

# SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

## TEMPORARY LAW ON INCENTIVES FOR INVESTMENT

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**On 08 September 2023, Law no. 9/2023 was published, which approves the temporary law on incentives for investment. This law aims at removing the human and administrative barriers that hinder the system's functioning and prevent investments from being domiciled in São Tomé and Príncipe, in order to promote mobilisation of foreign investment.**

For a maximum of 4 years, this Law empowers the Government to establish the terms and categories of investments made in national territory. Furthermore, this statute enables the Government to regulate the granting of guarantees and incentives applicable to investments falling within the scope of this Law, which require additional advantages and benefits to those existing in the Investment Code currently in force.

With a view to attracting and domiciling foreign investments having an impact on the national economy, this Law now empowers the Government to authorise implementation of investments in national territory, via direct negotiation within the categories that best fit the country's economic situation and needs, as well as the laws in force.

This Law applies to investment projects in critically-ill economic sectors, which have a crucial impact on the country's economic growth and sustainable development, including the food supply and production, education, health, energy, information and communication technology industries, as well as projects having a strong impact on the mobilisation of foreign currency.

Law no. 9/2023 became effective on the date of its publication.

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