

Mechanism of Customs Exemption:

- ❑ With every request for customs exemption, the Commission should be provided with four certified and stamped copies of the items (two copies in Arabic and the other two in English).
- ❑ The investor should submit a guarantee that the items to be imported are imported directly by him/her exclusively for the investment project. The guarantee should be supported by catalogues duly certified and stamped by the investor and the Commission in two copies.
- ❑ The technical committee of the Commission should approve the actual necessity of the items to be imported.

Items Covered with Customs Exemption:

- ❑ Article (17/First) of the Investment Law no. 13 for 2006 stipulated that the assets imported for the purpose of the investment project may be exempted from duties if they are admitted into Iraqi within three years from the date the licence. Article (1/ (i)) defined the assets as (Instruments, machines, equipment, machinery, accessories, tools, transport means, office furniture that shall exclusively be used for the project, and furniture, carpets and accessories used for hotels, tourist cities, hospitals, schools and colleges).
- ❑ Article (15/First) of the Investment Law no. 13 for 2006 (amended) stipulated that the project which attains an investment licence shall be entitled to exemption from taxes and fees for 10 years from the date of operation according to the developed areas.
- ❑ Raw materials shall be exempted from customs fees only for three years from the date of granting the licence. Investor shall be allowed to admitted the assets covered by the definition of Article (1/(i)) as such items are to be used only when the project enters the phase of production and hence becomes eligible for tax exemption. Customs exemption shall be valid only for the time specified in the Investment Law.