



Do you encounter difficulties to trade and investment in Saudi Arabia? Let us know!

A bilateral trade meeting at Ministerial level between Sweden and Saudi Arabia will take place in October 2017. The two sides will discuss, among other issues, problems that Swedish companies experience in the area of trade in goods, services and investment with the aim to find common acceptable solutions.

The National Board of Trade is interested in receiving information concerning **problems (barriers) that your company encounter when doing business with or in Saudi Arabia**. The information will be summarised in a list of trade barriers to discuss during the ministerial meeting.

Please, let us know if you encounter difficulties to trade and investment in Saudi Arabia by **sending an e-mail** to anamaria.deliu@kommers.se. Make a detailed description of the encountered problems, but answer also on the following questions:

- What kind of goods/services and/or investments are concerned?
- Does the problem, concern any specific law or regulation?
- Has your company complained to the authorities in Saudi Arabia, or have you received help from the Swedish Embassy in Riyadh or the European Commission? If so, has this given any results?

The National Board of Trade is a Swedish public agency and therefore follows the principle of public access to official documents. We are grateful if you in your answers indicate what you consider to be sensitive information.

Your participation is voluntary, but we hope that you will take the opportunity to inform us about your problems by **1 September 2017 at the latest**. Please, send your e-mail to anamaria.deliu@kommers.se. Anamaria Deliu would answer to your questions in case you have any, and can also be reached at +46(0)8 690 4913.

Examples of problems which companies usually experience on foreign markets:

- complicated, time-consuming or untransparent customs procedures
- high custom duties
- import or export restrictions
- difference in technical regulations, standards or testing procedures
- health-related requirements
- difficulties to participate in public procurement
- protection or enforcement of intellectual property rights
- barriers to supply/deliver services and to movement of staff or experts
- difficulties related to payments
- problems related to corruption and lack of transparency

About the National Board of Trade

The National Board of Trade is the Swedish governmental agency responsible for issues relating to foreign trade, the Internal Market and trade policy. Our mission is to promote an open and free trade with transparent rules. The basis for this task,

given us by the Government, is that a smoothly functioning international trade and a further liberalised trade policy are in the interest of Sweden. To this end we strive for an efficient internal market, a liberalised common trade policy in the EU and an open and strong multilateral trading system, especially within the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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