

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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GOVERNMENT

ORGANIZATION AND POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

The Congolese Constitution, adopted through referendum in late 2015, created for the first time the position of Prime Minister in the Republic of Congo. In this context, **Decree no. 2016-175, of 30 May 2016**, was approved by the Prime Minister himself to govern the operation of his office, including its competences, staff positions, organization and missions.

CIVIL AVIATION

MORE DETAILS ON THE AUTHORIZATION FOR FOREIGN AIRLINES TO OPERATE IN THE CONGOLESE AIRSPACE

Pursuant to Order no. 2014-23, of 5 February 2014, **Order no. 4420, of 28 April 2016**, was adopted to further develop the conditions applicable to the granting to foreign airlines of authorizations to operate regular / scheduled international air services. The list of required documents, the applicable timeline and the fees payable may all be found in Order no. 4420.

MANDATORY COMMUNICATION OF STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL DATA BY AIR OPERATORS DETAILED

In the context of the organization of (i) statistical data on passenger, cargo and mail transport by commercial aviation operators on civil aircraft going to or departing from domestic airports, and (ii) a system of mandatory communication of financial information by air operators set forth in Order no. 2014-839, of 24 December 2014, the former Minister of Transports, Merchant Navy and Civil Aviation adopted **Order no. 4419, 26 April 2016**. It specifically completes Order no. 2014-839 by defining practical issues, such as type of details required, forms to be filled out, the frequency for submission or the penalties for non-compliance.

RULES ON FLIGHT AND LANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FOREIGN AIRCRAFT

The requirements applying to flight and landing by aircraft, including foreign aircraft operating in the Congolese airspace or on technical or commercial transit stopover, had been defined by Order no. 2014-40 of 19 February 2014. **Order no. 4418, 28 April 2016**, further elaborates and offers practical information in relation to said flight and landing authorizations to be granted to foreign aircraft, notably by detailing the competence issues and applicable timeline as regards special and non-regular civil air services, and State and UN aircraft.

BANKING & FINANCE

FINANCING CONVENTION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND THE FRENCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

With a view to ensuring the financing of the investment program of the National Power Company in the power transport, distribution and marketing sectors in the Republic of Congo, the Finance Minister signed Financing Convention no. CCG 1114 01 on 21 July 2015. This Convention was subsequently ratified by the Parliament by means of **Law no. 6-2016, of 26 February 2016**. The total amount to be made available thereunder is EUR 70M.

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