



# THE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY ORDINANCE, 1980



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**THE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY ORDINANCE, 1980**

**ORDINANCE No. IV OF 1980**

*[6th February, 1980]*

**An Ordinance to establish an Export Processing Zones Authority**

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish an Export Processing Zones Authority for making all arrangements for the planning, development and management of the Zones and to provide for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the fifth day of July, 1977, read with the Laws (Continuance in Force) Order, 1977 (*C.M.L.A Order No. 1 of 1977*), and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

**CHAPTER I.—PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title, application and Commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980.

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(2) It shall apply to all industrial undertaking set up or operating in the Export Processing Zones.

(3) It shall come into force on such date<sup>1</sup> as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

**2. Definitions.** In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “Authority” means the Export Processing Zones Authority established under section 4 ;
- (b) “Board” means the Board constituted under section 5 ;
- (c) “bonded area” means an area declared as a public warehouse under section 12 of the Customs Act, 1969 ([IV of 1969](#)) ;
- (d) “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Authority ;
- (e) “industrial undertakings” means an industry, undertaking or establishment engaged in the production, distribution or processing of such goods or the providing of such services as may be specified in this behalf by the Federal Government;
- (f) “investor” means a person or company investing in an industrial undertaking located in a Zone ;
- (g) “manufacture”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means the process of converting materials into a new product or article, whether or not by power operated machinery, whereby a change in tariff classification has been effected ;
- (h) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules ‘
- (i) “rules” means rules made under this Ordinance ;
- (j) “tariff area” means any area in Pakistan outside the limits of a Zone ; and
- (k) “Zone” means such area as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare to be a Zone for the purposes of this Ordinance.

**3. Zone to be bonded area.** Every Zone shall be a bonded area.

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<sup>1</sup>I.e. 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1980, see S.R.O. No. 208(I)/80, dated 19-2-80, Gaz. of P. 1980, Extra, Pt.II, p.212.

## CHAPTER II.—CONSTITUTION OF THE AUTHORITY

**4. Establishment of the Authority.**—(1) There shall be established an Authority to be known as the Export Processing Zones Authority for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provision of this Ordinance, to acquire and hold property, both moveable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

**5. Management.** The general direction and administration of the Authority and its affairs shall vest in a Board.

**6. Constitution of the Board.**—(1) The Board shall consist of not more than nine members, including the Chairman to be appointed by the Federal Government.

(2) The Chairman and other members of the Board shall hold office during the pleasure of the Federal Government and unless sooner removed shall hold office for a period of three years.

(3) No act or proceeding of the Board shall be invalid merely on the ground of the existence of any vacancy in, or defect in the constitution of, the Board.

(4) The Chairman and each member of the Board shall receive such salaries and allowances or such fee as may be determined by the Federal Government in each case.

**7. Duties and functions of Chairman and members.**—(1) The Chairman and members shall discharge such duties and perform such functions as are assigned to them under this Ordinance or by the Federal Government.

(2) Until the Board is duly constituted, the Chairman shall, subject to such directions as the Federal Government may, from time to time, give, exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the functions of the Board.

**8. Headquarters of the Authority.** The headquarters of the Authority shall be situated at Karachi.

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## CHAPTER III.—POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY

**9. Master plan and master programme.** The Authority shall prepare a master plan and a phased master programme for the development of the Zones.

**10. Preparation of schemes for infrastructure.** The Authority may, pursuant to the master plan, prepare schemes in respect of—

(a) land use, zoning and land reservation ;

(b) public buildings ;