

## MOZAMBIQUE

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## PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

**APPROVAL OF NEW RULES ON PROCUREMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE STATE**

Through Decree No. 5/2016, of 8 March 2016, the Council of Ministers approved new Regulations on the Procurement of Public Works and the Supply of Goods and Services to the State, having thereby repealed the regime set out in Decree No. 15/2010, of 24 May 2010, hitherto in force. Unlike the previous regime, the new rules do not apply to State enterprises and companies where the Government is a shareholder, which shall be governed by specific legislation. Other than public works and the supply of goods, the procurement of services, including leases, consultancy and concessions, is subject to the new regime. The Regulations shall come in force on 6 June 2016.

## ENVIRONMENT

**PUBLICATION OF NEW REGULATIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Decree No. 54/2015, of 31 December 2015, approving the new Regulations on the Environmental Impact Assessment Process has now been gazetted. Decrees No. 45/2004, of 29 September 2004, and No. 42/2008, of 4 November 2008, were thus revoked. The Regulations introduce a new class of activity for the purpose of environmental impact assessment – Class A +, which will henceforth encompass activities that, due to their technical complexity, location and/or irreversibility and the magnitude of their possible impacts, deserve not only a high level of social and environmental monitoring, but also the involvement of experts in the environmental impact assessment procedures. The new Regulations have been in force since 30 March 2016.

## TOURISM

**TRAVEL AND TOURISM AGENCIES AND TOURIST INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS WITH NEW RULES**

The new Regulations on Travel and Tourism Agencies and Tourist Information Professionals, approved by way of Decree No. 53/2015 of 31 December 2015, were recently gazetted. The new rules, which repealed the previous regime established by Decree No. 41/2005, of 30 August 2005, aim to govern the licensing and operation of travel and tourism agencies and the activities carried on by tourist information professionals. The new regime has been in force since 30 January 2016, with all those engaging in activities contemplated therein having to regularize their situation until the end of June 2016.

## WATER SUPPLY

**REGULATIONS ON LICENSING OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SERVICES BY PRIVATE SUPPLIERS GAZETTED**

Having been approved by Decree No. 51/2015, of 31 December 2015, the Regulations on the Licensing of Drinking Water Supply Services by Private Suppliers have now been published in the Official Gazette. The regime, requirements and practical procedures applicable to drinking water supply services provided by private suppliers have thus been set forth with a view to ensure their harmonious coexistence with the public supplier. The statute applies to the supply of drinking water for human consumption, through piped water distribution systems via household connections, fountains and kiosks throughout the national territory. The new Regulations shall come into force on 28 June 2016.

## STATE FINANCES

**2016 STATE BUDGET PUBLISHED**

Law No. 9/2015, of 29 December 2015, whereby the Parliament approved the State Budget for 2016, was recently published. The State Budget Law is immediately applicable with retroactive effect as of 1 January 2016.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MANAGEMENT OF CREDITS GRANTED TO THE STATE**

The Ministry of Economy and Finance, by means of Ministerial Statute No. 14/2016, of 28 January 2016, granted an authorization to *Banco Nacional de Investimentos* (BNI) to manage the loans granted to the Mozambican State and for the retrocession of financing agreements concluded by the Ministry of Economy and Finance in favour of private entities. Within the scope of its legal mandate, BNI may set the fees applicable to the financial services rendered, as well as other economic conditions.

## AVIATION

**ADHERENCE TO CIVIL AVIATION INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

By means of the recently published Resolutions Nos. 56/2015, 57/2015, 58/2015, 59/2015, 60/2015 and 61/2015, all of 31 December 2015, the Council of Ministers approved the adherence of the Republic of Mozambique to several civil aviation international instruments, specifically (i) the International Air Services Transit Agreement, signed at Chicago, on 7 December 1944, (ii) the Supplementary Protocol, signed at Beijing, on 10 September 2010, to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at Hague, on 16 December 1970, (iii) Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Aviation, signed at Beijing, on 10 September 2010, (iv) the Convention on Compensation for Damage Caused by Aircraft to Third Parties, signed at Montreal, on 2 May 2009, (v) the Protocol on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Montreal, on 4 April 2014, and (vi) the Convention on Compensation for Damage to Third Parties, Resulting from Acts of Unlawful Interference Involving Aircraft, signed at Montreal, on 2 May 2009.

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