

## LEGAL ALERT

### REGULATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS DURING THE STATE OF CALAMITY

On 12 June 2020, and following the publication of Presidential Decree no. 142/20, of 25 May, that declared the State of Calamity, the [Joint Executive Decree no. 180/20](#) was published, which regulates all national and international travels made during that period of the aforementioned State of Calamity.

The Joint Executive Decree no. 180/20 regulates the following situations:

- a) The return to the national territory of resident nationals and foreigners;
- b) The travel of foreign citizens to the respective countries;
- c) Official travels;
- d) The entry and exit of cargo, goods and postal packages;
- e) Humanitarian aid;
- f) Medical emergencies;
- g) Technical stops;
- h) The entry and exit of diplomatic and consular staff;
- i) The transfer of corpses, with the exception of those deceased by COVID-19, whose transfer is prohibited;
- j) The entry for the performance of specific tasks by foreign specialists.

Within the scope of the regulation of the situations referred to above by Joint Executive Decree no. 180/20, we highlight the following aspects:

- In the situations referred to in paragraphs a), b), e), h) and i) above, the requests for repatriation of nationals abroad, foreign nationals resident in Angola, as well as humanitarian and special flights, require prior authorization to be granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in coordination with the Ministries of Health and Transport;

- The Ministry of Transport has competence to authorize all flights for the purposes referred to in paragraphs d), f) and g) above, whether national or international;
- Nationwide air travel from Luanda begins on the day the *cordon sanitaire* in the Province of Luanda is lifted;
- Air travel by passengers to and from Luanda starts from 30 June 2020, subject to confirmation by the National Health Authorities, it being a mandatory requirement for such travels that a prior molecular test RT-PCR, SARS-COV-2, up to eight days before the date of travel is taken;
- Entities directly or indirectly involved in the flow of passengers, such as airport managers, airlines and service providers linked to the activity of passenger transport, must ensure the compliance with the enforceable health rules and protocols;
- A quarantine period of 14 days is mandatory for all passengers returning to Angola. Such period may be reduced to seven days if the passenger takes a molecular-based RT-PCR SARS-COV-2 test in a private service certified by the Ministry of Health. The quarantine period, as well as the respective tests, must take place in an Institutional Quarantine Center approved by the Ministry of Health, without any costs to the passenger. However, should the Institutional Quarantine Centers be unable to receive new passengers, the passengers must spend the quarantine period in a hotel unit previously approved by the Ministry of Health, under the passenger's own responsibility and expense.

In spite of this Legal Alert containing the main aspects introduced by the recently published Joint Executive Decree no. 180/20, we clarify that its reading does not imply the waiver of the need to consult the full diploma to which it corresponds, with ALC Advogados remaining available to clarify any doubts arising from the interpretation of its provisions.

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