

- Inexpensive (less than 400 DM in administrative costs);
- Place the burden for refusing a license on the bureaucrat;
- Standardised paperwork (forms) to be filled in when applying for a business license;
- Abolish the requirement to declare all areas of business activity to the smallest detail;
- Abolish the requirement for detailed company statutes.

Benefits:

- Incentive for business investment from other areas of the former Yugoslavia and BiH;
- Returnees can engage in start-up activities quicker.

B. Business Re-Registration

Experience with other reintegrating municipalities (Zepce, Travnik, Novi Travnik) demonstrates that the majority ethnic group will discriminate against the minority group by imposing administrative procedures for business re-registration, with high financial and bureaucratic costs attached. The local administration will require that an existing company "harmonise" its documents with existing laws. This amounts to a requirement that each minority-area company re-register. While waiting for the new registration documents, companies are not permitted to operate. As a result, many companies are forced out of business due to intentional bureaucratic delays in approving paperwork.

If the Brcko Supervisor exercises competence over a unified Brcko which includes areas currently under Bosniac and Croat control, business registrations will have to be harmonised and centralised at a central municipal court.

Recommendations:

In order to prevent the Brcko economy shutting down due to administrative delays with company re-registrations, the re-registration process should have the following characteristics:

- Transparent;
- Fast (two days);
- Automatic re-registration for all companies with valid registration documents in Ravne/Brcko, Brcko, and Brka;
- 30 day time framework for re-registration;
- Business should bear no financial burden for re-registering;
- All other criteria similar to the above-recommended registration procedures.