

MOZAMBIQUE

May through July 2016

ELECTRICITY

AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTRICAL FACILITIES LICENSING REGULATIONS

By means of Decree No. 10/2016, of 25 April 2016, the Council of Ministers approved an amendment to the Electrical Facilities Licensing Regulations, as approved by Decree No. 48/2007, of 22 October 2007. This amendment addresses several matters, such as the categories of facilities subject to licensing and prior inspection, as well as the procedures to obtain said licenses.

NATURAL RESOURCES

NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STATUTES OF THE NATIONAL MINING INSTITUTE

By way of Resolution No. 5/2016, of 20 June 2016, the duties and authority of the National Mining Institute were approved. This Institute was created by the new Mining Law – Law No. 20/2014, of 18 August 2014.

BANKING

REGULATIONS OF THE PRIVATELY MANAGED CREDIT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Through Decree No. 11/2016, of 16 May 2016, the Council of Ministers approved the Regulations of the Privately Managed Credit Information System. It is worth highlighting that this new Decree supplements Law No. 6/2015, of 6 October 2015, which created the Privately Managed Credit Information System. The new Statute sets forth the relevant documents for licensing purposes, as well as the applicable procedures, and entered into force on 15 July 2016.

AVIATION

NEW CIVIL AVIATION LAW

A new Civil Aviation Law was enacted by means of Law No. 5/2016, of 14 June 2016, which came into force on 14 July 2016. The former Civil Aviation Law, approved by Law No. 21/2009, of 28 September 2009, was revoked.

UPDATE OF "MOZCAR PART 175", ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION SERVICES

The MOZCAR – Part 175, on Organization of the Aeronautical Information Services, enacted by means of Ministerial Statute No. 117/2011, of 3 May 2011, was updated by means of Ministerial Diploma No. 38/2016, of 17 June 2016. This update aims to align the Organization of the Aeronautical Information Services with civil aviation international standards. Among other matters, the update sets forth the procedures to be observed in the certification and operation applications by the entities that provide said aeronautical services.

INDUSTRY

REGULATIONS ON PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, COMMERCIALIZATION AND QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF COMMON CEMENTS

By means of Decree No. 20/2016, of 6 July 2016, the Council of Ministers approved the Regulations on Production, Transportation, Commercialization and Quality Certification of Common Cements. Overall, this Decree governs technical, functional, HSE and environmental-related requirements to be complied with during production, transportation and trade of common cement. Mandatory compliance requirements applicable to domestic and/or imported cement are also regulated. The Regulations will come into force on 3 January 2017.

CONSUMER

APPROVAL OF CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Consumer Protection Regulations were enacted by means of Decree No. 27/2016, of 18 July 2016. The Regulations supplement the Consumer Protection Law, approved by Law No. 22/2009, of 28 September 2009. One should single out the obligation for suppliers and service providers to have a Complaints Book, as well as a Customer Care line available to the public, as of the date when the Regulations become effective – i.e. 16 October 2016.

STATE

CAP FOR 2016 TREASURY BILLS

By means of Ministerial Statute No. 43/2016, of 4 July 2016, the Minister of Finance set a maximum cap of MZN 63,255,000,000.00 for the amount of Treasury Bills to be issued during 2016.

WATER SUPPLY

NEW FORMULAS TO SET WATER SUPPLY TARIFFS

The Council of Ministers approved, by way of Decree No. 20/2016, of 6 July 2016, the Regulations to Set the Water Supply Tariffs in each Jurisdiction Area of the Regional Water Administrations, which provide for the new formulas to set the amount of those tariffs. These Regulations are applicable to domestic consumption, irrigation and production of thermoelectric and hydroelectric energy, among others. The Regulations will come into force on 3 January 2017. However, provision is made for the old prices to carry on applying for a 6 month period, following the effective date of the Regulations.

TRANSPORTS

ROAD TRAFFIC PROHIBITION

By Order of 30 May 2016, the Minister of Transports and Communications prohibited the circulation of provincial and international passengers' transports between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. in all national territory. This prohibition is due to the rise of road traffic accidents associated with poor visibility and signaling of national roads and due to fatigue of drivers.

LABOUR

MINIMUM WAGES UPDATED

Through Ministerial Orders Nos. 26/2016 through 33/2016, all of 11 May 2016, new minimum wages were approved for the following business sectors: (i) agriculture, cattle breeding and other related activities; (ii) fishing; (iii) mineral extraction industry; (iv) manufacturing; (v) production and distribution of electricity, gas and water; (vi) construction; (vii) financial services; and (viii) finance.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

NEW REGULATIONS ON THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF CONSERVATION AREAS

By means of Decree No. 8/2016, of 15 April 2016, the Council of Ministers approved the new Regulations on National Administration of the Conservation Areas, thereby repealing Decree No. 9/2013, of 10 April 2013.

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