Function / Requirements	Company Limited By Shares	Limited Company	<b>Branch Office</b>
Permitted activities	Trading, services, manufacturing, etc.	same	same
Enterprise income tax	20%	20%	20%
VAT	5%	5%	5%
Profit remittance tax	21% 10% under tax treaty	21% 10% under tax treaty	No profit remittance tax
Loss carry forward	10 years (see note)	10 years (see note)	10 years (see note)
Shareholder/ head office liabilities	Shareholders are liable to the extent of their capital contribution	same	Foreign head office is liable for any liabilities unsettled by the branch
Shareholder requirements	At least one corporate shareholder or two individual shareholders	One individual or corporate shareholders or mixed	N/A
Director requirements	At least one director who can be foreign nationals	Between one and three directors who can be foreign nationals	N/A
Supervisor requirements	At least one supervisor who can be foreign nationals	N/A	N/A
Legal representative / director	One responsible person who can be a foreign national	same	same

Function / Requirements	Company Limited By Shares	Limited Company	Branch Office
Branch office manager	N/A	N/A	One branch manager who can be a foreign national residing in Taiwan
Application for foreign worker permit	1. Capital 500,000 one foreign manager 2. Capital 5,000,000 multiple skilled employees	same	same
Filing of annual income tax return	Required	Required	Required
Open bank account	Yes	Yes	Yes
Registered address	Physical address. No PO box	same	same
Suitability	Good for large- and medium- sized companies	Good for medium- and small-sized companies	Foreign head office is liable for any liabilities unsettled by the branch. No withholding tax when profits remitted to foreign head office.
Time needed to set up	7~10 weeks	7~10 weeks	7~10 weeks