

LIBERALISATION in the Belarusian Economy

BELARUS efforts to encourage more businesses and economic growth

Short-cut list of the Government's liberalisation measures

| Business Running | Done | Pending |
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| Launching business | | |
| ▪ Registration of business on the day of application, no longer | ✓ | |
| ▪ Number of papers required for registration shortened (application, statutory paper and registration fee) | ✓ | |
| ▪ No minimum level of capital assets to launch business | ✓ | |
| ▪ Fewer requirements for statutory papers | ✓ | |
| ▪ Shorter list of papers required for setting up a bank account | ✓ | |
| ▪ No refusal to register business if papers submitted correctly | ✓ | |
| ▪ Starting business activities virtually the next day after submitting application | ✓ | |
| ▪ Easier registration in a tax agency: now through a single processing line | ✓ | |
| ▪ Inspections by supervisory agencies suspended | ✓ | |
| ▪ Accounting requirements relaxed with less paper work | ✓ | |
| ▪ Faster business liquidation | ✓ | |
| ▪ Insolvency procedure eased and streamlined | | ● |
| Salary and bonus calculation | | |
| ▪ Simpler regulations for salary and bonus calculation | ✓ | |
| ▪ Larger legal leeway for CEOs in calculating salaries and bonuses | ✓ | |
| Land and real property lease | | |
| ▪ Minimum lease (sublease) term of premises – 3 years | ✓ | |
| ▪ No state registration of real property lease contract or changes in contract | ✓ | |
| ▪ Real property lease contract effective from date of signing | ✓ | |
| ▪ State fee for land lease contract halved | ✓ | |
| ▪ No fees or taxes for companies leasing state property for free | | ● |
| ▪ Fewer land lease operations subject to regulation | | ● |
| ▪ More rights to use land as a bail | | ● |
| Preferences in R&D | | |
| ▪ Legal right for universities to set up businesses for R&D | | ● |
| ▪ Large legal and commercial leeway for such businesses | | ● |
| ▪ No customs tariffs and VAT for R&D-required equipment coming in | | ● |
| Export/import operations | | |
| ▪ Easier regulations and control procedures in export/import operations (EIO) | ✓ | |
| ▪ EIO by mere notification of a bank, no special “passport” as formerly | ✓ | |
| ▪ No registration of EIO if transaction paid fully and beforehand | ✓ | |
| ▪ Number of EIO out of monetary control procedures | ✓ | |
| Construction activities | | |
| ▪ Uniform requirements list for building up premises | ✓ | |
| ▪ Fewer regulations in construction activities | | ● |
| ▪ No limitations for building up gasoline stations | | ● |
| Requirements & Regulations (for businesses) | | |
| Taxes | | |
| ▪ 12% income tax | ✓ | |
| ▪ 8% aggregate revenue (VAT-free) tax | ✓ | |
| ▪ 6% aggregate revenue (VAT-paid) tax | ✓ | |
| ▪ 5% local sale and services tax | ✓ | |

- 3% transport purchase tax ✓
- 1% agricultural production support tax ✓
 - No fixed assets taxes ●
 - No agricultural production support tax ●
 - No sale and service tax ●
 - No transport purchase tax ●

Administrative procedures

- Tax declaration submitted electronically (no more hard copies) ✓
- Uniform list of all administrative procedures for businesses (no deviation) ✓
- Administrative procedures cut by 25 per cent ●
- 170 procedures listed for elimination ●
- Licence regulations eased and streamlined ●
- 119 'licence-free' activities ●
- 15 days to get a licence instead of 30 days before ●
- Reasons to suspend licence listed uniformly ●

Price Regulations

- Simpler registration procedure of prices ✓
- No registration of prices for new commodities or services ✓
- Shorter list of commodities and services with prices regulated by Government ✓
- Freer pricing in more areas ●