

## SPECIAL PUBLIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (DECREE 30-2018)

### Legal Concept of Special Public Economic Development Zones Decree 30-2018

A geographically-defined area within the national territory that is an extra-customs area where industrial goods and services are developed or commercial activities are undertaken under special tariffs, a temporary customs and foreign trade regime, authorized by ZOLIC (Free Trade Zone).

- It can be established anywhere in the national territory.
- The minimum authorization period is 12 years, as of the date of the resolution. Extensions may be requested.
- It can be installed in ZOLIC facilities or third-party property that is leased or granted in usufruct to ZOLIC. An area of at least 10,000 square meters. If the area is smaller, 400 direct and permanent jobs must be guaranteed. There can be exceptions that consider the investment to be made and employment generation.
- A minimum of two users must be installed (an administrator and a productive user). If there is a single user, the economic impact and employment generation must be justified.

### Type of Operations

- Importing from the National Customs Territory (TAN in Spanish) or from abroad
- Transfers to any other tax warehouse
- Transfers from and to other regimes, ports, borders, and airports in the country.
- Providing services or products to other users or ZDEEP.
- Exporting to the National Customs Territory (TAN) or abroad.

### Users of a ZDEEP

- Industry, trade, and services
- Activities: Production, manufacturing, transformation, assembly, commercialization, distribution, warehousing, conservation, fragmentation, packing, repacking, crating, manipulation, classification, any other operation on its own goods or imported and exported goods.

### Contact

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- *Consult the law and its set of regulations: <https://zolicguate.com/zdeep/>*



### PROCESS TO ESTABLISH A ZDEEP

#### Submitting the file:

- **Strategic Project** including the economic, social, and productive impact that will be generated by the ZDEEP and its contribution to the development of the region and to employment generation.
- **Professionals' technical** opinion and the Environmental Plan to be implemented.
- **Application form:** This applies if the property is owned by third parties (see details in the Regulations for Authorization, Qualification and Operation)



#### Once the file is completed:

- **Physical inspection** by ZOLIC, within a maximum period of 30 working days
- **Technical opinion** issued within a maximum period of 20 working days.
- **Board of Directors resolution** within a period of 30 working days. After this, the ZDEEP is authorized and SAT is notified so that it assigns personnel to start operations.

