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# **Chapter Three**

# **Working Papers for 2017**

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## Working Papers submitted by Sectoral committees during 2017:

### First: Import & Custom

Import and Customs Committee presented the following working papers during 2017:

<b>S</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Working Paper</b>	<b>Link</b>
1	19/01/2017	Letter from the Committee to Prof. Dr. Ali Meselhi - Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee in the Parliament including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EBA's Vision on the decision to abolish free zones</li></ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/oyqp7u">https://goo.gl/oyqp7u</a>
2	22/01/2017	Letter from the Committee to Mr. Tarek Amer , Governor of Central Bank of Egypt including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EBA's Vision on the decision to abolish free zones</li></ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/fEHctW">https://goo.gl/fEHctW</a>
3	19/02/2017	Letter from the Committee to Dr. Sahar Nasr – Minister of Investment and International Cooperation including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EBA's Vision on the decision to abolish free zones</li></ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/CPzE8e">https://goo.gl/CPzE8e</a>
4	19/02/2017	Letter from the Committee to Mr. Amr Ghallab, Chairman of Economic Affairs Committee in the Egyptian Parliament including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EBA's Vision on the decision to abolish free zones</li><li>EBA's Vision on the New Investment draft law</li></ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/RbZJr2">https://goo.gl/RbZJr2</a>
5	03/05/2017	Letter from the Committee to Mr. Said Abdullah - Head of the Trade Agreements Sector and Foreign Trade Agreements Sector at the Ministry of Trade and Industry including : A working paper representing the vision of the Association on the "Rules of Implementation of the provisions of the Import and Export Law and the Procedures of Inspection and Control of Imported and Exported Goods issued by Ministerial Decision No. 770 of 2005" prepared by the Import, Customs and Export Committees of the Association.	<a href="https://goo.gl/hU6LaH">https://goo.gl/hU6LaH</a>

### Second: Economic Legislation

The Committee of Economic Legislation submitted the working papers in conjunction with other sectoral committees during 2017.

### Third: Construction

Construction Committee presented the following working papers during 2017:

<b>S</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Working Paper</b>	<b>Link</b>
1	18/09/2017	<p>A memo from the committee to Mr. Amr Al-Mounir, Deputy Minister of Finance for Tax Policies, prepared in cooperation with the organizations concerned with the construction sector in Egypt, namely: (Real Estate Development Chamber, Egyptian Federation of Industries, Real Estate Investment Division, General Federation of Chambers of Commerce)</p> <p>The application of VAT on the sale and lease of buildings and administrative and commercial units, to review the publications and research papers issued in this regard, which are contrary to the true text of the law and its executive regulations.</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/EU8YgK">https://goo.gl/EU8YgK</a>
2	26/09/2017	<p>A memo from the committee to Mr. Amr Al-Garhi, Minister of Finance, Mr. Amr Al-Moneyer, and Deputy Minister of Finance for Tax Policies, prepared in cooperation with the concerned organizations in the construction sector in Egypt, namely the Chamber of Real Estate Development in the Federation of Egyptian Industries and the Sector of Real estate Development in the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce , the Egyptian Real ESTATE Council on :</p> <p>The application of VAT on the sale and lease of buildings and administrative and commercial units, to review the publications and research papers issued in this regard, which are contrary to the true text of the law and its executive regulations.</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/NNR6hD">https://goo.gl/NNR6hD</a>
3	27/09/2017	<p>Letter from the Committee to Dr. Eng. Mostafa Madbouli, Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities and Chairman of the New Urban Communities Authority, in cooperation with the organizations concerned with the construction sector in Egypt namely the Chamber of Real Estate Development in the Federation of Egyptian Industries and the Sector of Real estate Development in the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce , the Egyptian Real Estate Council – about The vision of the organizations concerned with the construction sector in Egypt on the impact of increasing the bank interest rate on the Egyptian real estate development sector</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/pFZ2Sf">https://goo.gl/pFZ2Sf</a>
4	27/09/2017	<p>Letter from the Committee to Dr. Eng. Mostafa Madbouli, Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities and Chairman of the New Urban Communities Authority, in cooperation with the organizations concerned with the construction sector in Egypt namely the Chamber of Real Estate Development in the Federation of Egyptian Industries and the Sector of Real estate Development in the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce , the Egyptian Real Estate Council, on Considering the possibility of a decision by the Board of Directors of the new Urban Communities Authority not to stop dealing with the real estate developer in the event of a dispute during the implementation of the agreement so that he can perform his obligations arising from the contract and hindered by the suspension of dealing with him.</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/WoryQ5">https://goo.gl/WoryQ5</a>

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5	31/10/2017	Letter from the Committee to Dr. Eng. Mostafa Madbouli, Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities and Chairman of the New Urban Communities Authority, on the proposal submitted by the business community during the real estate investment conference organized by Al-Mal newspaper, regarding: Reconsidering the definition of the percentage of completion of the project in the real estate development list for the new urban communities to become 75-80% and not apply any fines on the real estate developer in case of completion of the percentage referred to from the project target as this is equivalent to completion of the project and is unlikely to apply any sanctions on the developer in this case, in order to give this matter the attention required and placed within the priorities of the Ministry to facilitate the investor in order to accelerate the development of new cities.	<a href="https://goo.gl/TueRCh">https://goo.gl/TueRCh</a>

#### Fourth: Tourism

Tourism Committee presented the following working papers during 2017:

<b>S</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Working Papers</b>	<b>Link</b>
1	22/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter from the Committee to:</li> <li>- H.E. President Abdelfattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Tourism</li> <li>- Eng. Sherif Ismail - Prime Minister</li> <li>- Eng. Yehia Rashed - Minister of Tourism</li> <li>- Working paper of the Committee recommendations on "Priorities for the advancement of the tourism sector in Egypt in parallel with the activation of the decisions of the Supreme Council for Tourism"</li> </ul>	- <a href="https://goo.gl/dACKKN">https://goo.gl/dACKKN</a>
2	28/05/2017	Letter from the Committee to Eng. Yehia Rashid, Minister of Tourism, on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to transform Sharm el-Sheikh into a free city</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/vSoooh">https://goo.gl/vSoooh</a>
3	29/05/2017	Letter from the Committee to Mr. Yasser Rizk, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Akhbar Newspaper in a including a copy of the letter to the Minister of Tourism on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to transform the city of Sharm el-Sheikh into a free city</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/8sXuj7">https://goo.gl/8sXuj7</a>

### Fifth: Industry – Scientific Research Committee

Industry – Scientific Research Committee presented the following working papers during 2017:

<b>S</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Working Papers</b>	<b>Link</b>
1	22/01/2017	<p>Letter from the Committee to Mrs. Nabila Mahmoud Abdel Halim, Minister Plenipotentiary - Director of the Department of Information Systems and Export Services in Egyptian Trade Representation, accompanied including the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A response note from the Committee presenting the three main reasons that led to the suspension of the deal by the Italian company Gruppo Tessile Monti, importing Egyptian cotton yarns with the Egyptian companies exporting cotton yarn due to the high prices and low quality compared to the similar production received from India.</li></ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/ndD1VC">https://goo.gl/ndD1VC</a>

### Sixth: Transport

Transport Committee presented the following working papers during 2017:

<b>S</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Working Papers</b>	<b>Link</b>
1	02/01/2017	<p>Working papers submitted by the Committee to Maj. Gen. Saeed Taima - Chairman of the Transport Committee in the Parliament in presence of: Mr. Adel El-Lamei - Board Member EBA and Chairman of the Transport Committee and Mr. Mohamed Youssef - Executive Director of the Association, The papers presented included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The recommendations of the Transport Committee meeting EBA in the presence of Maj. Gen. Saeed Taima, Chairman of the Transport Committee in the Parliament Monday 14/11/2016</li><li>• The most important points addressed during the meeting of the delegation of the Transport Committee EBA with the Egyptian Competition Authority 14/2/2013</li><li>• The most important points addressed during the meeting of the Transport Committee of EBA 18 December 2016</li><li>• Decision of the Prime Minister No. 1885 of 2004 on the National Committee for Facilitating Transport and Trade</li></ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/Zohf9E">https://goo.gl/Zohf9E</a>
2	09/01/2017	<p>A memo sent by the Committee to Maj. Gen. Saeed Taima, Chairman of Transport Committee in Parliament, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vision of EBA on Resolution No. 800 of 2016</li><li>• The Commission's proposal on the railway sector is as follows: The importance of India's railways experience Although India's population density and its limited resources and capabilities , it is considered a successful experience in the rail transport of goods with the private participation PPP or BOT)</li></ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/An1Lup">https://goo.gl/An1Lup</a>
3	23/01/2017	<p>Working papers submitted by the Committee to Dr. Galal Mostafa Said - Minister of Transport in the presence of: Eng. Ali Eissa – EBA Chairman, Mr. Adel El-Lamei - Board Member EBA and Chairman of</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/3NiZFe">https://goo.gl/3NiZFe</a>

		<p>Transport Committee &amp; Mr. Mohamed Youssef - Executive Director of EBA The papers presented included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EBA's comments on the amended law 10 on river navigation</li> <li>• Vision of the Association to activate the river transport system</li> <li>• Vision of the Transport Committee of EBA on the development of Safaga Port</li> <li>• Observations of the Transport Committee of EBA on Ministerial Resolution No. 800 of 2016</li> <li>• Recommendations of the Transport Committee of EBA to be presented to the Minister of Transport</li> <li>• A letter from the Export Council of Agricultural Crops concerning the non-allow for refrigerated foreign vehicles to be loaded from Egypt to a third party and confined to its state-owned refrigerated vehicles</li> <li>• Report on river transport in the Netherlands</li> </ul>	
4	23/01/2017	<p>A memo sent by the committee to Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Chairman of Suez Canal Economic Zone during a seminar organized by the Association with H.E. at EBA on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision of EBA on Resolution No. 800 of 2016</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/An1Lup">https://goo.gl/An1Lup</a>
5	31/01/2017	<p>Letter from the Committee to Dr. Galal Mostafa Said, Minister of Transport, to confirm the readiness of the Committee to cooperate with the Ministry in activating the recommendations agreed upon with the Minister</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on the participation of EBA as an essential member in the formation of the Supreme Council of Ports.</li> <li>• Work to revive the Steering Committee on Transport established by the Prime Minister's Decision No. 1885 of 2004.</li> <li>• To start the study of railway transport projects using Indian experience carried out by the Indian Ministry of Transport under B.O.T. &amp; P.P.P. In the early 1990s</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/RP33Bo">https://goo.gl/RP33Bo</a>
6	09/03/2017	<p>Working papers submitted by the Committee to Dr. Hisham Arafat - Minister of Transport during a meeting with him at his ministry office in the presence of: Eng. Ali Eissa – EBA Chairman, Mr. Adel El-Lamei - Board Member EBA and Chairman of the Transport Committee &amp; Mr. Mohamed Youssef - Executive Director of EBA, The papers presented included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision of the Association to activate the river transport system</li> <li>• Observations of the Transport Committee of EBA on Ministerial Resolution No. 800 of 2016</li> <li>• Recommendations of the Transport Committee of EBA to be presented to the Minister of Transport</li> <li>• A letter from the Export Council of Agricultural Crops concerning the non-allow for refrigerated foreign vehicles to be loaded from Egypt to a third party and confined to its state-owned refrigerated vehicles</li> <li>• Report on river transport in the Netherlands</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/cRhq1G">https://goo.gl/cRhq1G</a>

7	29/12/2017	Working papers submitted by the Committee to the officials of the Administrative Control Committee on the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The vision of the Transport Committee of EBA regarding the reopening of the debate on the Law (1) for the year 1998</li> <li>• Observations of the Transport Committee of EBA on Ministerial Resolution No. 800 of 2016</li> <li>• EBA's comments on the amended law 10 on river navigation</li> <li>• Vision of the Transport Committee of EBA on the development of Safaga Port</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/2UpNhH">https://goo.gl/2UpNhH</a>
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### Seventh: Information Technology

Information Technology Committee presented the following working papers during 2017:

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1	04/05/2017	Working papers submitted by the Committee to Eng. Nidal Al-Saeed, Chairman of the Information Technology Committee of the Parliament as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IT Committee's vision of the information technology segment contained in Government Statement 2016</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/dAjd7">https://goo.gl/dAjd7</a>

### Eighth: Joint working papers submitted by Sectoral committees

S	Date	Working Papers	Link
1	20/12/2017	Memorandum of Import and Customs Committee - Export Committee to Mr. Saeed Abdullah - Head of Commercial Agreements and Foreign Trade Sector, Ministry of Trade and Industry, on: Comments of EBA on the draft amendment of the rules of implementing the provisions of the law of import and export	<a href="https://goo.gl/6sRj7h">https://goo.gl/6sRj7h</a>

### Ninth: General working papers submitted by EBA

S	Date	Working Papers	Link
1	05/01/2017	General papers submitted by the Association to the concerned authorities as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations of the Agriculture Committee meeting on 18/12/2017 to promote the agriculture sector</li> <li>• Observations of the Transport Committee on Ministerial Resolution No. 800 of 2016</li> <li>• Observations of EBA on the amended Law 10 on River Navigation</li> <li>• Vision of the Transport Committee on the development of Safaga Port</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/fi4NJF">https://goo.gl/fi4NJF</a>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations of the meeting of Transport Committee in the presence of Maj. Gen. Saeed Taima - Chairman of the Transport Committee in the Parliament on Monday 14/11/2016</li> <li>• The most important points addressed during the meeting of the delegation of Transport Committee with the Egyptian Competition Authority 14/02/2013</li> <li>• The most important points addressed during the meeting of the Transport Committee on 18 December 2016</li> <li>• Decision of the Prime Minister No. 1885 of 2004 on the National Committee for Facilitating Transport and Trade</li> </ul>	
2	05/01/2017	<p>Letter from the Association to Dr. Ashraf Al-Arabi - Minister of Planning, Follow-up and Administrative Reform on: The meeting with Dr. Nihal Al-Megharbel, Deputy Minister of Planning, Follow-up and Administrative Reform on November 16, 2016. She reviewed the executive steps taken to see 2030 in detail and listened to the views of the attendees from the business community. The recommendations referred to as agreed to hold meetings to follow up the implementation.</p> <p>EBA also called on the participation of representatives of the Association in the follow-up committees to achieve the plans set periodically and propose plans to correct the path with officials in the various ministries to work towards achieving the goals of Vision 2030.</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/6nKCv1">https://goo.gl/6nKCv1</a>
3	15/01/2017	<p>A working paper submitted by the Association to the concerned authorities on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The vision of the Transport Committee of EBA regarding the reopening of the debate on the Law (1) for the year 1998</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/27adbD">https://goo.gl/27adbD</a>
4	19/02/2017	<p>Letter from the Association to: Mr. Amr Ghallab - Chairman of Economic Affairs Committee in Parliament, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EBA's comments on the draft law on investment regulation and incentives, focusing on the special economic zones</li> <li>• The Association's need to hold a series of meetings between the Economic Affairs Committee of the Parliament and the Economic Committees of EBA on a regular basis to identify all developments affecting the legislative environment that stimulate economic activity.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/kMFxn5">https://goo.gl/kMFxn5</a>
5	03/04/2017	<p>Letter from the Association to Dr. Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, on: Comments of EBA on "the fourth draft of the law on the amendment of some provisions of the law of joint stock companies and companies of limited liability issued by Law No. 159 of 1981" on the articles: from (1) to Article (162), prepared by counsellor - Mahmoud Fahmy - Legal Advisor and Chairman of the Economic Legislation Committee in EBA, provided that , this is followed by a supplementary memorandum with the remaining notes on the rest of the articles of the draft law referred to.</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/WUBh9o">https://goo.gl/WUBh9o</a>
6	09/04/2017	<p>Letter from the Association to Dr. Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, on:</p>	<a href="https://goo.gl/A9wEMB">https://goo.gl/A9wEMB</a>



		Comments of EBA on the draft investment guarantees and incentives law and the draft law regulating and facilitating investment procedures, it was agreed that the ministry will be provided with a supplementary note with the remaining comments on the new materials.	
7	24/04/2017	Letter from the Association to Dr. Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, on: The most important observations of EBA on the draft law of guarantees and incentives for investment, and the draft law on organizing and facilitating investment procedures in addition to a memorandum representing the vision of EBA on the abolition of free zones.	<a href="https://goo.gl/HT2wgV">https://goo.gl/HT2wgV</a>
8	16/05/2017	General reports submitted by the Association to the concerned authorities on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of the meeting of representatives of EBA with the IT Committee in the Parliament on 4/5/2017</li> <li>• Minutes of the meeting of the Import and Customs Committee with the Gen. Eng. Ismail Gaber - Chairman of General Authority for Export and Import Control on 8/5/2017</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/oSGxFW">https://goo.gl/oSGxFW</a>
9	17/05/2017	Letter addressed to Dr. Hisham Arafat, Minister of Transport, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Ports, and Mr. Mohab Mamish, Chairman of the General Authority of the Suez Canal and Chairman of Suez Canal Economic Zone Authority, on: EBA stressed on the importance of its representation in the formation of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council of Ports, in light of the Association's keenness to integrate the role of the private sector represented in business organizations with the government sector to achieve the economic need objectives.	<a href="https://goo.gl/UXK2ic">https://goo.gl/UXK2ic</a>
10	25/07/2017	A letter addressed to Dr. Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation and Mrs. Mona Zobia, Chairman of the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones, on: Amendments proposed by EBA on the draft executive regulations of the new investment law.	<a href="https://goo.gl/wawC6t">https://goo.gl/wawC6t</a>
11	01/08/2017	Working Papers submitted by the Association to the Advisor of Dr. Ghada Wali, Minister of Social Solidarity, in order to review the points considered in establishing the executive regulations of the new law of associations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EBA's observations on the Law of NGOs No. 70 of 2017</li> <li>• Proposals of the Egyptian-Lebanese Friendship Association for Businessmen on the executive regulations to be issued and the queries of businessmen associations and associations of friendship on Law No. 70 of 2017 on the organization of civil society .</li> <li>• Comparison of the most important points between the law of associations and civil institutions issued No. 84 of 2002 and the law regulating the work of associations and other institutions working in the field of civil work issued No. 70 of 2017</li> </ul>	<a href="https://goo.gl/PRCv1R">https://goo.gl/PRCv1R</a>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A memorandum of the Alexandria Businessmen Association concerning the new law of associations.</li> </ul>	
12	10/09/2017	A working paper submitted by the Association to the concerned authorities on the most important remarks made by EBA on the executive regulations of the new investment law	<a href="https://goo.gl/PJnVoF">https://goo.gl/PJnVoF</a>
13	10/09/2017	Letter from the Association to Eng. Osama Al-Baqli - Chairman of the Board of Directors of Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company - EGAS on: Investors in industrial areas in Port Said who use natural gas to operate their factories who have been affected by arbitrariness in accounting for the quantities of gas that exceed the annual contractual quantities on the basis of the weakness of the gas price applied at the time, which is a huge additional financial burden on these factories and hampers their investment plans in expansion And development, which is contrary to the state policy to encourage investment. The request was to find a solution to this problem that the accounting according to the price applied at the time and not double the price in accordance with the decision of the Prime Minister No. 2300 for the year 2015, which provides for the accounting of industrial companies that use natural gas in the operation of their plants on the basis of actual consumption as effective 01/01/2011.	<a href="https://goo.gl/zn1fwX">https://goo.gl/zn1fwX</a>
14	14/09/2017	Letter from EBA to Dr. Amr Al-Garhi, Minister of Finance, on: This is based on the decision made by the Customs Authority regarding the mechanization of certificates issued to the local market, while the employees of the Authority are still unable to use this system and how to properly enter data, which has led to the suspension of all outgoing transactions to the local market, which will lead to the imposition of large fines on companies and factories concerned and may lead to the suspension of work. EBA stressed the need to give this matter the interest of the ministry and to instruct the concerned parties to take the necessary steps to ensure that the consequences can be avoided. ** A copy of the letter was also sent to Dr. Magdy Abdel Aziz, head of the Egyptian Customs Authority	<a href="https://goo.gl/5nNDzn">https://goo.gl/5nNDzn</a>
15	02/11/2017	A memorandum addressed to Dr. Abdel Hadi Al-Kasabi, Chairman of the Social Solidarity and Family Solidarity Committee and Disabilities in the Parliament on the remarks of the business organizations on the executive regulations of the Civil Associations Law No. 70 of 2017 in addition to a list of the business organizations that participated in its observations.	<a href="https://goo.gl/kRKspo">https://goo.gl/kRKspo</a>
16	05/11/2017	A memorandum addressed by the Association to Dr. Ghada Wali, Minister of Social Solidarity on the remarks of the business organizations on the executive regulations of the Civil Associations Law No. 70 of 2017, as well as a list of the business organizations that participated in its observations.	<a href="https://goo.gl/yFTgAn">https://goo.gl/yFTgAn</a>

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