



## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

## Creation of "Cabos de Timor-Leste, E.P."

Through Decree–Law No. 17/2025 of 25 June 2025, the Government created a new State–owned company called "Cabos de Timor–Leste, E.P" and approved its Bylaws. This entity's main responsibility is to maintain, develop, manage, and operate the submarine fiber optic cable system known as the "Timor–Leste South Submarine Cable System (TLSSC)", to provide, through installation sites and distribution networks, broadband network services to telecommunications operators throughout the country, creating the conditions necessary for them

to offer high-speed internet services to the entire population in a competitive market.

### **REAL ESTATE**

## Approval of Fees and Payment Procedures for Land Registry Acts

With the aim of solving the existing gaps in the regulation of land registry acts and other registry and notarial acts, the Ministry of Justice approved, through Ministerial Decree No. 14/2025 of 18 June 2025, the Fees for Land Registry Acts and Payment Procedures, the Registration of Fees for Registry and Notarial Acts, and the respective Invoice/Receipt Templates.

#### **GENERAL**

# Legal Framework for Movable Property Guarantees

The National Parliament approved, through Law No. 6/2025 of 30 July 2025, the Legal Framework for Movable Property Guarantees, with a view to creating a favorable environment for private investment and promoting economic development. This new law establishes the general rules for contracts through which the respective parties constitute guarantees on movable property, regardless of their specific configuration (pledge, financial lease, assignment of credits, or any other type of guarantee that the parties, in the exercise of their autonomy, choose to create). Among other innovative aspects introduced by this statute, it is worth highlighting the creation of the Central Registry of Information on Movable Property Guarantees, which operates electronically, online, and is accessible to the public, as well as the innovative regime for the enforcement of guarantees in the event of default by the debtor.

# Rules and Conditions for the Use of High-Risk Machinery and Equipment

Decree-Law No. 19/2025 of 2 July 2025 approved the Rules and Conditions for the Use of High-Risk Machinery and Equipment, both in the workplace and on public roads, to ensure safety in its use and compliance with technical standards of a mechanical nature relating to its operation. Among others, the machinery and equipment covered includes caterpillars, forklifts, cranes, and backhoes.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE

## Procedures for Issuing Certificates of Origin for Goods

Through Government Decree No. 9/2025 of 23 July 2025, the Government approved the procedures applicable to preferential rules of origin under free trade agreements and other trade agreements. The new rules aim to promote and facilitate the export and import of goods and trade between Timor-Leste and its strategic trading partners, in order to prevent fraud regarding the origin of goods and is critical considering Timor-Leste's adhesion to the WTO and ASEAN.

## **STATE**

# Second Amendment to Infrastructure Fund Regulations

In light of the recent reconfiguration of the powers of its members regarding procurement procedures, introduced by the Procurement and Public Contracts Code, the Government, through Decree-Law -Law No. 21/2025 of 29

June 2025, enacted the second amendment to the Infrastructure Fund Regulations (initially approved by means of Decree–Law No. 13/2016 of 18 May 2016). The new rules strengthen the involvement of members of the Government in projects of major importance to the country financed by the Fund, clarify the public purposes that it may pursue, and specify eligible expenses. These amendments seek to ensure that the Fund's strategic objectives are aligned with the public interest and to guarantee more responsible and efficient management of public resources.

## First Amendment to the Procurement and Public Contracts Code

Decree-Law No. 25/2025 of 13 August 2025 amended the Public Procurement and Contracts Code (initially approved by means of Decree-Law Law No. 1/2025 of 8 January 2025), with a view to ensuring all necessary conditions for its effective application and full implementation, guaranteeing legal certainty and compliance with the principles governing the Public Administration, namely legality, efficiency, and reasonableness.

# Appointment of the President and Members of the Authority for the Special Administrative Region of Oe-Cusse Ambeno

After having recently removed the prior administration, the Government has now appointed the President and members of the Authority for the Special Administrative Region of Oe–Cusse Ambeno (RAEOA) for a three–month term. Government Resolution No. 37/2025 of 28 August appointed Mr. Régio da Cruz to the position of President of the RAEOA, with the main mission of overseeing

decentralization activities, and educating and mobilizing the local population, all with a view to promoting the economic development of the region.

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