
OIL & GAS**REGISTRATION FORMS FOR PETROLEUM SECTOR COMPANIES**

By means of Order No. 29/17, of 27 January 2017, the Minister of Petroleum approved the following registration forms: (i) template for access to tenders for the awarding of provision of services contracts; and (ii) template for companies which are parties to already-executed contracts and which seek to have access to the relevant benefits set forth in the law. Both forms are to be used to include Angolan companies providing services to the petroleum industry on the Ministry of Petroleum's database.

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC WORKS**NEW CHARGES FOR CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS, WORKS PLANS AND SUPERVISION OF WORKS**

Joint Executive Decree No. 9/17, of 11 January 2017, approved new charges due for the issuance, replacement or renewal of registrations, permits and/or certificates relating to the performance of civil construction activities and public works, the preparation of works plans, and the supervision of works, as well as charges for other related administrative procedures. This statute entered into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**PRESIDENT APPROVES NATIONAL POLICY ON COMPENSATORY MEASURES**

By means of Presidential Decree No. 4/17, of 26 January 2017, the President of the Republic approved the National Policy on Compensatory Measures ("NPCM"). The NPCM reflects specific guidelines and defines objectives to be met by public entities entering into goods and services agreements with contractors, the latter being required to comply with the relevant mandatory compensatory measures. This statute further specifies different types of compensatory measures to be provided in the areas of technology, industry, commerce and investment. This statute entered into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**NEW LICENSING REGULATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS**

New Licensing Regulations for Professional Training Institutions were enacted by means of Executive Decree No. 10/17, of 11 January 2017. The purpose of this statute is to establish the regulations applicable to the licensing of Professional Training Institutions and revokes all legislation contradicting the new framework, notably Decree No. 16/98, of 3 July 1998.

MEDIA**NEW PRESS LAW**

Law No. 1/17, of 23 January 2017, enacted the new Press Law. This statute establishes general guiding principles for the media sector, as well as regulating the freedom of the press. The former Press Law (Law No. 7/06, of 15 May 2006) is expressly revoked by the new statute.

SUPERVISORY BODY FOR ANGOLAN MEDIA SECTOR CREATED

Law No. 2/17, of 23 January 2017, enacted the Organic Law of the Supervisory Body for the Angolan Media Sector. The law sets forth the functions, competencies, structure, organization and functioning of the Supervisory Body for the Angolan Media Sector. Regardless of their legal form, all public and private companies that provide media services in the country are subject to the supervision of Supervisory Body for the Angolan Media Sector.

REGULATIONS ON TELEVISION BROADCASTING ACTIVITY ENACTED

Law No. 3/17, of 23 January 2017, enacted the Law on the Exercise of the Television Broadcasting Activity. This statute governs access to and the exercising of television broadcasting activities, the management and operation of fixed networks, and the broadcasting of television signals, as well as the provision of audiovisual media services throughout the country. This statute applies to all television broadcasting and re-broadcasting by television operators and distributors under Angolan State jurisdiction.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR RADIO BROADCASTING ACTIVITY

Law No. 4/17, of 23 January 2017, enacted the Law on Exercise of the Radio Broadcasting Activity, which governs the exercising of radio broadcasting activity in the country. Under this statute, radio broadcasting activities may be performed by public or private companies and cooperatives having the minimum share capital set forth in the law. The former Law on the Exercise of Radio Broadcasting Activity (Law No. 9/92, of 16 April 1992) is expressly revoked by this statute.

REGULATIONS ON PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY OF JOURNALIST ENACTED

Law No. 5/17, of 23 January 2017, enacted the Journalist Statute, which applies to all national, foreign and trainee journalists who perform their activity in the country. The Journalist Statute aims at defining the parameters for performing the profession of journalist, as well as the relevant rights, duties and professional responsibilities. This statute revokes Decree No. 56/97, of 25 August 1997, and entered into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

FORESTRY**NEW GENERAL LAW ON FORESTS AND WILD FAUNA**

Law No. 6/17, of 24 January 2017, enacted the General Law on Forests and Wild Fauna, which establishes regulations aimed at guaranteeing the conservation and the rational and sustainable use of existing forests and wild fauna in the national territory, as well as the general bases applicable to the performance of related activities. This law revokes all statutes that contradict the new framework, notably: Articles 16, 17 and 18 of Law No. 15/05, of 7 December 2005 (the General Law on Agricultural Development); Decree Nos. 40040, of 9 February 1955, and 44531, of 21 August 1962 (Forest Regulations); and Statute No. 2873, of 11 December 1957 (Hunting Regulations).

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