

REGULATION
on the Supervisory Council on Free Economic Zones in the Republic of Tajikistan
(Resolution of the Government of the RT dated 28 March 2024 No. 185)

General Provisions

1. The Supervisory Council of Free Economic Zones (hereinafter – the Supervisory Council) is an expert and coordinating body for the activities of Free Economic Zones and ensures coordination of the activities of ministries and agencies, as well as the administrations of Free Economic Zones, regarding the development of Free Economic Zones *(Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185)*.
2. The Supervisory Council operates throughout the entire period of functioning of the Free Economic Zones and shall terminate its activities on the basis of a resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan *(Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185)*.
3. The Supervisory Council shall be formed from among the heads of ministries and agencies whose activities are related to the functioning of Free Economic Zones, the administration of foreign trade operations, as well as organizations providing services for the issuance of authorization documents in the field of foreign trade. The composition of the Supervisory Council shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan *(Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185)*.
4. The activities of the Supervisory Council shall be carried out on the basis of open discussion of all matters and adoption of collective decisions in accordance with the procedure established by this Regulation *(Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185)*.
5. The Supervisory Council shall carry out its activities in accordance with the Constitution (Basic Law) of the Republic of Tajikistan, the laws of the Republic of Tajikistan, resolutions of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan, decrees and orders of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, resolutions and instructions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, international legal acts recognized by the Republic of Tajikistan, this Regulation, and other relevant normative legal acts *(Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185)*.
6. **The main tasks of the Supervisory Council are:**
 - determining priority areas of activity of the Free Economic Zones;
 - exercising control over the use of funds of the Republican Fund of Free Economic Zones;
 - reviewing annual reports of the Administrations of Free Economic Zones;

- ensuring coordination of the activities of ministries, agencies, and other interested organizations in the implementation of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Free Economic Zones”;
- ensuring preparation of coordinated proposals and program measures;
- general regulation and supervision of the activities of the Free Economic Zones;
- monitoring the targeted use of funds allocated for the Free Economic Zones;
- identifying issues arising in the course of the activities of the Free Economic Zones and developing relevant recommendations on additional reforms aimed at achieving the established objectives.

7. The Supervisory Council has the right to:

- prepare analytical reports and recommendations for public administration bodies on legal matters and economic support of projects implemented within the territory of the Free Economic Zones;
- upon request of the Administrations of Free Economic Zones, review and approve proposals on amendments to development programs of the Free Economic Zones;
- submit proposals to the higher executive and legislative authorities of the Republic of Tajikistan regarding amendments to the organization and financing of development programs of the Free Economic Zones;
- review the development budget of the Free Economic Zones and submit relevant proposals on its formation to the competent authorities;
- request necessary materials from ministries, agencies, and other interested parties for the fulfillment of tasks assigned to the Supervisory Council;
- invite heads of relevant ministries and agencies to meetings, hear and consider their information on matters related to the activities of the Free Economic Zones;
- submit proposals to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, in accordance with the established procedure, on improving the regulatory framework of the Free Economic Zones;
- establish working groups to prepare proposals on specific issues related to the activities of the Free Economic Zones, as well as draft normative legal acts;
- involve specialists of ministries, agencies, other institutions and interested organizations in the activities of working groups, as well as specialists from the private sector and experts from international organizations;
- invite representatives of international organizations and the private sector to participate in meetings of the Supervisory Council as observers with advisory voting rights.

8. The Supervisory Council shall carry out its activities in accordance with the approved work plan of the Council, which shall be approved at the first meeting of the Supervisory Council (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).

9. Meetings of the Supervisory Council shall be held as necessary, but not less than once every three months. The agenda of the meeting shall be prepared by the Chairperson of the Council in accordance with the activity plan. An extraordinary meeting shall be convened by decision of the Chairperson of the Council (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).

10. A meeting of the Supervisory Council shall be deemed quorate if more than half of its members are present. Members of the Supervisory Council shall participate in meetings in person. In case of inability to attend a meeting, a member of the Council shall have the right to submit written comments and proposals on the matters under consideration to the Executive Secretary prior to the meeting (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).
11. At its meetings, the Supervisory Council shall have the authority to adopt decisions on matters within its competence, which shall be binding upon ministries, agencies, and other relevant organizations (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).
12. Decisions of the Supervisory Council shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting (taking into account written opinions of absent members). In the event of a tie, the vote of the presiding Chairperson shall be decisive. Decisions shall be formalized in the form of minutes and forwarded for mandatory execution to ministries, agencies, and other relevant organizations, signed by the Chairperson of the Council and members present at the meeting (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).
13. On matters requiring a decision of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Supervisory Council shall submit relevant proposals to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in accordance with the established procedure (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).
14. Organizational support of the Supervisory Council shall be provided by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).
15. The Executive Secretary shall carry out preparatory work related to the holding of meetings of the Supervisory Council, including analysis and monitoring of the implementation of decisions adopted at meetings of the Council; the Deputy Chairperson shall inform the Chairperson of the Supervisory Council of the results of implementation of adopted decisions (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).
16. The Executive Secretary of the Supervisory Council shall prepare decisions adopted at meetings and submit them for signature to the Chairperson and other members of the Council; shall also perform other assignments of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson related to the organization of the activities of the Supervisory Council. In addition, the Executive Secretary shall draft work plans and submit them for consideration to members of the Supervisory Council (*Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated 28 March 2024 No. 185*).