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The Positive List included in Cabinet Decision No. 16 of 2020 on the Determination of the Positive List of the Economic Activities and Sectors in which Direct Foreign Investment is Permitted and Ownership Percentages Thereof identifies activities available for up to 100% foreign ownership under the legal regime provided by UAE Federal Law by Decree No. 19 of 2018 Regarding Foreign Direct Investment.

Activities on the Positive List as of June 2020 are as follows:

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

No.	Reference ISIC4	Economic Activities	Minimum Capital Mn/Dhs	Direct Foreign Investment Controls and Conditions
1	01111	Growing of cereals (wheat-corn- barley- etc.)	7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Using modern technology.- Achieving high added-value.- Contributing in research and development.- Meeting the requirements set out by the licensing authorities in the State.
2	01112	Growing of leguminous crops	7.5	
3	0113	Growing of vegetables, melons, roots and tubers	7.5	
4	0114	Growing of sugar cane	7.5	
5	0116	Growing of fibre crops	7.5	
6	0119001	Growing of flowers and buds	7.5	
7	0121	Growing of grapes	7.5	
8	0123001	Growing of fruits and citrus fruits	7.5	

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9	0124	Growing of pome fruits and stone fruits	7.5	
10	0125	Growing of other fruit trees and bushes and nuts	7.5	
11	0126	Growing of oleaginous fruits	7.5	
12	0127	Growing of beverage crops	7.5	
13	01289	Growing of aromatic, drug and pharmaceutical crops	7.5	
14	0161	Support activities for crop production	10	
15	0162	Support activities for animal production	7.5	
16	0163	Post-harvest crop activities	7.5	
17	0164	Seed processing for propagation	7.5	
18	0210	Silviculture and other forestry activities	7.5	
19	0240	Support services to forestry	7.5	

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

No.	Reference ISIC4	Economic Activities	Minimum Capital Mn/Dhs	Direct Foreign Investment Controls and Conditions
20	10	Manufacture of food products (except): 1071 Manufacture of bakery products 105 Manufacture of dairy products 108 Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using modern technology. - Achieving high added-value. - Contributing in research and development. - Meeting the requirements set out by the licensing authorities in the State.
21	11	Manufacture of beverages (except): 1101 Distilling, rectifying and blending of spirits	15	

No.	Reference ISIC4	Economic Activities	Minimum Capital Mn/Dhs	Direct Foreign Investment Controls and Conditions
		1102 Manufacture of wines 1103 Manufacture of malt liquors		
22	14	Manufacture of wearing apparel (except): 14109 Tailoring and manufacture of ready-to-wear garments 1410122 Manufacture of military uniforms	15	
23	15	Manufacture of leather and related products	15	
24	16	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	15	
25	2012002	Manufacture of straight or compound fertilizers	15	
26	2013	Manufacture of plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms	15	
27	2021	Manufacture of pesticides and other agrochemical products	15	
28	2022	Manufacture of paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics	15	
29	2023	Manufacture of soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and cosmetics	15	
30	2029006	Manufacture of glues and prepared adhesives	15	
31	2029008	Manufacture of writing and drawing ink	15	
32	2029009	Manufacture of chemical products for the finishing of woven fabrics and	15	

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		leathers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using modern technology. - Achieving high added-value. - Contributing in research and development. - Meeting the requirements set out by the licensing authorities in the State.
33	2029013	Manufacture of photographic plates and films	15	
34	2029019	Manufacture of gelatine and its derivatives	15	
35	2029021	Manufacture of essential oils (concentrated perfumes)	15	
36	2029022	Manufacture of extracts of natural aromatic products	15	
37	2029023	Manufacture of aromatic distilled waters	15	
38	2029024	Manufacture of matches	15	
39	2029025	Manufacture of welding powders and pastes	15	
40	2030	Manufacture of synthetic fibres	15	
41	2100	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medical chemicals and botanical products	15	
42	22	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	15	
43	23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	15	
44	24	Manufacture of basic metals (except): 242 Manufacture of basic precious and non-ferrous metals 2432 Casting of non-ferrous metals	20	
45	25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment (except): 2529 Manufacture of arms	15	

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		and ammunition		
46	26	Manufacture of computers and electronic and optical products	15	
47	27	Manufacture of electrical equipment	20	
48	28	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. (except): 28259 Manufacture of machinery for the preparation of tobacco	100	
49	29	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	100	
50	3011101	Building of merchant ships	100	
51	3011103	Manufacture of parts of ships and floating structures	100	
52	3011905	Construction of drilling platforms, floating or submersible	100	
53	3011906	Construction of floating structures	100	
54	3011907	Building of hovercrafts	100	
55	3012	Building of pleasure and sporting boats	15	
56	3020	Manufacture of railway locomotives and rolling stock	20	
57	3030	Manufacture of air and spacecraft vessels and related machinery (except): 3030006 Manufacture of military ballistic and guided missiles	100	
58	3090	Manufacture of transport equipment n.e.c.	20	

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59	31	Manufacture of furniture	15	
60	3220	Manufacture of musical instruments	2	
61	3230	Manufacture of sports equipment	3	
62	3240	Manufacture of games and toys	3	
63	3250	Manufacture of dental medical instruments and supplies	20	
64	3290	Other manufacturing n.e.c.	3	
65	3312001	Repair and maintenance of train engines	15	
66	3312002	Repair and maintenance of ship engines	15	
67	3315001	Repair and maintenance of ships	15	
68	3315004	Repair and maintenance of trains and equipment for railways	15	
69	3315005	Repair and maintenance of aircraft engines	15	
70	3315006	Repair and maintenance of aircrafts	15	

SERVICE SECTOR

No.	Reference ISIC4	Economic Activities	Minimum Capital Mn/Dhs	Direct Foreign Investment Controls and Conditions
71	6910002	Legal consultancy offices	In accordance with the legislation in force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No prosecution in Emirati courts. - No taking any judicial action before the courts, arbitration tribunals and judicial and administrative committees. - No carrying out

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				<p>authentication functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obtaining approval of the concerned authorities to the licensing of this activity in the State. - The concerned shall be a physical or legal person recognised for their excellence in this field.
72	692	Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy	In accordance with the legislation in force	Business tax planning and consultancy and preparation and review of business tax permitted only.
73	711	Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy services	In accordance with the legislation in force	The concerned shall be a physical or legal person recognised for their excellence in this field.
74	862	Medical and dental practice activities		
75	75	Veterinary activities		
76	620	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	In accordance with the legislation in force	Providing a technical team of no less than 5 programming specialists by the end of the company's first year.
77	72	Scientific research and development	In accordance with the legislation in force	In accordance with the legislation in force
78	7730-77300	Renting of other machinery, equipment and real goods (except leasing and renting services related to cars)		
79	471	Retail sale in non-specialised stores (except cooperative associations 4711001)	100	
80	731	Advertising		
81	732	Market research and		

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		opinion polling	In accordance with the legislation in force	
82	702	Management consultancy activities		
83	712	Technical testing and analysis		
84	331	Repair of fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment (except naval vessels, aircrafts and other transport equipment)		
85	8121-81210	General cleaning of buildings		
86	742	Photographic activities		
87	8292-82920	Packaging activities		
88	823	Organisation of conventions and trade shows		
89	741	Specialised design activities		
90	7490005	Legal translation services		
91	7490006	Translation of movies and television programmes		
92	7490012	Translation of publications		
93	8299002	Interpretation services		
94	41	Construction of buildings		
95	42	Civil engineering		
96	432	Electrical and plumbing works and other construction activities		
97	433	Building completion and finishing		
98	431	Demolition and site preparation		
99	439	Other specialised construction activities		

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100	7730009	Renting of machinery and equipment for construction, building and demolition		
101	851	Pre-primary and primary education	In accordance with the legislation in force	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excluding general education 2. Obtaining the approval of the competent authorities in charge of education for the licensing of these activities and complying with the controls and standards specified thereby. 3. Complying with the conditions and standards of school facilities and ensuring a high quality of education.
102	852	Secondary education		
103	853	Higher education		
104	854	Other education		
105	370	Sewerage		
106	382	Waste treatment and disposal	In accordance with the relevant legislation in force	
107	3900001	Services for treating the effects of pollution and protecting the environment		
108	861	Hospital activities	100	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subject to the approval of the competent authorities in light of the economic need which takes into account the number of hospitals and medical and health centres in a given region. 2. Exempting Dubai Healthcare City from the control referred to here-above.
109	869	Other human health activities	70	In accordance with the legislation in force
110	8211001	Hotel management		
111	8211004	Restaurant management	In accordance with the legislation in force	Permitted only for theatrical and live band activities
112	90009	Creative activities and drama shows (theatre)		
113	9000104	Band		In accordance with the

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114	9000110	Circus		legislation in force
115	8130002	Gardens and parks landscaping services		
116	9103-91030	Botanical and zoological gardens and nature reserves activities		Permitted only for public parks services and specialised gardens services
117	5012-50120	Sea and coastal freight water transport		In accordance with the legislation in force
118	5022001	Inland freight water transport		
119	7730016	Renting of merchant ships		
120	5222002	Pilotage and towing of ships		
121	52220007	On-water towing of boats and jet skis		
122	New	Intellectual property activities of holding companies		

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