



LEGAL NEWS

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CUSTOMS

Temporary prohibition on the import of some steel products

Order no. 0138/PM, of 26 June 2020, has temporarily prohibited the importation of concrete reinforcing bars, wire rods with a specific diameter, as well as steel tubes, in order to protect the national industry. Still, exemptions can be granted upon request. Operators are also required to declare their stock quarterly to the Commerce General Directorate.

FISHERIES

New fishing regulations

Orders no. 013/MAEPA/SG/DGPA, 014/MAEPA/SG/DGPA and 015/MAEPA/SG/DGPA, all of 08 October 2019, regulating both recreational and commercial fishing, have just been recently published in the Official Gazette. These Orders require both recreational and commercial fishers to obtain permits from the Ministry of Fisheries under specific conditions, and the disclosure of catch volumes to the Administration. They also establish a Code of Conduct for fishermen, and make commercial fishing subject to the payment of a production tax.

PENAL

Enactment of new Penal Code

The Penal Code, which was adopted less than a year ago, has been superseded by a new Penal Code, enacted to criminalize several new offences and infractions, notably relating to public procurement, intellectual property and forgery.

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