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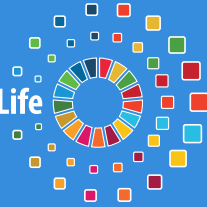


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Summary



The Republic of Yemen is the second largest and one of the poorest Arab states. The Yemeni legal system is a combination of sharia jurisprudence and old Egyptian and French code. Yemen is currently suffering from a years-long civil war that has divided the country into multiple parts and severely weakened and fragmented the judicial system and the rule of law.

YEMEN

Competition



- Yemen is one of the **EARLIEST COUNTRIES** to adopt **competition-oriented legislation**, which is **Law No. 19 of 1999**;
- Thanks to that law, Yemen has **SPECIFIC AUTHORITIES** to **govern and implement competition**, such as the **Public Administration to Promote Competition and Prevent Monopoly and Commercial Fraud** at the **Ministry of Industry and Trade**;
- Yemen is an **EXCEPTIONAL CASE** among the rest of the region's countries to include **specific legislation** that **defines** and **outlaws monopolies**.

Foreign Direct Investment



- Yemen established **LAW NO. 15 OF 2010**, known as the **Investment Law**;
- The **YEMENI INVESTMENT LAW** establishes the **General Investment Authority** and applies the concept of a **one-stop shop** to **facilitate** and **coordinate investment** into the country; this is particularly elaborated on in **Articles 13 and 14** of the law. The General Investment Authority is also granted **“a legal personality, an autonomous financial status, and is accountable to the Prime Minister,”** as stated in **Article 11**;
- The **YEMENI INVESTMENT LAW** clearly **outlines** the **roles** and **responsibilities** of the **General Investment Authority** (covered within **Articles 15-25** of the Investment Law).



Anti-Corruption



- Yemen has **MULTIPLE LEGISLATION** to support **anti-corruption efforts**. Those include **Law No. 6 of 1995** on the **Impeachment Proceedings and Trial of the Occupant of Senior Executive Authority in Government**; **Law No. 35 of 2003** concerning **Money Laundering**; **Law No. 39 of 2006** on **anti-corruption**; and **Law No. 13 of 2012** on the **Right to Information**;
- **EXEMPTIONS** are a **key component** that undermines Yemeni legislation. For decades, “**senior officials**” in Yemen benefited from **anti-corruption legislation**, which exempted them from scrutiny. In light of the **increased focus on anti-corruption measures** since 2011, lawmakers were set to remove this exemption. However, the **recent unrest** in the country has brought this development to a halt.

Consumer Protection



- Yemen established **LAW NO. 46 OF 2008** on **consumer protection**;
- **YEMEN’S CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW** components match **international standards**, such as **defining consumer rights clearly**.

Main Headings

● Very Strong
 ● Strong
 ● Developed
 ● Moderate
 ● Basic
 ● Weak
 ● Very Weak

COMPETITION

● **DEVELOPED**

Anti-Trust and Competition Laws	● Developed
Anti-Dominance and Monopolisation Laws	● Strong
Cartels and Anti-Competitive Agreements	● Strong
Competition Enforcement Practices	● Developed
International Trade Agreements	● Developed
Liberalisation and Competition Intervention in Regulated Sectors	● Moderate
Merger Regulatory Regime	● Developed
Labor Protection	● Weak




FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

● **MODERATE**

Banking Regulations	● Developed
Macroeconomic Policies	● Developed
Investment Regulatory Framework	● Moderate
Incentivisation Schemes	● Basic
Bi-lateral Treaties	● Developed



ANTI-CORRUPTION		DEVELOPED
Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Public Sector	Strong	
Anti-Bribery and Whistle Blow Laws	Moderate	
Budgeting and Public Expenditures	Moderate	
Digital Government	Very Weak	
Open Government and Transparency	Very Strong	
Public Procurement Standards	Strong	

CONSUMER PROTECTION		MODERATE
Physical Safety Regulations	Developed	
Protection of Consumers' Economic Interests	Strong	
Measures Enabling Consumers to Obtain Redress	Weak	
Promotion of Sustainable Consumption	Basic	

Sub-categories

● Very Strong
 ● Strong
 ● Developed
 ● Moderate
 ● Basic
 ● Weak
 ● Very Weak

COMPETITION

Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	● Strong	
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	● Strong	
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	● Strong	
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	● Developed	
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	● Very Strong	
Exemptions	● Very Weak	
Accessibility/Transparency	● Basic	

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

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Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	● Weak	
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	● Very Strong	
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	● Developed	
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	● Moderate	
Exemptions	● Very Weak	
Accessibility/Transparency	● Moderate	

ANTI-CORRUPTION



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Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	Strong
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	Developed
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	Moderate
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	Strong
Exemptions	Basic
Accessibility/Transparency	Developed

CONSUMER PROTECTION



Laws/Decrees (i.e. national legislations/regulations)	Moderate
Definitions (i.e. legal definitions within legislation/treaties)	Developed
Institutions (i.e. bodies/authorities)	Strong
International Agreements (regional/international conventions, treaties, trade agreements)	Moderate
Enforcement (i.e. positive or negative, such as incentives, subsidizes, sanctions, fines, prison sentences)	Basic
Exemptions	Basic
Accessibility/Transparency	Moderate



