Invest International

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Objecting

Any interested party ("*belanghebbende*") who disagrees with a decision of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, taken in sub-mandate on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer of Invest International B.V. by Invest International Public Programmes, may object to that decision by filing a notice of objection. The notice of objection should be addressed to the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, c/o Invest International 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, in accordance with the Decree granting mandate, power of attorney and authorization to Invest International B.V., on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation by the Chief Executive Officer of 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, including a copy of the contested decision;
- The grounds of the objection.

If the notice of objection is filed on behalf of the interested party, proof of authorization may be requested.

Procedure for filing a notice of objection

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

By post to:

Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

c/o Invest International B.V.

Attn. Legal Department

Bezuidenhoutseweg 12

2594 AV The Hague

The Netherlands

Digitally via:

legal@investinternational.nl

Deadline for filling out 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 it is received within six weeks of the decision being sent, c/o Invest International B.V. 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, c/o Invest International 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, it will in principle not be considered on its merits, and the objector will receive a decision declaring the notice of objection inadmissible.

Receipt of the notice of objection

After receipt of the notice of objection, c/o Invest International B.V., the objector will receive written confirmation of receipt. It will be checked whether the objection has been filed within the set term and whether it is complete. If it is incomplete, the objector will be given the opportunity to supplement the notice of objection. If the objector fails to do so, or fails to do so within the set term, the notice of objection may be declared inadmissible and will not be processed further. Once all requirements have been met, the notice of objection will be taken into consideration.

Objection processing

The notice of objection is processed by the Legal Department with the involvement of the business.

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. A record of the hearing will be added to the file.

A hearing may be waived in the event of manifest inadmissibility, manifest unfoundedness, or where the objector declares that they waive their right to be heard.

Decision on the objection

The decision on the objection may be as follows:

- The primary decision is upheld (the notice of objection is unfounded ("*ongegrond*"));
- The primary decision will be reviewed (the notice of objection is upheld ("*gegrond*"));
- The primary decision will be partially reviewed (the notice of objection is partially upheld ("*gedeeltelijk gegrond*")).

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 Objection Procedure Public Programmes.

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De Chief Executive Officer van Invest International B.V.

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