

## **Business Licensing**

### **THE PROCESS OF LICENSING THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**

1. The licensing of activity and organization of trade records and the provision of trade services, through the issuance and allocation of:

a) Trade Permit. A permit with a nation-wide scope that allows the setting up of branches for Individual and Collective entities possessing civil, trade and standard or definitive construction infrastructure capabilities to operate wholesale, retail, and trade services throughout the national territory;

b) Precarious Trade Permit, also known as “Canteen”. A permit issued to Individual entities with civil, trade and standard or temporary construction infrastructure capabilities, located at sub-urban and rural areas, requiring only a copy of the Identity Document, a Tax-payer’s Card, a Sanitation Card and two passport size photographs and no prior inspection. The permit allows the operation of a retail business only.

c) Fair Card, Peddler Trade Card and Urban and Rural Municipal Trade Vendor Card:

The aforementioned cards are issued to Individual entities with civil and trade capabilities without possessing business infrastructure of their own, and operate only retail business. It requires the production of a copy of the Identity Document, a Tax-payer’s Card, a Sanitation Card and two passport size photographs. Trade activities are undertaken under the following conditions:

Trade permit is issued within less than 24 hours, once the primary process has been complete.

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- Fair-Operator. Fair Operator Card, of a Provincial level, good to operate a retail business at business or fair locations organized by the relevant Provincial Government authorities.
- Peddler Trade. Peddler Trade Card, of a Municipal level, good to operate a retail business at an area or location to be assigned by the relevant Municipal or Communal Administrative authorities.
- Market Vendor. Vendor Card for Urban and Rural Municipal Market, good to operate a retail business only the Urban or Rural Municipal Market Stands.
- Registration of Foreign Trade Operators

2. The Certificate of Registration of Foreign Trade Operator is issued to Importers and Exporters, upon submittal of a wholesale or industrial Trade Permit and proof of payment of the latest Industrial Tax fees, and it is good to operate import and export foreign trade businesses in goods.

3. Permit to Operate Types of Sales Promotion, Sales Types, and Special Sales

Through prior notice to Traders in wholesale, retail or trade service provision businesses, this requires the issuance by the permit issuing agencies proper authorization to operate new types of business in Angola.

4. Selection, Classification and Management of Trade Networks and Provision of Trade Services

Upon issuance of documents to operate a business and provide trade services, automatically register the facility, the business and the Trader in the registrar by way of issuance of the respective Certificate.

As part of the de-concentration, decentralization, simplification, de-bureaucratization, modernization and standardization of procedures, the legislation defines the mandate of the licensing agencies involved with licensing businesses, trade registration organization and trade services as provided under Law 1/07, on Trade Activities:

- a) The Ministry of Trade, through the National Directorate of Trade, issues licenses for medium and large business areas, import, export, representative trade and trade services provision of a relevant size;
- b) Provincial Government, through the Provincial Directorate of Trade, issues licenses for general trade, precarious business, trade services and mini-markets;
- c) Municipal Administration Authorities, issue licenses for Fair Operators, Peddler Traders, and Urban, Sub-urban and Rural Municipal Market Vendors.