

CIRCULAR NO. 18

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RULES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT - BUSINESS OPERATING PERMIT

This Circular relates to the Dubai World Trade Centre Authority [Authority'] Free Zone Rules and Company Regulations issued pursuant to Law No. 9 of 2015.

With effect from the date of this circular and pursuant to **Rule 7.4, 7.9** and Appendix 2 of the Authority Free Zone Rules and Regulations [**DWTCA Rules'**] which shall be amended and updated as follows:

7.4 A Business Operating Permit is valid for the duration of the DWTC issued lease agreement. To qualify for, retain and renew a Business Operating Permit, the applicant must satisfy each of the following:

- 4.1 hold a valid DET license;
- 4.2 hold a valid Lease issued by DWTC as per **Rule 9**;
- 4.3 pay in full all fees and dues;
- 4.4 comply with Federal and/or Municipal legislation applicable in the Free Zone;
- 4.5 comply with all applicable rules, regulations, notices and practices of the Free Zone, including these Free Zone Rules unless explicitly stated otherwise; and
- 4.6 abide by UAE local laws including all laws and regulations of the Dubai Municipality and the DET.
- 4.7 The mandatory BOP requirement shall not apply to: (a) the entities set out in Appendix 2; and (b) any other entities that do not fall within the scope of the mandatory BOP requirement as specified above.

7.9 Business Operating Permits shall be renewed no later than 30 days after expiry. Failure to do so may result in a fine or penalty as set out by the Authority from time to time.

This circular is effective immediately.

Terms defined in the DWTCA Free Zone Rules & Company Regulations shall have the same meaning in this circular. Rule 19 of Dubai World Trade Centre Authority Rules and Regulations shall apply to this circular as if set out in full herein.

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