



Ministry of Investment, Industry  
and Trade of the Republic of  
Uzbekistan

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# PROSPECTS AND POTENTIAL OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

The background of the slide features a clear blue sky. On the left, several Uzbekistan national flags are flying on tall poles. On the right, the Independence Monument is visible, a tall, slender, metallic structure topped with a stylized eagle with its wings spread, set against a circular archway.

**The state of the Republic of Uzbekistan guarantees the rights of subjects of investment activities.**

**Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan  
“On investments and investment activities”  
dated December 25, 2019 No. LRU-598**



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### Special Economic Zone

- a territory with defined borders and a special legal regime, specifically allocated in order to attract foreign and domestic investment, high technology and management experience for accelerated socio-economic development of the relevant region

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### Small industrial zone

- part of the territory of a settlement or inter-settlement territory intended for carrying out production activities, to which legislative documents have assigned a certain status and on its territory there is a service infrastructure on which production areas are located and the boundaries of which are clearly defined

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### Youth Industrial and Entrepreneurial Zone

- a zone created similar to small industrial zones and aimed at supporting entrepreneurship among young people







**The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Special Economic zones", dated 02/17/2020, LRU No. -604 (General provisions)**



**Tax Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated 31/12/2019, LRU No. -599 (Tax benefits)**



**Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated 12/21/2018 DP No.-5600 (Procedure for putting land plots up for auction)**



**Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated 06/13/2022 No. DP-153 (Procedure for placement of investment projects)**

## FREE ECONOMIC ZONE



The territory intended for the creation of new production facilities, the development of high-tech production, active involvement in the development of modern competitive, import-substituting, export-oriented finished industrial products, as well as ensuring the development of industrial, engineering and communication, road transport, social infrastructure and logistics services.

## SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ZONE



The territory where scientific organizations and other organizations in the field of scientific activity (technology parks, technology distribution centers (technology transfer), innovation clusters, venture funds, business incubators and others) are concentrated in order to develop innovative infrastructure.

## TOURIST AND RECREATIONAL ZONE



The territory that is being created for the implementation of investment projects to create modern tourist infrastructure facilities in it (hotel complexes, cultural and recreational, shopping and entertainment and other tourist facilities), special functional and seasonal recreational recreation areas with the necessary conditions for servicing tourists.

## FREE TRADE ZONE



Free trade zones include consignment warehouses, territories with special customs and tax regimes, as well as sites for processing, packaging, sorting, and storage of goods. Free trade zones are established at border points, airports, railway junctions or other places on the customs territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

## SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL ZONE



The territory where a special regime of management, economic and financial activities is being introduced. Special industrial zones include service and production zones, which are formed by allocating land plots to create the necessary administrative, scientific and technological, industrial, engineering and communication, road transport and social infrastructure.

The rules and procedure for the functioning of a special industrial zone are approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Number of SEZs :

25

18

Industrial zones

6

Pharmaceutical

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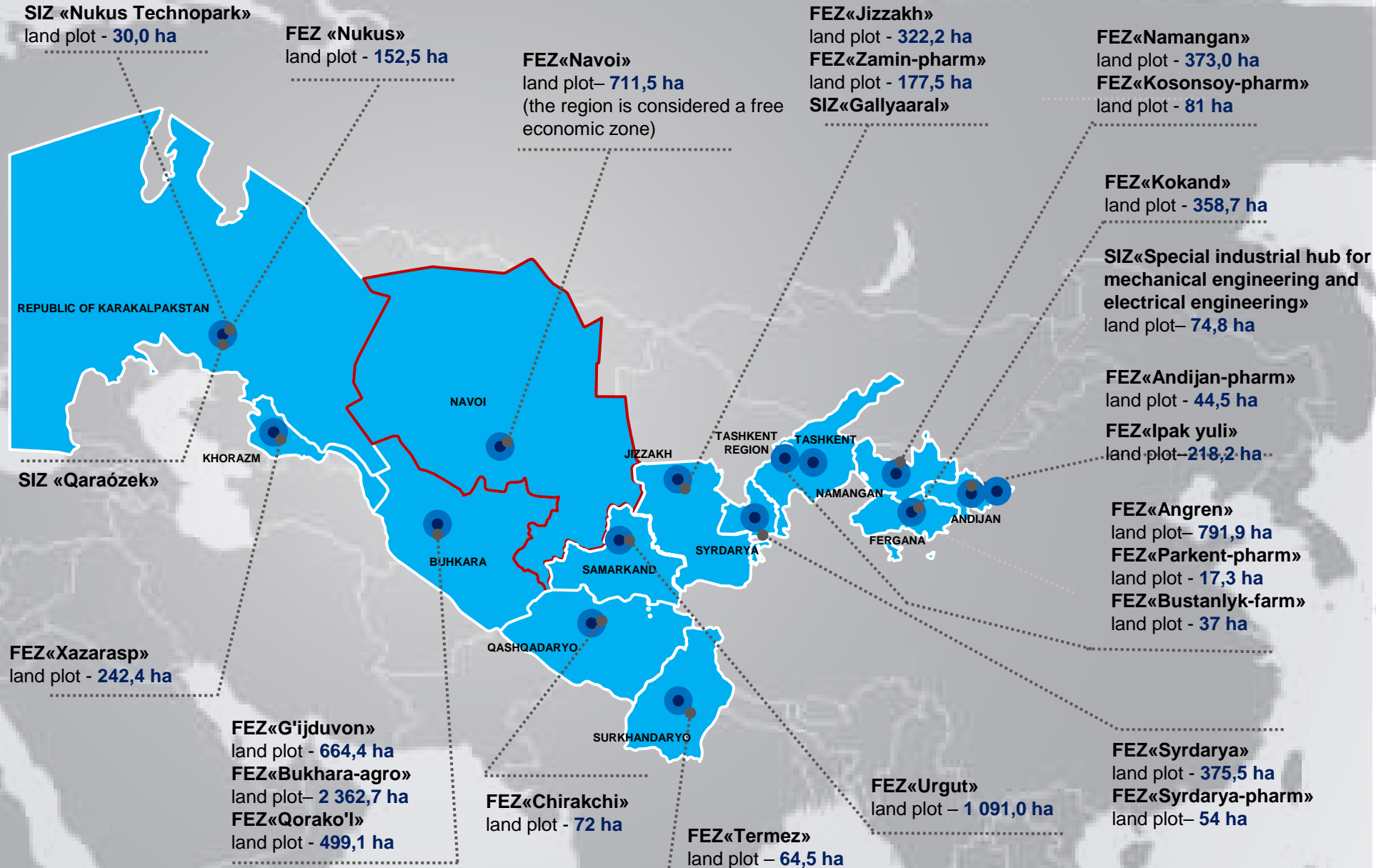
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EFFECTIVE AREA

8 815,7 ha

VACANT LAND AREAS

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## EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYMENT



Land tax

+



Property tax

+

Tax for the use  
of water  
resources

During:

**3**

year

**5**

year

**7**

year

**10**

year

If the amount of investment made is :

from **0,3**  
mln.dollars  
to **3**  
mln.dollars

from **3**  
mln.dollars  
to **5**  
mln.dollars

from **5**  
mln.dollars  
to **10**  
mln.dollars

From and  
above  
**10**  
mln.dollars

## EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYMENT



Income tax

During:

**3**

year

**5**

year

**10**

year

If the amount of investment made  
will be:

from **3**  
mln.dollars  
to **5**  
mln.dollars

from **5**  
mln.dollars  
to **15**  
mln.dollars

From and  
above  
**15**  
mln.dollars

**EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYMENT :**

Customs payments (except for value added tax and customs clearance fees) for **construction materials** not produced in the republic and imported in accordance with the established procedure for the implementation of an investment project in accordance with an investment agreement during the construction period.



Customs payments (except for customs clearance fees) for the **import of technological equipment**, analogues of which are not produced in the Republic of Uzbekistan, according to the approved list.

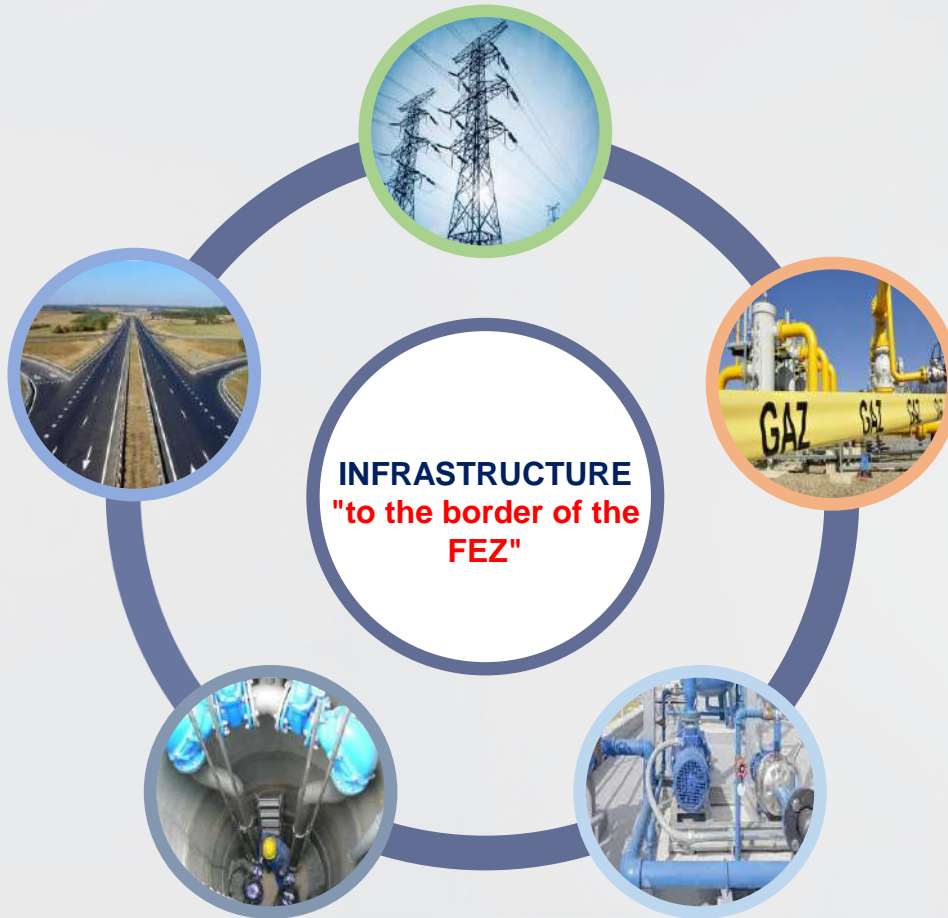


Customs payments (except for customs clearance fees) when importing **raw materials, materials** and **components** used for the production and sale of products for export into the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.



Participants in special economic zones have the right to receive a **deferral on payment of value-added tax** when importing goods for up to 120 days. The amount of value-added tax resulting from the excess of the amount of value-added tax attributable to the offset over the amount of accrued tax is reimbursed to the participant of the special economic zone according to a simplified procedure within seven days.





Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated 12/18/2020, No.PP-4929  
*(The procedure for covering the costs of construction of external engineering and communication networks)*



Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated 30.04.2021, No. PP-5101  
*(Definition of construction customers and repair of external infrastructure)*

All necessary engineering and communication networks to the territory of special economic zones are being built **at the expense of public funds.**

- ✓ Electricity;
- ✓ Natural gas;
- ✓ Drinking water;
- ✓ Sewerage;
- ✓ Car roads

Funds allocated for the development of industrial zones at the expense of the state budget:

**2022 year**  
 1,2 trln sum

**2023 year**  
 1,6 trln sum

**2024 year**  
 1,5 trln sum

**“SINGLE WINDOW” PRINCIPLE**



**Stages of selection of investment projects**

**1-stage: Investor:**

- Provides investment application and feasibility study



**2-stage: Directorate:**

- Reviews and approves the investment application and puts the land plot up for auction



**3-stage: Investor:**

- Participates in the auction



**4-stage: Directorate:**

- Signs the investment agreement and enters into a lease agreement



**5-stage: Directorate:**

Issues a certificate of FEZ participant





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GENERAL REQUIREMENT

Investment projects proposed for implementation in the territory of free economic zones should provide for the production of **new types of products** that are not produced in the republic or whose production volumes **do not cover the needs of the domestic market**.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENT

Investment projects should provide for a **change in the commodity position** of the final product according to the code of the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan in comparison with the raw material at the level of **one of the first four characters** or an increase in the volume of value-added products at the level of at least thirty percent.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENT

The investment project should be based on modern high-tech production specializing in the production of competitive, import-substituting, **export-oriented finished industrial products**.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENT

The technological equipment used in the framework of the investment project must be new and meet modern requirements for **energy efficiency of technological processes**.