



ABOUT OUR DIVISION

Its about Promoting Industry Development, Foreign Investment and guarantees the rights of citizens to participate in the economy of Samoa

Its about our Commitment to providing quality service to stakeholders and to the business community in a timely fashion



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INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION DIVISION



INVESTMENT PROMOTION

Registration of Foreign Investment Certificate

- All businesses with foreign shareholding are required by law to acquire a Foreign Investment Certificate (FIC) before they can apply for a Business License and Work Permit.
- Applications are assessed against the Reserved & Restricted Lists under the FI Act 2000.
- Fee of SAT100.00 is charged for a FIC; SAT70.00 for amended FIC registration and SAT\$50.00 for renewal
- Registered Foreign Investment Enterprises are required to set up business within 2 years from the registration date otherwise the FIC becomes void.

Reserved Activities

- These are business or economic activities that are reserved for citizens of Samoa exclusively:
 - Bus transport services for the general public
 - Taxi transport services for the general public
 - Rental vehicles
 - Retailing
 - Saw milling
 - Traditional elei garment designing and printing

CITIZENSHIP INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Citizenship by Investment is the granting of citizenship status to an individual (and immediate family members) contingent upon a specified and quantifiable investment in the country. This scheme is administered by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour under the provisions of the Citizenship by Investment Act 2015 and its Regulations 2015

Eligibility Criteria

- Intend to invest in any of the qualifying investment areas
- Minimum investment amount of SAT\$4m
- Minimum net worth of SAT\$2.5m

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Duty Concession Scheme

- Who is eligible? Tourism, Manufacturing and Aviation Sectors
- Relevant Legislations: Administered under the Provisions of the Customs Amendment Act 2007 & The Customs (Tourism & Manufacturing Developments) Amendment Regulations 2014
- What are you entitled to? Exemption of Customs Duty on imported goods from overseas suppliers

CODE 121

- Who is eligible?
 - Commercial Poultry farmers,
 - Manufacturers of Agricultural products,
 - Handicraft & Elei garment Manufacturers
- Relevant legislations: Administered under the Provisions of the Customs Tariff Amendment Act 2008
- What are you entitled to? Reduction of import duty from 8% - 0% for imported raw materials and other particular materials



WHAT WE DO

Our division is responsible for the registration of all Foreign Investment Enterprises.

We monitor and keep track of all the registered Foreign Investment Enterprises to make sure the provisions in the Foreign Investment Act 2000 are adhered to.

We are responsible for the promotion of local and foreign investment.

We administer the 2 major Government assistance schemes offered (CODE 121 & Duty Concession Scheme). We are responsible to monitor beneficiaries of these schemes.

We provide advise to our stakeholder and the business community on available opportunities for their businesses.

OUR MANDATE

Out of the 40+ legislations and regulations administered by the Ministry, the Industry Development and Investment Promotion Division is responsible for the following;

- i) Foreign Investment Act 2000, Amendment Acts 2011 & 2015;
- ii) Foreign Investment Regulations 2011 and Amendment 2015 ; and
- iii) Trade, Commerce and Industry Act 1990 & Amendment Act 2014