

Amendment of the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 55 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 (28 of 2005), the Central Government has hereby made the following rules further to amend the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006, namely: -

- All existing notified Special Economic Zone shall be deemed to be a multi-sector Special Economic Zone. (For the purpose of this clause, a “multi-sector Special Economic Zone” means a Special Economic Zone for more than one sector where Units may be setup for manufacture of goods falling in two or more sectors or rendering of services falling in two or more sectors or any combination thereof including trading and warehousing).
- The requirements of minimum area of land for a class or classes of Special Economic Zone in terms of subsection (8) of section 3 shall be the following, namely: -
 - A Special Economic Zone or Free Trade Warehousing Zone other than a Special Economic Zone for Information Technology or Information Technology enabled Services, Biotech or Health (other than hospital) service, shall have a contiguous land area of fifty hectares or more:
 - Provided that in case a Special Economic Zone is proposed to be set up in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Goa or in a Union territory, the area shall be twenty-five hectares or more.
 - There shall be no minimum land area requirement for setting up a Special Economic Zone for Information Technology or Information Technology enabled Services, Biotech

or Health (other than hospital) service, but a minimum built up processing area requirement shall be applicable, based on the category of cities

- The minimum processing area in any Special Economic Zone cannot be less than fifty per cent. of the total area of the Special Economic Zone.
- In sub-rule (7), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: -
“Provided that the Board of Approval may, upon request in writing by the Developer, and after being satisfied that it is necessary and expedient to do so, grant extension beyond the said period of ten years for a further period of not exceeding one year, at a time, subject to maximum upto ten such extension.”;
- after sub-rule (7), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely: -
“In case of a Special Economic Zone for Information Technology or Information Technology enabled Services, letter of approval shall be issued by the Approval Committee for services, which can be broad-banded with Information Technology or Information Technology enabled Services such as financial services, consultancy services, design services, architect services, commercial training or coaching services.”.

The detailed notification by Ministry of Commerce and Industry regarding the amendment of Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006, has been enclosed for your ready reference.

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