



IMMIGRATION

Covid 19 Travelling Restrictions Updated

On 14 and 17 June 2021 two new Orders were issued by the Government to update the prevention and control measures against COVID-19 applicable to international travelers disembarking at the Leon MBA International Airport in Libreville. Travelers now have to present a negative PCR test performed 72 hours before the date of departure, and do another PCR test at arrival. Self-isolation at an approved hotel will be required until the test results are ready, which should take 24 hours, unless the traveler presents a vaccination certificate, in which case quarantine at an hotel is not compulsory. The penalties for failure to comply with these requirements include ten days of imprisonment and fines of up to 200,000 CFA francs.

WOOD SECTOR

Special Economic Zone Created in Ikolo

A Special Economic Zone located at Ikolo, in the south of Lambaréné , province of Moyen-Ogooue, was created by Decree No. 00157/PR/MPIPPPAEA of 17 June 2021. This Special Economic Zone is intended for industrial, commercial and service activities related to the wood industry and placed under the direction of the Gabon Special Economic Zone (GSEZ), which is in charge of its development, organization, promotion

and management, in particular of the allocation of the private plots of land located within its perimeter. With the creation of this Special Economic Zone, the Government expects to attract more investors to the wood sector, to increase employment and exports.

REAL ESTATE

Land Surveys

Decree No. 00155/PR/MHU of 17 June 2021 has modified several provisions of Decree No. 000873/PR/MCHLVAT of 9 July 1998, regulating topographic, cartographic, cadastral and remote sensing works, so that all resulting data covering the Gabonese territory and collected through location systems that may complete the cartographic documentation held by the State is shared and becomes available. According to this statute, the geographical data produced during the works is subject to several filing obligations so that it is available to the different State services handling land-related issues.

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