

Data Protection in Angola: Data Protection Agency started operations

The Angolan Personal Data Protection Law, approved in 2011 (Law no. 22/11 of 17 June), provides that data processing should be notified to the Data Protection Agency ("DPA") within a maximum period of 2 years from its entry into force, which, however, was not possible due to the fact that the DPA was not immediately set up.

However, with the recent start of operations of the DPA, such notifications can already be freely submitted by companies. Considering the above, all companies are now currently obliged to comply with the legal provisions of the Data Protection Law and deliver the relevant notifications or applications for authorization for data processing in Angola to the DPA in person through an informal application drawn up by the applicant himself (*i.e.* there is not yet a specific form for this purpose). Any such notifications or applications shall contain all the necessary information on the processing of data that is intended to be collected, accompanied by the documentation required for this purpose.

Please note that the lack of notification is a misdemeanor, punished with a fine ranging from USD 75,000 to USD 130,000.00.

The penalties will be imposed by the Agency itself, and the respective proceeding may be triggered by complaints or by means of a DPA inspection, being, according to information obtained, several inspections of public and private institutions in Angola already planned for the current year of 2020.

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