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RESTAURANTS

LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES ENACTED

Presidential Decree No. 1/16, of 4 January 2016, enacts the Legal Framework on Restaurants and Similar Activities. The statute establishes the legal requirements for the installation, exploitation and functioning of restaurants and other similar establishments, regardless of their typology. The legal framework now approved enters into force ninety (90) days after its publication and is applicable to restaurants, canteens and dining halls. Existing restaurants and similar establishments must carry out works and install the necessary equipment to fulfil the requirements of the new statute within 2 (two) years from the date of its entry into force.

TRADE

LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Presidential Decree No. 4/16, of 6 January 2016, set up the Integrated Centre for Development of Commercial Activities ("CIDAC") and approved its By-laws. CIDAC is a public agency responsible for licensing of commercial activities, as well as the licensing and registration of operations of import, export and re-export of goods.

FISHERIES

PRIVATE INVESTMENT UNIT OF THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

Ministerial Order No. 19/16, of 11 January 2016, set up the Technical Unit for Private Investment Support of the Ministry of Fisheries of Angola. The Technical Unit functions in the Office of the Minister of Fisheries.

NOTARY AND REGISTRY SERVICES

TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS BY FACSIMILE AND ELECTRONIC MEANS WITH NOTARY AND REGISTRY SERVICES

Presidential Decree No. 10/16, of 15 January 2016, approved the legal regime for simplified request and transmission of documents, with the value of certified documents, by facsimile or electronic means with the Registry and Notary Services. Interested parties may now request certificates (i) at the relevant service; (ii) at any other service, that will then channel the request to the relevant service; or (iii) online, through the Ministry of Justice's website (in terms to be defined in subsequent regulations).

MARITIME TOURISM ACTIVITIES

MARITIME TOURISM ACTIVITIES REGULATED

Presidential Decree No. 28/16, of 27 January 2016, approved the Regulations for Maritime Tourism Activities. This statute sets forth the legal regime applicable to these activities and the requirements applicable to (i) vessels used in said activities; and (ii) the entry of international cruise ships in Angola. The newly enacted statute applies to shipping agents and travel and tourism agencies. The access to the maritime and tourism activity is subject to a license issued by the Angolan Maritime and Port Institute ("IMPA"). Maritime Tourism Operators are also subject to registration with IMPA as a condition precedent for the licensing of the maritime tourism activities by the Ministry of Hospitality and Tourism.

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