

## 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.

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<b>Type</b>	<b>National / provincial</b>	<b>Explanation of Investment incentives</b>
<b>Land transferring</b>	<b>Regional</b>	Allocation and assignment of lands to investment plans and projects at expert price
	<b>Regional</b>	Gap in the payment of land value installments (12 months)
	<b>Regional</b>	Possibility of selling or renting land transferable to others, subject to the approval of the relevant district organization
	<b>Regional</b>	Possibility of selling or renting land to foreign investors with a company registered in Iran.
<b>Issuance of permits</b>	<b>Regional</b>	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.)
	<b>Regional</b>	Entry of goods into the area with minimal formalities
<b>Infrast</b>	<b>Regional</b>	Existence of infrastructure facilities in the area including water, electricity, gas, optical fiber, railway and access to the airport

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

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

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

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