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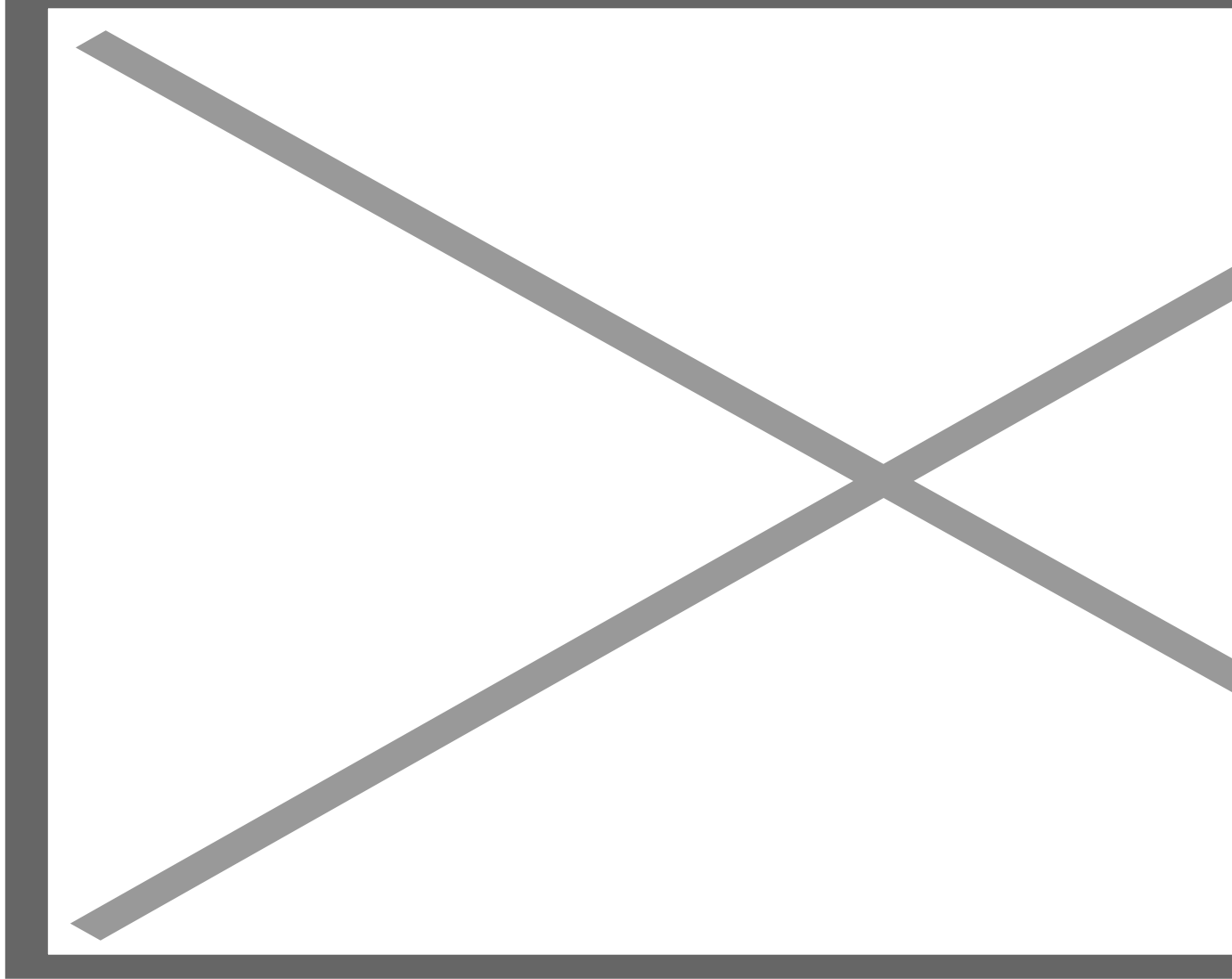
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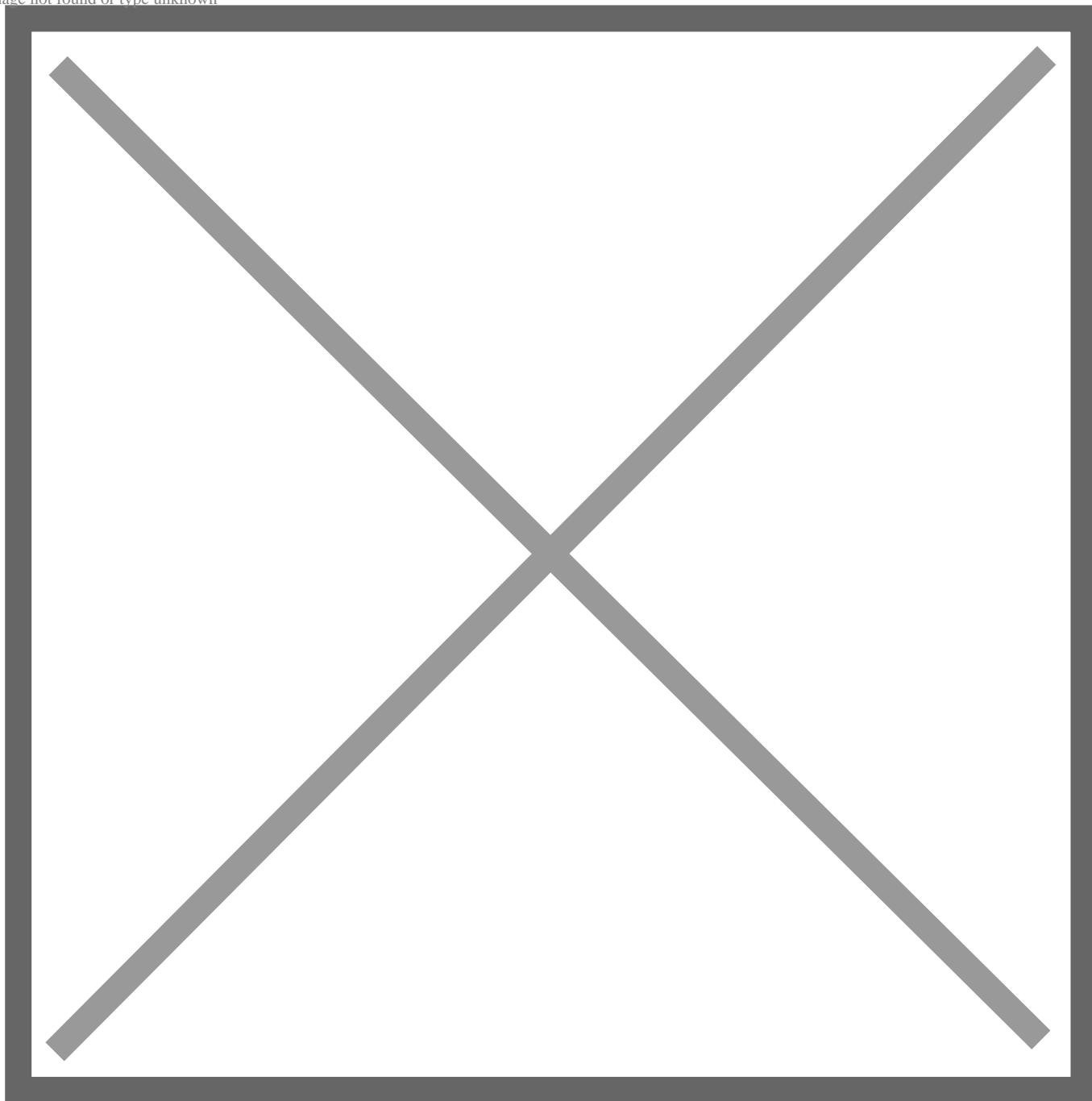
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China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) on 30th June 2019 released revised negative lists for foreign investment – *Foreign Investment Negative List (2019)* and *Free Trade Zone Negative List for Foreign Investment (2019)*. Together with the *Market Access Negative List (2018)* released by the NDRC on 25th December 2018, which applies to both domestic and foreign businesses, the negative lists can be confusing for foreign investors to navigate when considering investing in China.

This flowchart (available to download in English and Chinese versions below), produced by the European Chamber, provides a simple introduction to the relationships between China's various negative lists and how they dictate the conditions under which foreign and Chinese companies invest in the market.

To download a full list of comparisons between the 2018 and 2019 versions of the *Foreign Investment Negative List* and *Free Trade Zone Negative List for Foreign Investment*, please click here.

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2. *This chart follows a linear flowchart simply for ease of understanding, but there is no priority or established sequence for the investment process.*

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