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ANGOLA | REGULATIONS ON THE REGISTRATION OF ACTS RELATED TO COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS

On June 12, Presidential Decree No. 125/17 was approved, establishing the administrative procedure on registration of acts relating to copyright and related Rights ("Regulation") on protected works that are of artistic, literary or scientific nature.

FRAMEWORK

The Regulation establishes the administrative procedure relating to the registration of acts relating to copyright and related rights provided for in the law 15/14, of 31 July ("law of copyright and related Rights"). The regulation establishes a mechanism for the registration of works of intellectual creation of artistic, literary and scientific nature, of domestic and foreign authors, including the variations to which they are subject, giving to such registration more effective evidence, being these registrations public through certification of the content.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

With the entry into force of the Regulation:

- The Órgão de Gestão Administrativa do Sistema Nacional dos Direitos de Autor e Conexos (SNDAC) (Body for Administrative Management of the National Copyright and Related Rights System) becomes the entity responsible for the registry, which can be executed in-person, electronically or by post through the services of the State's Local Administration responsible for the Culture Sector, by means of the submission of a set of documents determined in the Regulations and the payment of a fee.
- Acts and agreements or contracts related to the constitution, transfer, modification or extinction of rights *in rem* and of any other facts, acts or titles - voluntary or necessary - which affect the rights to be inscribed are subject to record.

- In case of registration of a work made for hire, the interested person must present a declaration by the author or executor attesting the concession, in whole or in part, of the right in favour of the first one.
- The registration of a joint authorship must meet special requirements, notably an express declaration attesting the work as joint, the full name or denomination of the natural or legal person that organized and directed its creation and the identification of the author in which name the work may be disclosed or published.
- In the event of registration of a work under a pseudonym or anonymously, one must identify the natural or legal person who will enforce the copyright or related right under the *Copyright Law*.
- In case of registration of a work in an Angolan language of African origin or another foreign language, the original title and the respective translation into Portuguese must be included in the registration.
- Acts and agreements or contracts for the transfer and or modification of copyright and related rights may be registered when accompanied by an original or authenticated document or contract for the *inter vivos* transfer of ownership of the work's economic rights.
- Preliminary registration of works is admissible in accordance with the established in the *Copyright Law*.
- The registration certificate is issued within 30 (thirty) days as of the request's submission, provided such request is submitted in accordance with the applicable requirements.
- The term of the registration of the protected work is subject to the term of the relevant registered copyright or related right.

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