

ANNEX - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

GENERAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION REGIME (ACT 16,906)

Act 16,906 of 1998 declares the promotion and protection of domestic and foreign investments to be of national interest. Investment projects in any sector of business, that are promoted by the Executive Branch, are exempted from Corporate Income Tax (IRAE, for its acronym in Spanish) from 30% to 100% of the amount invested, depending on the type of project. The sole national rate of the IRAE is 25%. Also, fixed assets and civil works are exempted from Wealth Tax and VAT is recovered on the purchase of materials and services for the latter. This law also exempts from taxes or duties the import of fixed assets' movable goods declared non-competitive in the national industry.

Link: [Promotional regimes for investment.](#)

ANTITRUST LAW

Uruguay has had the Antitrust Law¹ (Act 18,159) since 2007, which states that all markets shall be governed by free competition except for the limitations established by law, for reasons of general interest. This regulatory framework aims to promote the welfare of consumers and companies, stimulating economic efficiency and ensuring freedom and equal access to market products.

Link: <http://competencia.mef.gub.uy/>

CONSUMER DEFENSE LAW

The Consumer Defense Law (Act 17,250) was passed in the year 2000 and establishes the framework in which consumer relations must be carried out. This framework is characterized by the adoption of best practices in matters of defense of consumer rights while providing important safeguards for the development of activities related to the provision of goods and services.²

Link: <http://consumidor.mef.gub.uy/>

¹ The law can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.impo.com.uy/bases/leyes/18159-2007>

² The law can be viewed at the following link: <http://consumidor.mef.gub.uy/8132/9/areas/ley-n%C2%BD-17250-de-defensa-del-consumidor-Normativa,Ley.html>

RISK CENTER OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF URUGUAY (BCU)

The BCU has implemented a Risk Center to monitor and ensure the correct performance of the financial system. It consists of an integrated system that combines the information provided by financial intermediary agencies, credit management companies, and financial services companies, regarding the direct and contingent loans they have granted to individuals and legal entities or to other institutions of the financial sector, as well as to economic groups of which debtors may be members.

Website: http://www.bcu.gub.uy/Servicios-Financieros-SSF/Paginas/Central_Riesgos.aspx