM Thailand promotes specific financial products (e.g., EXIM Green Start, EXIM Green Goal Financing) to promote their sustainability strategies and</p>

			<p>introduce benefits in the ESG space. Lastly, the Framework is intended to support environmentally friendly and socially responsible projects.</p> <p>Environmental benefits (Green and Blue) are noted to include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capacity of renewable energy generation installed.</li><li>• Energy savings in MW/hr.</li><li>• Waste prevented, minimized, reused, or recycled.</li><li>• Sustainable agriculture and organic farms.</li><li>• Areas covered by sustainable aquaculture.</li><li>• Harvest fish or sea animals that received traceability certifications.</li><li>• Wastewater reused or treated.</li><li>• EV charging stations installed.</li><li>• EVs manufactured or in operation.</li><li>• Sustainable marine transportation (e.g., vessels that meet the green threshold in accordance with applicable international standards, vessels in which ballast water management systems have been introduced).</li><li>• Reduction of air pollutants.</li><li>• GHG emissions reduced or avoided.</li><li>• Operators obtaining sustainable tourism or hotel certifications.</li></ul> <p>Social benefits are noted to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SMEs financed or supported.</li><li>• Training for entrepreneurs.</li></ul> <p>DNV confirms that the proposed use of proceeds will reasonably be expected to deliver meaningful environmental and social benefits and is aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>
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1d	Refinancing Share	In the event that a proportion of the proceeds may be used for refinancing, it is recommended that issuers provide an estimate of the share of financing vs. re-financing, and where appropriate, also clarify which investments or project portfolios may be refinanced.	<p>EXIM Thailand states that the proceeds raised through the SFIs issued under the Framework will be allocated exclusively to finance and/or refinance, in whole or in part, expenditures directly related to eligible green, blue, social, and sustainable projects.</p> <p>Based on the scope and definition of the eligible project categories listed under the Framework, the financing vs. refinancing share may be defined on a per-case basis.</p> <p>The proposed management of net proceeds from the SFIs is confirmed by DNV to reasonably be expected to meet the criteria under the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>
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## 2. Process for Project Selection and Evaluation

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	DNV Findings
2a	Investment-Decision Process	<p>The Issuer of Green / Social / Blue bonds and loans should outline the decision-making process it follows to determine the eligibility of projects using Green / Social / Blue bond and loan proceeds. This includes, without limitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental and social objectives of the eligible Green / Social / Blue Projects;</li> <li>• The process by which the issuer determines how the projects fit within the eligible Green / Social / Blue Projects categories; and</li> <li>• Complementary information on processes by which the issuer identifies and manages perceived environmental and social risks associated with the relevant project(s).</li> </ul>	<p>EXIM Thailand provides a comprehensive and detailed process for the selection and evaluation of eligible project categories in the Framework.</p> <p>EXIM Thailand’s corporate governance structure is overseen by the Corporate Governance and Sustainability Committee. The Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) is responsible for EXIM Thailand’s adherence to the Framework. The SFWG will assess and select existing lending portfolios (with a maximum look-back period of three years) and prospective new lending projects against the eligibility criteria of the Framework and then report to the Asset and Liability Management Committee for acknowledgement.</p> <p>The SFWG will also identify appropriate funding sources for such programs.</p>

			DNV confirms this process for project selection and evaluation to be well aligned with the Standards & Principles.
<b>2b</b>	Issuer / Borrower's Environmental and Governance Framework	<p>Issuers are also encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position the relevant information within the context of the issuer's overarching objectives, strategy, policy and/or processes relating to environmental sustainability.</li> <li>• Provide information, if relevant, on the alignment of projects with official or market-based taxonomies, related eligibility criteria</li> <li>• Have a process in place to identify mitigants to known material risks of negative environmental and/or social impacts from the relevant project(s).</li> </ul>	<p>EXIM Thailand's governance framework for selecting and evaluating projects is well described under the Framework.</p> <p>For the internal approval of a project, its assets, and expenditures, the SFWG will assess and select existing lending portfolios (with a maximum look-back period of three years) and prospective new lending projects against the eligibility criteria of the framework, and then report to the Asset and Liability Management Committee for acknowledgement. The SFWG's composition helps to facilitate implementation of the governance process and ensure that proposed eligible projects meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>After receiving loan applications, EXIM Thailand will screen and evaluate them in accordance with its environmental, social, and credit policies. Only loans that comply with these policies will be evaluated against the eligibility criteria of the Framework. These loans or projects will be included in EXIM Thailand's portfolio of sustainable loans, which will be funded by the proceeds of the SFIs issued under the Framework.</p> <p>DNV confirms that EXIM Thailand's environmental, social, and governance (ESG) strategies and grouping of projects with eligibility criteria, are well aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>

### 3. Management of Proceeds

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	DNV Findings
3a	Tracking Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Bond) The net proceeds of Green / Social / Blue Bonds should be credited to a sub-account, moved to a sub- portfolio or otherwise tracked by the Issuer in an appropriate manner and attested to by a formal internal process that will be linked to the Issuer’s lending and investment operations for Green / Social / Blue Projects.</li> <li>(Loan) The proceeds of Green / Social / Blue Loans should be credited to a dedicated account or otherwise tracked by the borrower in an appropriate manner, so as to maintain transparency and promote the integrity of the product. Where a green loan takes the form of one or more tranches of a loan facility, each green tranche(s) must be clearly designated, with proceeds of the green tranche(s) credited to a separate account or tracked by the borrower in an appropriate manner.</li> </ul>	<p>EXIM Thailand has explicitly stated that it is aligning its eligible projects with sustainable bonds, loans, and other financing instruments issued through a portfolio approach.</p> <p>The proceeds will be earmarked to finance or refinance loans for projects, assets, and expenditures that meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Framework. For as long as the bond is outstanding, EXIM Thailand’s Treasury Department, together with members of the SFWG, will manage the associated projects registered through EXIM Thailand’s internal information system, and the balance of the tracked proceeds will be regularly monitored to ensure that the inflow of funds does not exceed the value of the portfolio.</p> <p>DNV confirms that the Framework outlines processes to track proceeds and allocations to the nominated projects, that are well aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>
3b	Tracking Procedure	So long as the Green / Social / Blue Bonds or Loans are outstanding, the balance of the tracked proceeds should be periodically reduced by amounts matching eligible green investments or loan disbursements made during that period.	<p>The Framework indicates that pending the allocation of any proceeds, EXIM Thailand will temporarily invest the balance of unallocated proceeds in cash or cash-equivalent instruments within its normal treasury processes. For as long as the bond is outstanding, the balance of the tracked proceeds will be regularly monitored to ensure that the inflow of funds does not exceed the value of the portfolio.</p> <p>DNV confirms that the Framework outlines processes to track proceeds and allocations to the nominated projects, that are well aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>

3c	Temporary Holdings	<p>Pending such investments or disbursements to eligible Green / Social / Blue Projects, the Issuer should make known to investors the intended types of temporary investment instruments for the balance of unallocated proceeds.</p>	<p>Any unallocated proceeds will not be invested in excluded categories as defined in this framework. EXIM Thailand will temporarily invest the balance of unallocated proceeds in cash or cash-equivalent instruments within its normal treasury processes.</p> <p>DNV confirms that the Framework outlines processes to track proceeds and allocations to the nominated projects, that are well aligned with the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>
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## 4. Reporting

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	DNV Findings
4a	Periodical Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuers should make, and keep, readily available up to date information on the use of proceeds to be renewed annually until full allocation, and on a timely basis in case of material developments.</li> <li>• The annual report should include a list of the projects to which Green / Social / Blue Bond and Loan proceeds have been allocated, as well as a brief description of the projects, the amounts allocated, and their expected impact.</li> <li>• Where confidentiality agreements, competitive considerations, or a large number of underlying projects limit the amount of detail that can be made available, the Standards &amp; Principles recommend that information is presented in generic terms or on an aggregated portfolio basis (e.g. percentage allocated to certain project categories).</li> </ul>	<p>EXIM Thailand has committed to being transparent in its reporting and will produce an update report at least annually and when appropriate based on material developments in EXIM Thailand’s operations. The update report for EXIM Thailand’s Framework will be published annually. All relevant documents—including the Framework, update reports, and reports from external reviewers—will be made available on EXIM Thailand’s website.</p> <p>The update report will include both Allocation and Impact Reporting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The allocation of proceeds will be reported on a portfolio basis with details of selected projects, assets, and expenditures, when available and not constrained by confidentiality agreements.</li> <li>• Impact reporting will be aligned with EXIM Thailand’s existing information flows and will highlight key achievements across EXIM Thailand’s sustainability programs, with a focus on lending to eligible projects, assets, and expenditures under this framework.</li> </ul> <p>DNV confirms that the proposed reporting is consistent with the criteria set out in the Standards &amp; Principles.</p>



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