

Sahlan Special Economic Zone

Conversion of Iran General Warehousing and Customs Services Company (Sahlan Complex) into a special economic zone since the beginning of 2011 has been considered as a turning point in the commercial activities of East Azarbaijan province and has played an important role in the transportation chain for economic policy makers and regional planners. This area, which is located in 20 km of the northern part of Tabriz industrial city with an area of approximately 2000 hectares, is one of the most important centers for the distribution of goods in the northwestern region of the country with nearly 45 years of experience in warehousing management.

Investment incentives and facilities in Sahlan Special Economic Zone		
Type	National / provincial	Explanation of Investment incentives
Land transferring	Regional	Allocation and assignment of lands to investment plans and projects at expert price
	Regional	Gap in the payment of land value installments (12 months)
	Regional	Possibility of selling or renting land transferable to others, subject to the approval of the relevant district organization
	Regional	Possibility of selling or renting land to foreign investors with a company registered in Iran.
Issuance of permits	Regional	Issuance of all relevant licenses in the special zone for economic activists in a centralized form by the Sahlan Special Economic Zone Organization (including establishment license, operation license, activity license, production certificate, export license, etc.)
	Regional	Entry of goods into the area with minimal formalities
Infrast	Regional	Existence of infrastructure facilities in the area including water, electricity, gas, optical fiber, railway and access to the airport

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	Regional	Providing warehousing services in roofed, hangar, non-roofed and incendiary warehouses
	Regional	Equipped with a container terminal with an annual acceptance capacity of up to 20,000 containers
	Regional	Possessing a container export specific terminal
	Regional	Possessing rail shunting yard (5 lines) in the area
Employment	Regional	Special regulations on employment and social security in the special zone
	Regional	Possibility of entry, staying and leaving of foreign nationals without obtaining a visa that can be extended for another 6 months
	Regional	Possibility of issuing employment licenses to foreign nationals and their families for using specialized services and skills
	Regional	Possibility of employing foreign nationals in production units of special regulations
	Regional	Flexibility of labor relations based on mutual agreements.
Customs	Regional	Exemption from customs duties, commercial profits and all duties on the entry of machinery, equipment and goods into the region
	Regional	Customs exemption for the export of manufactured products originating from foreign raw materials based on the calculation of value added
	Regional	Exemption of 100% of the permitted share of imported products of the region into the country according to the origin of domestic raw materials
	Regional	Exemption from order registration of a percentage of foreign raw materials used in manufactured products

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	Regional	Percentage exemption from customs duties on foreign raw materials used to produce goods in the region for import into the mainland
	Regional	Permanent exemption from customs duties on imports of goods to the regions
	Regional	Permanent exemption from customs duties on imports of raw materials, equipment and machinery of production units without emphasis on the year of manufacture
	Regional	Import of goods subject to paragraph 2 to the areas located at the entry points of the country without any customs formalities
	Regional	Exit of goods entering the region from abroad or from free trade-industrial zones or other zones without any formalities
	Regional	Possibility of declaring and clearing all or part of the goods in exchange for a separate separable warehouse receipt issued by the regional management
	Regional	Issuance of certificate of origin for goods leaving the region with the approval of Iranian Customs
	Regional	Excluding pricing criteria for goods produced in special economic zones, as well as raw materials and spare parts imported from the region into the country, due to lack of use of resources and foreign exchange quotas
	Regional	No abandonment of goods in the area and any time limit for stopping goods
	Regional	Establishment of Sahlan customs in the region and activity in all customs procedures with a history of nearly half a century
Tax	Regional	Exemption from VAT on machinery and equipment entering the special zone from the mainland.

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	Regional	Non-impose any restrictions on the transit of goods from the region to other free and special economic zones of the country
	Regional	Full exemption from VAT on intra-area transactions
	Regional	7-year direct tax exemption from the date of issuance of the operating license
	Regional	Permanent VAT exemption on exports of manufactured goods and services
Exports & Imports	Regional	Possibility of temporary import of goods and storage for distribution, transit and re-export
	Regional	Non-requirement for obtaining a business card to export manufactured products outside the region or import raw materials into a special zone
	Regional	Exemption from customs duties and commercial profits for re-export of goods and equipment after changes in the region
	Regional	Possibility of trade exchanges with other free trade industrial and special economic zones
	Regional	Taking advantages from incentives to import commercial goods to the mainland through the region.
Foreign Investment	Regional	Possibility of foreign investment in any proportion in economic activities in the region.
	Regional	Possibility to taking advantages from the benefits of law and regulations to encourage and support foreign investment.
	Regional	Possibility of investing for Iranian and foreign citizens in any amount of participation.

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	Regional	Investment guarantee according to the law of attraction and protection of foreign investment and freedom of capital transfer and profit from it.