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Public Programmes Objection Procedure

Public Programmes Objection Procedure Objecting to Invest International Public Programmes B.V.

Any interested party who disagrees with a decision of the Chief Executive Officer of Invest International B.V. made on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation may object to that decision by filing a notice of objection. The notice of objection should be addressed to Invest International Public Programmes B.V. The objection will be heard in accordance with the Dutch General Administrative Law Act (*Algemene wet bestuursrecht*). The decision on the objection is made on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation and in accordance with the Decree granting mandate, power of attorney and authorisation to Invest International B.V. The objection procedure is explained below

General Administrative Law Act

The objection will be heard in accordance with the Dutch General Administrative Law Act.

The notice of objection

The notice of objection must be signed and contain at least:

- the name and address of the person submitting it
- the date
- a description of the decision against which the notice of objection is directed
- the grounds of the objection.

Procedure for filing a notice of objection

The notice of objection notice can be submitted by post or digitally:

By post to:

Invest International Public Programmes B.V.
Attn. Legal department
Bezuidenhoutseweg 12
2594 AV The Hague
The Netherlands

Digitally via:

legal@investinternational.nl

Deadline for filing a notice of objection

The notice of objection must be filed within six weeks of the decision. The six-week period starts from the date the decision has been announced. This is one day after the decision is sent.

The notice of objection has been filed on time if Invest International Public Programmes B.V. receives it within six weeks of the decision being sent. If the objection is submitted by post, it is still on time if it is posted before the end of the six-week period and the objection is received no later than one week after the end of that period by Invest International Public Programmes B.V. In that case, the postmark on the envelope is taken as evidence of the posting date.

If the notice of objection is filed late, its content will not be considered. If the content of the notice of objection is not considered, the objector will receive a decision declaring the notice of objection inadmissible.

Receipt of the notice of objection

Invest International Public Programmes B.V. will send the objector written confirmation of receipt of the notice of objection. It will check whether the objection has been filed within the set term and is complete. If it is incomplete, the objector will be given the opportunity to supplement the notice of objection. The notice of objection will be considered once all the requirements have been met.

Objection processing

Objections are coordinated and processed internally.

The objector will receive a written invitation to a hearing. At the hearing, the objector can explain the notice of objection orally and may engage the assistance of an authorised representative, such as a lawyer, when doing so. The objector is given the opportunity to explain the notice of objection at the hearing. Questions may also be put to the objector. The hearing will take place behind closed doors. As a rule, the hearings will be held in The Hague.

Decision on the content of objections

The decision on the objection may be as follows:

- the primary decision is upheld (the notice of objection is unfounded)
- the primary decision will be reviewed (the notice of objection is upheld)
- the primary decision will be partially reviewed (the notice of objection is partially upheld).

Authorised representative

If the notice of objection is filed on behalf of the interested party, Invest International Public Programmes B.V. may ask for proof of authorisation.

This document is available in both Dutch and English. The Dutch version of the document takes precedence.

The procedure is available on Invest International's website: www.investinternational.nl.

These regulations may be cited as the Public Programmes Objection Procedure.

Adopted July 2023.

The Chief Executive Officer of Invest International B.V.
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