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ANGOLA | AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

Law 13/19 of 23 May 2019 approving the new Legal Framework applicable to Foreign Citizens in the Republic of Angola has been published. Said Law will enter into force on 23 July 2019, repealing Law 2/07 of 31 August. Among the amendments introduced by the new statute, the following should be highlighted:

- The new act dropped the ordinary visas.
- Enlargement of the scope of the tourism visa, which may now be granted, *inter alia*, for purposes of business prospecting, participation in scientific and technological activities or for visits of a recreational, sporting or cultural nature.
- Extension of the periods of authorised stay in the case of short-stay visas (stays of 10 days become possible, extendable for another 10 days) and tourism visas (stays of 30 days become possible, extendable twice, for equal periods);
- The application for a work visa has to be instructed by the consular services in the worker's country of origin. The renewal of the visa depends, *inter alia*, on the proof, by the employer, of the compliance with tax and social security obligations in relation to the concerned worker.
- The request for a privileged visa must be instructed in Angola, with the Migratory Authority.
- Fines for illegal stay in-country are currently set in days, with a minimum limit of 10 and a maximum of 360 days, the daily amount of the fine being determined by the court according to the economic and financial situation of the employer.
- Aggravation of criminal provisions relating to illegal immigration.