



Venezuela Declares a State of Economic Emergency

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Decree No. 5,157 was published on Aug. 8, 2025, in the *Official Gazette* No. 6,924 Extraordinary, whereby the National Executive Branch declared a state of economic emergency in the national territory.

Purpose of the Regulation:

The decree declared a state of economic emergency in the national territory due to the extraordinary circumstances that seriously affect the country's economy. This declaration was issued so the National Executive Branch may adopt urgent, exceptional and necessary regulations and measures to preserve economic equilibrium and guarantee Venezuela citizens the full enjoyment of their rights.

Purpose of the Order

The President of the Republic, as a result of the declaration, may adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the country's economic development, including:

- issuing exceptional and temporary regulations to restore economic equilibrium and protect the rights of Venezuelan citizens
- suspending the collection of national, state and municipal taxes, as well as exemptions from national taxes
- centralizing the collection of fees and special contributions in the National Treasury
- establishing mechanisms and percentages for mandatory purchases of national production to promote import substitution
- adopting measures to stimulate national and international investment and non-traditional exports
- authorizing contracts and expenditures charged to the National Treasury that are not provided for in the annual budget
- issuing regulations authorizing public credit operations and increasing debt amounts without any obligation to another public authority

Suspension Clause

The constitutional guarantee of legal reserves in economic, financial and monetary matters is suspended for the duration of the economic emergency. The President of the Republic may issue other social, economic or political measures deemed appropriate for the country's economic and social stability.

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Scope of Application

The state of economic emergency and the powers that the National Executive Branch may assume under it apply throughout the national territory.

Validity

The decree will be valid for 60 days from its publication in the *Official Gazette* and may be extended for an additional 60 days.

Entry Into Force

The decree entered into force on Aug. 8, 2025.

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