



COVID-19

New Individual Protection and Sanitary Control Measures

In the light of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, individual protection and sanitary control measures at borders were revised to prevent the spread of the disease. Presidential Decree No. 98/23, of 14 April 2023, came into effect the day after its publication and revokes Presidential Decree No. 241/22, of 7 October 2022.

TAX

New Rules on Electronic Communication and Processing of Tax Proceedings and Tax Enforcement Procedure

Presidential Decree No. 95/23, of 6 April 2023, which approves new rules on electronic communication and processing of tax proceedings and tax enforcement procedure, was published as a means to cut red tape. This new regime defines the rules applicable to notifications and other

electronic communications, increasing the range of taxpayers subject to this regime and extending the timeframe from which electronic notifications shall be deemed to have been made. This statute came into effect on the date of its publication and revokes Presidential Decree No. 232/19, of 22 July 2019, and Article 9(4) of Presidential Decree No. 245/21, of 4 October 2021.

Procedures for the Use of High Security Tax Stamps approved

Considering the need to regulate the affixing of High Security Tax Stamps to alcoholic beverages and liquids, tobacco and its equivalents, the rules for the use of these stamps have recently been approved. Executive Decree No. 64/23, of 12 May 2023, established the procedures applicable to the use of High Security Tax Stamps, namely with regards to the sealing process; sales prices; rules for requisition and affixing; conditions of use; use and validity periods; and definition of package dimensions. This statute came into effect on the date of its publication and revokes Executive Decree No. 149/22, of 10 March 2022, and Executive Decree No. 186/22, of 8 April 2023.

BANKING

Cooperative Credit Societies Regulation approved

Presidential Decree No. 91/23, of 5 April 2023, approved the Cooperative Credit Societies Regulation, as non-bank financial institutions that carry out credit activities, authorized to accept deposits and savings exclusively from their members or cooperative members, as well as to grant loans or perform other financial services on their behalf. This statute came into

effect on the date of its publication and revokes Presidential Decree No. 22/11, of 19 January 2011.

New Rules for Opening and Operating Electronic Money Accounts

Pursuant to the legislation dealing with the Angolan Payments System, which establishes the issuance of electronic money by payment services providers authorized by the National Bank of Angola (BNA), BNA's Instruction No. 05/23, of 29 May 2023, sets forth four types of electronic money accounts, as well as the rules and procedures for opening and operating them. Payment services providers have a transitional period to comply with the new rules, which varies between 60 and 180 days (find further information on Miranda Alliance's Legal Alert of 1 June 2023).

ENERGY

General Guidelines for the Preparation of the Rural Electrification Plan approved

The General Guidelines for the Preparation of the Rural Electrification Plan were recently approved by Executive Decree No. 78/23, of 30 May 2023. The Plan aims to electrify areas of the country still lacking access to the electricity grid and which are not expected to be connected to it in the next 10 years through the installation of small generating units (mini-grids) or solar kits. This instrument provides for universal access to electricity in 2030, in order to promote economic development and improve citizens' quality of life, with particular emphasis on the use of renewable energies.

WATER

New Rules for the Water Sector

Taking into account the need to better articulate the rules applicable to the Water Sector, a new regulatory package was recently published:

- The Regulation on Regulatory Information for the Water Supply and Wastewater Sanitation Subsector, approved by Presidential Decree No. 127/23, of 30 May 2023, determines the general reporting obligations to which the Managing Entities responsible for the public water supply and wastewater sanitation systems are subject, and defines the rules and procedures for reporting, disclosing and processing information, as well as for the corresponding deadlines;
- The Service Quality Regulations for the Public Water Supply and Wastewater Sanitation Subsector, approved by Presidential Decree No.128/23, of 30 May 2023, set forth the minimum quality levels to which the services provided must meet, as well as the compensation due in the event of non-compliance. This Decree came into force after the date of its publication;
- The Regulation on Commercial Relationships for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Sanitation Services establishes the relationships between the different stakeholders operating along the value chain of the respective service provision. Presidential Decree No. 129/23, of 30 May 2023, will come into force on 26 November 2023 and determines that all contracts entered into before this date must be brought into line with the new rules; and
- The Sanctions Regulations for the Water and Wastewater Sanitation Subsector set forth the sanctioning regime applicable to transgressions, infringements, or non-compliance with the legislation pertaining to the carrying out of public water supply and

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wastewater sanitation activities, further stipulating the rules that govern the misdemeanor process and defining the general rules on deadlines, notifications and decisions. Presidential Decree No. 130/23, of 30 May 2023, came into force on 30 June.

AVIATION AND SHIPPING

Legal Regime applicable to the Search and Rescue Service approved

In recognition of the need to strengthen the means of assistance in case of accidents and emergencies, the legal system applicable to the search, assistance and rescue of aircraft, boats, ships or marine devices, and of people in distress at sea, on land and inland waterways, under national jurisdiction, was published. The National Integrated Search and Rescue System (*Sistema Nacional Integrado de Busca e Salvamento* (SNIBS)), comprises the set of services and agencies responsible for safeguarding human life on land and sea, within its area of competence, as well as the respective procedures. Presidential Decree No. 96/23, of 6 April 2023, revokes Presidential Decree No. 89/16, of 21 April 2016.

SOCIAL GAMING

Regulations on the Organization and Operation of Raffle Ticket Drawings approved

Executive Decree No. 65/23, of 16 May 2023, approved the Regulation on the Organization and Operation of Raffle Ticket Drawings as a social game

which consists of awarding prizes by drawing. This Decree revokes Executive Decree No. 150/11, of 28 September 2011.

WELFARE

New Rules on Mutual Associations

In order to systematize and reframe the framework for Mutual Associations a new Regulation was approved. This Regulation defines a new set of rules regarding: the registration of these Associations, their unions, federations and confederations; their obligations to notify and inform the supervising entities; the monitoring and supervision activities carried out by State bodies and services; and the management of the mutual solidarity fund. Executive Decree No. 79/23, of 31 May 2023, came into force on the date of its publication.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Instruments of Bilateral Economic Cooperation ratified

Angola recently signed two Bilateral Cooperation Instruments, aiming to promote cooperation between states and the diversification and increase of trade and production of goods, services, investments and industrial development.

The Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation on Trade, Investment and Industrial Promotion, signed with the Republic of Namibia, aims to promote institutional collaboration on the trade of goods services and investment, particularly on industrial policy, through the exchange of

information and knowledge.

Similarly, the Memorandum of Understanding on Industrial Policy was signed with the Kingdom of Spain, seeking to promote cooperation between the two countries on industrial policy. The Memorandum is to be implemented through programs, projects and concrete actions.

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