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INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

INDUSTRIAL PERMITS FEES APPROVED

Decree-Law No. 2/2016, of 5 April 2016, approved a new fee schedule for industrial activities permits. Pursuant to this statute, industrial activities permits must be renewed on a yearly basis, during the first quarter of every given year, and the fees due vary depending on the level of investment made by the promoter. The newly enacted statute partially revokes Decree-Law No. 53/78, of 30 December 1978.

DATA PROTECTION

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATED

Law No. 3/2016, of 10 May 2016, set out the new legal regime for the protection of personal data. Key individual rights, such as the right to information and the right to access personal data, among others, are now established by law. The National Data Protection Agency is the entity empowered with the supervision and regulation of data protection activities. Certain data processing operations will require previous authorization from this Agency. Rules on cross border transfers of personal data have also been established.

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