



ENTRY INTO NATIONAL TERRITORY

Visa Exemption and Simplification of Tourist Visa Procedures

In an effort to reduce bureaucracy in the country's entry system, Presidential Decree No. 189/23, of 29 September 2023, was recently approved, becoming effective on the same date. This statute establishes new rules on entry visa exemption and simplification of the tourist visa procedure (find further information on Miranda Alliance's Legal Alert of 4 October 2023).

Exemption from the Requirement to Present a Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate

Following the same objective of expedite the Angolan entry system, Decree No. 197/23 of 25 October 2023, was recently approved. Under this statute, citizens from 148 countries deemed free of yellow fever by the World Health Organization are exempt from the requirement of presenting an international certificate of

vaccination against this disease, when entering national territory. This Decree came into force the day after its publication.

PRIVATIZATIONS

Privatization of the Poupa Lá Store Network

The Order of the Ministry of Finance No. 6348/23, of 23 October 2023, approved the launch of the public tender for the privatization of the POUPA LÁ Store Network, in the modality of disposal of assets. The privatization of the POUPA LÁ Store Network had previously been approved following the Privatization Program (PROPRIV) through Presidential Order No. 214/23, of 5 September 2023 (find further information on Miranda Alliance's Legal Alert of 7 November 2023).

Privatization of Industrial Units located in the Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone

For purposes of promoting investment and private initiative, the privatization of 12 industrial units located in the Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone (ZEE Luanda-Bengo) has been approved. According to Presidential Order No. 232/23, of 2 October 2023, the privatizations will be carried out through public tender, in the form of disposal of assets. The ZEE Luanda-Bengo is an industrial complex of reference for the establishment of economic production, transformation and manufacturing activities, with an overall area of 8,300 ha.

STATE BUDGET

General State Budget for 2023 rectified

The General State Budget for 2023 was recently rectified by Rectification No. 13/23, of 19 October 2023. This Rectification amends some inaccuracies in the State Budget regarding the applicability of certain rules of the Value Added Tax Code, the Customs Code, the Customs Tariff and the Personal Income Tax Code.

OIL AND GAS

Regulations on the Specifications of Petroleum-Based Products

Given the need to amend the Regulations on the Specifications of Petroleum Products Marketable in Angola, notably with regard to updating the amount of the fines applicable to administrative offenses, Executive Decree no. 220/23, of 2 October 2023, has been published. This Decree came into force on the date of its publication.

NATIONAL ECONOMY

New Legal Framework for Incentives to National Production

The Legal Framework for Incentives to National Production was approved with the goal of stimulating national production in order to reduce imports and diversify exports, as well as promote the consumption of Angolan goods and services. Among the new measures set out in Presidential Decree No. 213/23, of 30 October 2023, it is worth noting the granting of incentives to facilitate access to credit and the preferential acquisition of these products by public contracting entities and their contracted suppliers. This statute repeals Presidential Decree No. 23/19, of 14 January 2019, and comes into force on 28 January 2024.

TRANSPORT

Fees for issuance of the Vehicle Title approved

Further to the creation of the Vehicle Title, Joint Executive Decree No. 219/23, of 29 September 2023, has now been approved, establishing the fees for the issuance of this certificate. The Vehicle Title is a document that contains information regarding the vehicle's characteristics and legal status, and applies to all motor vehicles for land circulation and their trailers that are subject to registration. This statute came into force on the date of its publication.

New Legal Framework for Freight Forwarding

Presidential Legislative Decree No. 9/23, of 23 October 2023, was approved in order to define the rules for access, exercise and supervision of the freight forwarding activity, which includes the planning and organization of national and international transport operations for goods, logistics and distribution operations. This statute, which will come into force on 22 December 2023, repeals Order No. 5:560/1946, of 12 June 1946, Decree No. 68/89, of 11 December 1989, Executive Decree No. 9/90, of 31 March 1990, Executive Decree No. 95/09, of 29 September 2009, and amends Joint Executive Decree No. 64/10, of 16 June 2010.

Accession to the Solemn Commitment for the Establishment of The Single African Air Transport Market

Angola approved its adhesion to the Solemn Commitment for the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) through Resolution No. 2/22, of 11 January 2022. Created in January 2018, the SAATM is a project launched under the African Union's Agenda 2063, which aims to promote the liberalization of access to the air transport market on the African continent, enhancing regional integration and positioning Angola as a regional hub.

AIRPORT

New International Airport's Areas of State Reserve

Presidential Decree No. 188/23, of 15 September 2023, defined the perimeter areas of the State Reserve for the "Dr. António Agostinho Neto" International Airport, in order to guarantee the functionality, sustainability and economic and social development of the new airport. This statute established the areas of the Airport Infrastructure; the Airport Service Centre; the Airport Logistics Centre; and the surrounding Airport City, which are either assigned to the public or private state domain. Presidential Decree No. 188/23 entered into force on the date of its publication.

LOBITO CORRIDOR

Trilateral Lobito Corridor Agreement

By means of Letter of Approval No. 22/23, of 5 October 2023, the President of the Republic approved the Lobito Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (*Agência de Facilitação do Transporte de Trânsito do Corredor do Lobito* (AFTTCL)) Agreement concluded between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Governments of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Zambia. Through this international instrument, the contracting parties agree to grant each other the right to transit along the Corridor and to facilitate the movement of goods across their respective territories.

BANKING

Reinforcement of Security Measures in the Use of Payment Instruments and Means of Payment

In order to prevent the risk of fraud in electronic payment services, National Bank of Angola's Instruction No. 14-2023, of 23 October 2023, reinforced security measures in the use of payment instruments and means of payment. This Instruction establishes the minimum information requirements of data relating to customer identification and contacts, within the Multicaixa System and the Instant Transfer System, in accordance with the provisions of the Angolan Payment System Law.

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