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HYDROCARBONS

Oil companies to bear official expenses incurred by Public Administration agents

Decree n° 000014/MPH/SG/DGH/DAEJF, of 10 August 2018, stipulates that oil companies shall bear expenses incurred by Public Administration agents, insofar as they relate to the control and monitoring of oil companies' activities. These expenses include travel expenses from the public agents' homes to the place where the mission is to be performed, local transportation and accommodation. The decree sets up daily rates, depending on the relevant agent's category, for expenses incurred both in Gabon and abroad.

CIVIL AVIATION

Government Publishes Aeronautics Regulations

The Gabonese Aeronautics Regulations, adopted by Decree n°00401/MT/ANAC, of 10 August 2016, were at last gazetted in February 2019. The Regulations cover topics such as safety, licenses and training of aviation staff, technical exploitation and airworthiness of aircrafts, plane crash and incidents investigations, air traffic services, design and operation of airfields, and security management.

Ground Handling Services in Airports Subject to Stricter Requirements

Decree n°00014/MTL/ANAC, of 21 December 2018, sets forth stricter requirements for ground handling services in Gabonese airports, including the requirements that ground operators be duly authorized and hold a certificate issued by the ANAC, subject to meeting certain conditions listed in the Decree on facilities, equipment, staff, etc.

New Statutory Regime for Air Transport Services

Decree n° 000015/MLT/ANAC, of 21 December 2018, introduces a new regime for operating licenses and air transport certificates in Gabon. According to the Decree, any entity planning to operate air transport services needs to first obtain an operating license and an air transport certificate issued by the ANAC.

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