

Suitable Activities in the Special Economic Zones

Activities or industries, which are suitable for the SEZs, include labor-intensive industries, industries relying on raw materials from neighboring countries, border trade that requires bonded warehouse or distribution centers, tourism businesses as well as various services that support community expansion around the SEZs



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Investment in the Special Economic Zone

The Government has established 10 Special Economic Zones in Tak, Sa Kaeo, Trat, Mukdahan, Songkhla, Chiang Rai, Nong Khai, Nakhon Phanom, Kanchanaburi, and Narathiwat.

Why invest in a Special Economic Zone?

The Special Economic Zones (SEZ) were established at the border, adjacent to Myanmar in Kanchanaburi province, to the People's Republic of Laos in Chiang Rai, Mukdahan, Nong Khai and Nakhon Phanom provinces, to Cambodia in Sa Kaeo provinces, and to Malaysia in Songkhla and Narathiwat provinces.

These strategic locations are designed to support a rapid development of connectivity in trade, raw materials movements, supply chain and consumer markets between Thailand and its neighboring counties due to the advent of ASEAN Economic Community or AEC. Investors in the Special Economic Zones will not only receive greater tax incentives, but also benefit from greater access to foreign labors to support their operations.

Furthermore, the government also supports investment in these areas through infrastructure development, investment in public utilities, facilitation in property lease as well as establishment of One Stop Service (OSS) to facilitate investors in the zones.



Support from Government Sector

Investment in the Special Economic Zones can be supported by the government through both tax privileges and other facilitations from various government agencies. If an investment is among the targeted activities, it might also receive greater tax benefits by the Board of Investment (BOI) or from the Ministry of Finance. (Comment, not ANY business will get tax and facilitation.)

Investment Promotion Measure by the Board of Investment of Thailand (BOI)

To support the growth from economic connectivity with the neighboring countries and the formation of AEC, the Board of Investment issued the Announcement of the Board of Investment No.7/2564 to extend its investment promotion measure for the Special Economic Zones **until the last working day of 2022**. The privilege packages for each type of business can be categorized into two groups as follows:

1. Eligible business activities specified by the Announcement of the Board of Investment No.2/2557
2. Targeted activities in the Special Economic Zones, specified by The Board.

In Case of General Business as Account of BOI	In Case of Goal Business (14 Industrial Groups)
3-Year additional exemption of corporate income tax (CIT), not exceeding 8 years in total.	Exemption of corporate income tax up to 8 years.
Projects with activities in Group A1 or A2 which are already granted 8- year CIT shall receive additional 50% reduction CIT for 5 years.	Additional 50% Corporate income tax exemption for 5 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 10 year double deductions from the costs of transportation, electricity, and water supply. » 25% deduction of the cost of installation or construction of facilities. (apart from normal depreciation deduction) » Exemption of import duties on machinery. » Exemption of import duty on raw materials imported, used in production for export. » Non-tax incentives e.g. Permission to own land and permission to bring in experts to work. 	



Location of Special Economic Zones

Chiang Rai SEZ

- » Chiang Khong District: 7 sub-districts including Krueng, Bun Rueang, Rim Khong, Wiang, Sri Don Chai, Sathan, and Huay Sor.
- » Chiang Saen District: 6 sub-districts including Ban Saew, Pa Sak, Mae Ngern, Yonok, Wiang, and Sri Don Moon.
- » Mae Sai Districts: 8 sub-districts including Koh Chang, Ban Dai, Pong Ngam, Pong Pa, Mae Sai, Wiang Pang Kham, Sri Muang Chum, and Huay Krai.

Tak SEZ

- » Maesot District: 8 sub-districts including Maesot, Mae Tao, Tha Sai Luat, Phra That Pha Daeng, Mae Kasa, Mae Pa, Mae Ku, and Mahawan.
- » Phop Phra District: 3 sub-districts including Phop Phra, Chong Khaep and Wale.
- » Mae Ramat District: 3 sub-districts including Mae Charao, Mae Ramat, and Khane Chue.

Kanchanaburi SEZ

- » 2 sub-districts in Muang Kanchanaburi District of Kanchanaburi Province including Kang Sien and Ban Gao.

Songkhla SEZ

- » 4 sub-districts in Sadao District of Songkhla Province including Sadao, Samnak Kham, Samnak Tao and Padang Besar.

Narathiwat SEZ

- » Muang Narathiwat District including Kok Kian sub-district.
- » Tak Bai District including Jeh Hay sub-district.
- » Yee Ngor District including La Harn sub-district.
- » Wang District including Loh Jood sub-district.
- » Sungai Golok District including Sungai Golok sub-district.

Nong Khai SEZ

- » Muang Nong Khai District: 12 sub-districts including Kai Bok Wan, Nai Muang, Ban Deu, Phra Tat Bung Puan, Po Chai, Poan Sawang, Mee Chai, Wiang Cook, Si Gai, Nhong Gom Koh, Hat Kham, and Hin Ngom.
- » Sa Krai District: Sa Krai sub-district.

Nakhon Phanom SEZ

- » Muang Nakhon Phanom District: 10 sub-districts including Kuruku, Ta Kor, Na Sai, Na Raj Kwai, Nai Muang, Ban Peung, Poh Tak, Nhong Yard, Nhong Sang, and Ard Samart.
- » Ta U-Tane District: 3 sub-districts including Nohn Tan, Ram Raj, Vern Prabaht.

Mukdahan SEZ

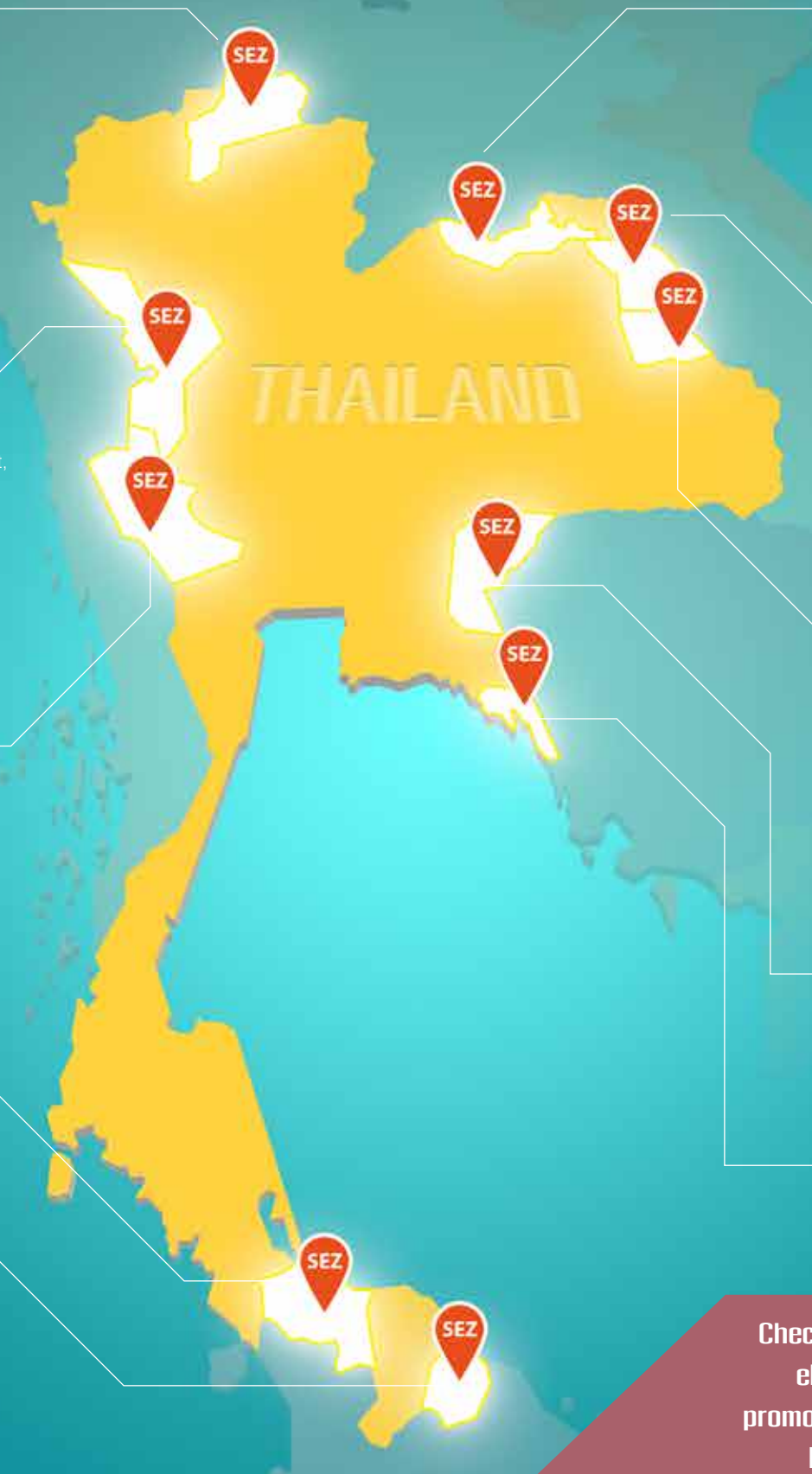
- » Muang Mukdahan District: 5 sub-districts including Si Bun Rueang, Mukdahan, Bang Sai Yai, Kham Ahuan, and Na Si Nuan.
- » Wan Yai District: 4 sub-districts including Bang Sai Noi, Chanot, Wan Yai, and Pong Kham.
- » Don Tan District: 2 sub-districts including Pho Sai and Don Tan.

Sa Kaeo SEZ

- » Aranyaprathet District: 3 sub-districts including Ban Dan, Pa Rai, and Tha Kham.
- » Watthana Nakhon: Phak Kha sub-district.

Trat SEZ

- » 3 sub-districts in Khlong Yai District of Trat Province, including Khlong Yai, Hat Lek, and Mai Rut.



Targeted Activities for Special Economic Zones

Targeted business activities has been stipulated differently for each zone, depending on local potential, limitation and needs. The promoted business categories can be divided into 14 groups, with 5 additional business categories that are only promoted within the SEZs

BOI's Targeted industries in SEZ										
13 Industrial Groups (66 Business Types)	Tak	Srakaew	Trat	Mukdahan	Songkhla	Chiang Rai	Nong Khai	Nakhon Phanom	Kanchanaburi	Narathiwat
	1. Agricultural, fishery and related industries	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Ceramics	✓								✓	✓
3. Textile, garment, and leather industries	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Furniture manufacturing	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
5. Gem and jewelries	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
6. Medical equipment manufacturing	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
7. Automotive, machinery, and parts	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
8. Electrical appliances and electronics	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓
9. Plastic production	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
10. Medicine production	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
11. Logistics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12. Industrial estates/zones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
13. Tourism related industries.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
14. Other	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Incentives are provided under the investment promotion scheme for border provinces in Southern Thailand. Investment projects in Narathiwat will be relaxed on conditions stipulated on activities eligible for promotion according to Investment Promotion Policy for Investment in SEZ.

BOI's Targeted industries in SEZ (Expanded)										
Business Type	Tak	Srakaew	Trat	Mukdahan	Songkhla	Chiang Rai	Nong Khai	Nakhon Phanom	Kanchanaburi	Narathiwat
	1. Manufacture of body care products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and cosmetics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Manufacture of plastic products for consumer goods such as plastic packages	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Manufacture of goods from paper pulp or paper such as paper boxes.	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Factory Development for Industrial Plant and warehouses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Activities which have been withheld, however, are promoted if the project is located in a Special Economic Zone shall not be entitled to additional 50% reduction of corporate income tax for the period of 5 years.

Check the list of activities eligible for investment promotion and more detail. Please scan QR code.

