

Synopsis of the meeting FTZMA had with the Chairman of BOI on 06.09.2023

The 3rd review meeting with FTZMA was convened by the Chairman of BOI – Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody on 6th September 2023. A brief summary is as follows.

Issue/Item	Outcome/action to be taken
Removal of SVAT	BOI Chairman asked FTZMA to write to HE again with him in copy – This was done by FTZMA on 11 th Sept whereas the GOSL cabinet approval was given on 13 th September to defer the repeal of the SVAT to 1 st April 1, 2025
Sewerage system in Phase 2 in KEPZ	Actions are being taken by BOI, KEPZ on the directives given by BOI Chairman
Bureaucracy in Exercise & Import Control Department thus creating undue delays	FTZMA has been asked to speak with Aruna Perera - the appointed representative to Fin Ministry by HE to sort out this matter
MOU with BOI to share Data by FTZMA	In progress
A new Waste Disposal Company found by FTZMA	Discussions are ongoing and FTZMA intends to share a questionnaire in coming days with its membership to obtain details of the waste
IR and IS guide lines	FTZMA is currently working with BOI to get them once finalized
Unifying the tax base of all BOI companies & Issues related to residual conversion/Mandatory FOREX conversion	FTZMA has been asked to write to GOCBSL & Treasury.
Two Fuel Stations in KEPZ & BEPZ	FTZMA & BOI are extending their support to the investor to get location approval to get fuel supply from SINOPEC
A Shuttle Service of Busses in major BOI Zones in the country	In order to write to the Chairman of CTB, FTZMA is formulating a questionnaire to collect information from BOI companies in three major zones, KEPZ, BEPZ and Seethawaka
Soaring Electricity cost for export manufacturing sector	FTZMA has sought BOI Chairman to get an appointment to meet P E Minister Mr. Kanchana Wijesekera to discuss this matter as Tourism Industry has been given a different tariff for E/City.
A Mega Pola in Katunayake BOI Sports Ground for Christmas Season	This is still under review and a notification to enterprises will be sent soon
Continuous Power Interruptions in Koggala Zone	Actions have been taken with the area Engineers of the CEB.
Shortage of water supply in Wathupitiwala BOI Zone	Zonal Representative of FTZMA is in contact with ED, Zones to get this matter sorted out.



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Maintenance & Beautifying of BOI Zones	BOI Chairman would be sending a message to all BOI Companies in the Zones to up keep the surrounding areas to make them clean & tidy by keeping it pristine and green, thereby respecting the nature and saving the environment too.
Child Day Care Centre in KEPZ	FTZMA is trying to increase the trust fund in order to provide financial support to cover up their day to day needs whilst ensuring continued child-care.

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