

SETTING UP IN THE SHARJAH AIRPORT FREE ZONE

CORPORATE SERVICES



Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.



Ralph Waldo Emerson



INTRODUCTION

Sharjah is the third largest and most populous city of the United Arab Emirates. Sharjah shares legal, political, military and economic functions with the other emirates within a federal framework, although each emirate has jurisdiction over some functions such as civic law enforcement and provision and upkeep of local facilities. It is bound by Ajman from the north and Dubai from the south. The government welcomes foreign interments in the fields of manufacturing industries trade, tourism, financial services and transport. In its drive to diversify the economy and source of income, Sharjah gives continued and active support to the industrial sector as an inherent component of its policy. Port Khalid, Hamriyah Port, Khorfakkan Port are easy to access from Sharjah. International Airport of Sharjah has become increasingly busy because of the large number of visitors from CIS countries and booming cargo movement.

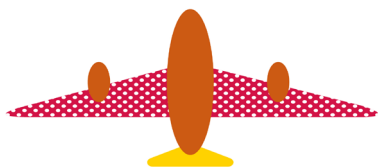
Sharjah Airport International Free Zone (Saif zone) was formed in 1995 by the Sharjah government. Adjacent to Sharjah International Airport and a few minutes from Sharjah city, Dubai and major UAE Ports on the Arabian Gulf, the Saif Zone is only 120 kms from Port Khorfakkan on the Indian Ocean. Investors therefore have access to the East and West coasts. Saif Zone is ideal centre for all type of businesses, which require fast, efficient and a trouble-free working environment. It provides state-of-the-art facilities offices & warehouses. Facilities for manufacturing, assembling, packaging, import, re-exports; trade and value added activities are catered for at the Zone. SAIF Zone has created a niche for itself as a cargo-oriented complex with authorities working in alliance with airlines, freight-forwarders and shippers to provide a user-friendly environment for movement of freight traffic. High frequency of airlines operates through Sharjah International Airport, including 75

destinations in the CIS region. The UAE's six international airports and fifteen seaports provide a variety of choices to importers and exporters with healthy competition, leading to low port handling costs.

Another vital sector is that of sea-air traffic through Sharjah that has experienced growth rates of more than 50 % in the last 4 years. The above facts have placed Sharjah International Airport as the number one spot in Asia in the sea-air mode of transport. Speedy, safety, reliability and cost-effectiveness have been the UAE's sea-air hubs unique selling point. UAE accounts for the highest volume of sea air cargo handled in Asia with Sharjah International Airport accounting for the highest volume of sea air tonnage movement.

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SOME OF THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES THAT SAIF ZONE OFFERS ARE:

- Strategic location to access UAE and global markets
 - Attractive investment incentives
 - Abundant and inexpensive energy
 - Developed infrastructure
 - Low labour costs
 - 100% Foreign company ownership is allowed
 - 100% Import and Export tax exemption
- 100% Exemption from all commercial levies
 - 100% Repatriation of capital and profits allowed
 - 24-hour hotline for equipment and provision of labour

Apart from the mentioned incentives offered by the Free Zone, investors can avail benefits from various Tax treaties concerned with the avoidance of double taxation. As of 2009, the United Arab Emirates has entered into double taxation agreements with 47 countries. This network includes

treaties with Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, Malaysia, Mauritius, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine etc.

UAE has also entered into a Transport Tax Treaty with India, Netherlands, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland and United States.

CHARACTERISTICS

SOME OF THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE COMPANIES IN THE SAIF ARE AS FOLLOWS:

LEGAL ENTITIES PERMITTED

Free Zone Establishment (FZE), Free Zone Company (FZC), Branch of a foreign Company, and Branch of a UAE Company.

TYPE OF LICENSES ISSUED

Trading, Services, Industrial & Commercial

SHAREHOLDERS

One Shareholder for FZE
Minimum two and maximum five for FZC

SHARES

No bearer shares will be allowed. All shares must be fully paid when allocated. No different classes of shares allowed.

SHARE CAPITAL

Minimum AED 150,000 for FZE / FZC

DIRECTORS

Minimum number of Directors two and Maximum five. No corporate directors allowed.

MANAGER

Every FZE / FZC company shall have a manager. It should be a natural person and his name shall be on license.

RESTRICTIONS ON NAME

Names must end with the word "FZE or FZC" as the case may be. Few words for eg: "Sharjah, U.A.E." and religious words are prohibited.

PRESENCE

The shareholder has to be physically present either himself or through an attorney at the Free Zone.

BANK ACCOUNTS

The company can open bank accounts with major banks operating in Sharjah and also in other Emirates of UAE

AUDIT

The company shall appoint an auditor and file annual accounts as may be requested by the authorities.

MEETINGS

Shareholders' meeting and Board meeting can be conducted periodically in the U.A.E or anywhere else.

TAXATION

There are no taxes on profits, capital gains or any other form of tax on the company levied by the government.

FACILITIES OFFERED

Offices, Land, Warehouses, Temporary Storage Area, Container Parking Area, Bunkers & Labour Accommodation.

VISA ELIGIBILITY

Employee Visa and dependent visa offer depending on size of office, type of company and activity.

INVESTOR VISA AVAILABILITY

No

PORT FACILITIES

Sharjah International Airport, Port Khalid, Hamriyah Port & Khorfakan Port

DISTANCE

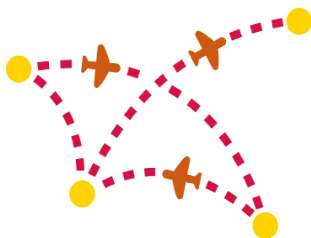
15 kms from Dubai Airport

GOVERNING LAW

Companies are subjected to the UAE law in general and for some specific functions law of the Emirates of Sharjah.

OTHER SERVICES

Driving License, NOC, Signing resolution etc. need to apply from Sharjah Government Department.



DOCUMENTATIONS

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ESTABLISHING AN FZE / FZC

INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDER

1. Board Resolution calling for the establishment of FZE/FZC in SAIF Zone.
2. Applicant's Personal Details / Profile, Power of attorney, Specimen of Applicant's Signature and valid passport copy, attachment of Specimen Signature, Passport copy & Power of Attorney for Manager, Director & Secretary.
3. Original Bank Share Capital & Bank Reference Letters.

CORPORATE SHAREHOLDER

1. Certificate of Registration (or) Certificate of Incorporation (or) Certificate of Good Standing of the Mother Company, Memorandum & Articles of Association of the Parent Company.
2. Board Resolution calling for the establishment of FZE/FZC in SAIF Zone, attachment of Specimen Signature, Passport copy & Power of Attorney for Manager, Director & Secretary.
3. Original Bank Share Capital Letter.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ESTABLISHING A BRANCH COMPANY

1. Certificate of Registration (or) Certificate of Incorporation (or) Certificate of Good Standing, Memorandum & Articles of Association of the Mother Company, Attachment of Specimen Signature, Passport copy & Power of Attorney for Manager.
2. Board Resolution calling for the establishment a branch in SAIF Zone and guarantee full financial commitment.

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In opening the company's bank account in the U.A.E and in some jurisdictions outside the U.A.E.

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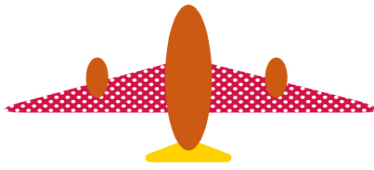
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BANKING AND TRADE FINANCE

Outsourcing of banking and trade finance.

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

We provide a full range of IT software and business solutions through MultiMission, a division of the firm.



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