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#### Introduction:

In today's global economy, foreign investment is essential for economic growth. Special Economic Zones SEZs offer incentives to attract foreign investors, but navigating their legal framework can be challenging. This program aims to provide participants with a clear understanding of the legal measures required to attract foreign investment in SEZs.

## **Program Objectives:**

#### By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Familiarize participants with the concept and importance of Special Economic Zones.
- Explore the legal framework governing SEZs and understand its significance in attracting foreign investment.
- Equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate legal challenges in establishing and operating SEZs.
- Provide insights into international best practices and case studies related to legal measures in SEZs.
- Facilitate networking opportunities among participants and experts in the field of SEZs and foreign investment.

# Targeted Audience:

- Government officials responsible for SEZ policy and regulation.
- Legal professionals specializing in international trade and investment law.
- Business executives and entrepreneurs interested in investing or operating within SEZs.
- Representatives from international organizations and development agencies involved in SEZ projects.

# **Program Outlines:**

#### Unit 1:

## **Understanding Special Economic Zones:**

- Introduction to Special Economic Zones: Concepts, types, and objectives.
- Historical evolution and global trends in SEZ development.



- Legal foundations of SEZs: National legislation, regulatory frameworks, and international agreements.
- Case studies of successful SEZs and their impact on economic development.

#### Unit 2:

#### Legal Framework for Establishing SEZs:

- Legal requirements and procedures for establishing SEZs: Site selection, land acquisition, and infrastructure development.
- Investment promotion and facilitation measures: Tax incentives, customs regulations, and administrative procedures.
- Regulatory compliance and environmental considerations in SEZ development.
- Role of public-private partnerships and stakeholder engagement in SEZ projects.

#### Unit 3:

#### Investment Protection and Dispute Resolution:

- Investor rights and guarantees in SEZs: Legal protections, property rights, and dispute resolution mechanisms.
- Bilateral and multilateral investment treaties: Implications for SEZs and foreign investors.
- Arbitration and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms for SEZ-related disputes.
- · Case studies of investment disputes in SEZs and lessons learned.

#### Unit 4:

### Labour and Employment Laws in SEZs:

- Labour regulations and employment practices in SEZs: Hiring, wages, and working conditions.
- Social responsibility and worker protection in SEZs.
- Legal considerations for managing labour relations and disputes in SEZs.
- · Comparative analysis of labour laws in SEZs across different jurisdictions.

#### Unit 5:

#### Regulatory Compliance and Future Challenges:

• Compliance monitoring and enforcement in SEZs: Regulatory agencies, inspections, and audits.



- Anti-corruption measures and transparency initiatives in SEZ governance.
- Emerging trends and challenges in SEZ regulation: Technology, sustainability, and global trade dynamics.
- Strategies for enhancing the legal framework and governance of SEZs to attract sustainable foreign investment.