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INDUSTRY

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES REGULATED

Law No. 9/2015, of 18 July 2015, establishes the legal framework applicable to natural persons and legal entities carrying out industrial activities in Congo, which are defined as (i) raw material processing; (ii) packaging; and (iii) engineering services. Performance of industrial activities and implementation of industrial units are subject to licensing requirements by the Ministry of Industry. Introduction of manufactured products in Congo is also subject to certification - *certificat d'agrément*. Further regulations will introduce incentives for the facilitation, promotion and support of industrial activities, such as refund of certain duties and taxes.

CIVIL AVIATION

ORGANISATION OF THE SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AGENCY

Order No. 11517, of 7 May 2015, sets forth the organization and powers of the services and departments of the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC).

REGULATIONS ON PRIVATE AIRCRAFT SERVICES

Orders Nos. 17961, of 20 July 2015, and 10932, of 28 April 2015, regulate in-country private aircraft services. This type of services, defined as free transportation of family, staff, partners or members by an aircraft owned, chartered or rented by the natural or legal entity arranging the shipment, does not require air carrier and exploitation licenses. However, the General Director of National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) issues a renewable exploitation authorization with a 3-year validity.

MARITIME

NEW RULES CONTAINERS AT PORTS

Order No. 12369, of 15 May 2015, has introduced new rules for the control and inspection of containers located in the maritime port of Pointe-Noire and secondary ports. In line with the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) adopted in 1972, those rules aim at insuring the good general state of containers in order to improve fluidity of traffic and its safety.

TRANSPORT

SPECIFIC TITLES REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO REGULATED AIRPORT ZONE

Order No. 10931, of 28 April 2015, provides for new administrative requirements for entering with vehicles into a regulated airport zone. Four different access licenses, from “visitor” to “national”, must be issued by the competent civil aviation authority in charge of security.

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