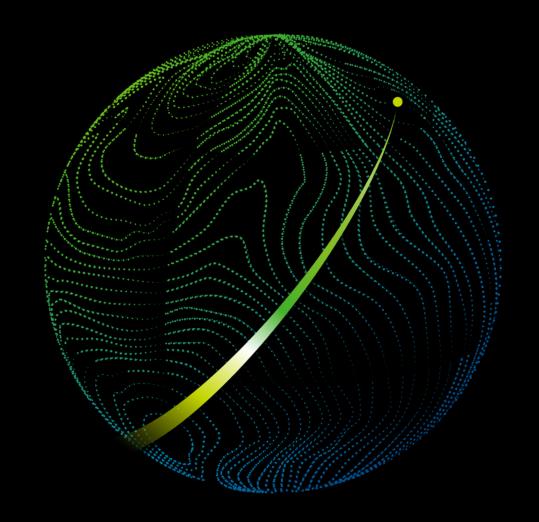
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Law to Promote Non-Oil Exports

The Law to Promote Non-oil Exports was published in Official Gazette no. 6.824 on July 18, 2024.

Relevant Aspects

- The purpose of this law is to set forth and develop mechanisms aimed at facilitating and promoting the export of non-oil goods and services generated in the Republic of Venezuela in order to increase Venezuelan products' share and competitiveness in international markets.
- The Government will have an obligation to establish measures aimed at boosting the development of exports, including:
 - Public policies that will encourage exports.
 - Simplification of administrative paperwork at all levels.

- Introduction of products in international markets.
- Training of exporters.
- Infrastructure, among others.
- Training and access to international market:
 - The Government will implement an integral national training plan to promote an exports culture.
 - Promotion of supply of non-oil goods and services available for export in order to drive their commercialization in international markets, all in line with the Country Branding strategy.

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- The republic's diplomatic missions abroad shall actively contribute to promoting and supporting non-oil exports.
- Specific incentives and measures shall be taken to promote the production and export of non-oil goods and services by communes, small and medium-sized industries and ventures.

- Simplification of administrative paperwork:
 - Suppression of non-indispensable paperwork.
 - Optimization and automation of administrative paperwork.
 - Regulations on IT and communication systems as well as technology applicable to relevant administrative procedures.
 - Supervision and control of simplification of paperwork.
- Paperwork will be managed through an electronic platform for foreign trade (Ventanilla Única de Comercio Exterior -VUCE).
 - Its functions are: registration of diligences, submission of information on paperwork, consolidation of records, management of claims, user support, among others.
- National or foreign individuals, or public, private, mixed and communal entities

- interested in exporting non-oil goods or services, shall be registered with VUCE and obtain the corresponding certificate (mandatory requirement).
- The use of VUCE requires the payment of a fee in bolivars for each type of procedure equivalent to up to one hundred and fifty (150) times the official exchange rate of the highest value currency published by the Central Bank of Venezuela.
- A unified protocol will be established in order to standardize the logistic processes of exports; this protocol shall include random control of goods in intrusive physical check procedures, without exceeding ten percent (10%) of total goods to be exported.
- Creation of General Decree of Export Fees, which will contain any fees required by the public Administration. These fees may be exempted by the president of the republic.

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- Tax, financial and other incentives:
 - Tax refund on non-oil exports (draw back).
 - Establishment of strategic export productive sectors.
 - Credit insurance.
 - Exporters' financing.
 - Creation of logistics centers for warehousing, distribution, transport, classification and export.
- Institutions for the promotion of exports:
 - Foreign Trade Committee.
 - Ministry for economy and foreign trade.
 - Statistics and Analysis Unit.
 - Agency for the Promotion of Exports.
 - National Fund for Exports, with funds provided through:
 - Resources allocated by the National Government.
 - A contribution of up to 0.5% of the value of imports.
 - Goods from donations.
 - · Its own operations' proceeds.

- Banco de Comercio Exterior will be the institution managing the financing of exports of non-oil goods and services.
- The centralization and export-simplificationrelated powers of the Venezuelan Corporation of Foreign Trade shall be assumed by the Ministry for foreign trade.
- Suppression and liquidation of the National Center for Foreign Trade.

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