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**\*Coronavirus (COVID-19) regulatory measures**



## Angola

sector	measure	effective date/status	key points and impact
Transport	Presidential Decree No. 195/20 (Amendment of the Exceptional and Temporary Measures to Take Effect in Cases of a Declaration of a Provincial or Municipal Sanitary Fence) of 27 July 2020	Effective from 28 July 2020.	The Presidential Decree amends Article 17(1) of Presidential Decree No. 184/20 of 8 July 2020, which lays down the exceptional and temporary measures in force in cases of a declaration of a provincial or municipal health fence, with regard to urban and long-distance collective transport of public and private passengers, which operate between 05:00 and 20:00 and may not exceed 50% of vehicle capacity, with a view to clarifying the measures and alleviating excessive roundups at the urban and long-distance collective passenger transport stops.
Applies to multiple sectors	Presidential Decree No. 212/20 (Update of Exceptional and Temporary Measures in Force During the Situation of Public Calamity) of 7 August 2020	Effective from 10 August 2020.	<p>The Presidential Decree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeals Presidential Decree No. 184/20 (Exceptional and Temporary Measures to Take Effect in Cases of a Declaration of Provincial or Municipal Sanitary Fence) and all rules that contradict the provisions of this Decree;</li> <li>• updates the measures to prevent and control the spread of the SARS-COV-2 and the COVID-19, as well as the operating rules for public and private services and social facilities, for the duration of the Situation of Public Calamity;</li> <li>• applies to the entire national territory and remains in force for a period of 30 days, subject to reassessment and modification; and</li> <li>• provides that the home quarantine and home isolation regimes provided for in this Decree take effect from 15 August 2020.</li> </ul>

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Liquor	Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)): Ban on the Sale of Liquor, Government Notice No. 312 of 2020	Published in the Botswana Government Gazette, Volume LVIII, No. 81 on 5 August 2020.	The Government Notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revokes Government Notice No. 305 of 2020;</li> <li>• provides that all liquor licences issued in terms of the Liquor Act are suspended; and</li> <li>• provides that all liquor stores in Botswana shall remain closed and liquor shall not be sold or consumed in public places until further notice.</li> </ul>
Applies to multiple sectors	Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)): Directions for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19, Government Notice No. 320 of 2020	Published in the Botswana Government Gazette, Volume LVIII, No. 84 on 13 August 2020.	The Government Notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revokes Government Notice No. 301 of 2020; and</li> <li>• sets out measures aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hand washing, use of face masks in public places and social distancing;</li> <li>• restrictions on regional and international travel, as well travel across COVID zones; and</li> <li>• restrictions on gatherings, meetings, faith-based organisation services, funerals and cultural and traditional occasions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Applies to multiple sectors	Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)): Lifting of Restrictions for the Holding of Meetings, Workshops and Conferences, Government Notice No. 321 of 2020	Published in the Botswana Government Gazette, Volume LVIII, No. 84 on 13 August 2020.	The Government Notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revokes Government Notice No. 303 of 2020;</li> <li>• permits the convening of meetings, workshops and conferences;</li> <li>• requires every meeting, workshop or conference to have a host or convener who shall be responsible for the adherence to COVID-19 protocols by persons attending the event;</li> </ul>

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Applies to multiple sectors	Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)): Restrictions for Meetings of Societies, Government Notice No. 322 of 2020	Published in the Botswana Government Gazette, Volume LVIII, No. 84 on 13 August 2020.	<p>The Government Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>revokes Government Notice No. 304 of 2020;</li> <li>permits certain societies to meet, however, the number of persons attending a meeting at any one time shall not exceed 50.</li> <li>requires every meeting to have a host or convener who shall be responsible for the adherence to COVID-19 protocols by persons attending the meeting; and</li> <li>permits the following societies to meet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>faith based organizations;</li> <li>any club, company, partnership or association registered by the Registrar of Societies; and</li> <li>political parties, including central committees of political parties.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Applies to multiple sectors	Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)): COVID-19 Tests for Inter-Zonal Travel, Government Notice No. 323 of 2020	Published in the Botswana Government Gazette, Volume LVIII, No. 84 on 13 August 2020.	<p>The Government Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provides that the Director of Health Services may require a person who applies for an inter-zonal permit to take a COVID-19 test where the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is travelling from a COVID-19 high risk zone or area;</li> <li>returns from a COVID-19 high risk zone or area to a COVID-19 low risk zone or area; or</li> <li>transits a COVID-19 high risk zone or area;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Applies to multiple sectors	Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)): COVID-19 Tests for Inter-Zonal Travel, Government Notice No. 323 of 2020 ... <i>Continued</i>	Published in the Botswana Government Gazette, Volume LVIII, No. 84 on 13 August 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>states that an inter-zonal permit shall not be issued where a person's COVID-19 test results are positive; and</li> <li>provides further directions in relation to travel across COVID zones.</li> </ul>
Energy	Essential Supplies and Services (Petroleum) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 107 of 2020	Published in the Botswana Government Gazette, Volume LVIII, No. 88 on 21 August 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>revoke Statutory Instrument No. 94 of 2020;</li> <li>provide for the operating hours of and conditions for selling petroleum products (petrol and diesel) by a person who operates a premises in respect of which a filling station licence has been issued ("<b>re-seller</b>");</li> <li>limit the sale of petroleum products by a re-seller to BWP300 per vehicle (excluding emergency vehicles);</li> <li>prohibit a person who is not a re-seller from selling any petroleum products;</li> <li>prohibit a person from buying petroleum products from a person who is not a re-seller; and</li> <li>impose a fine not exceeding BWP2 000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, for contravention of or failure to comply with the provisions of the Regulations.</li> </ul>

## Cabo Verde

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Labour / Employment	Law No. 97/IX/2020 (Simplified Regime of Suspension of Employment Contract) of 23 July 2020	Effective from 24 July 2020.	<p>The Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeals articles 3 and 4 of Law No. 83/IX/2020 of 4 April 2020;</li> <li>• establishes the exceptional and temporary measures for job protection in the COVID-19 pandemic through the simplified employment contract suspension regime;</li> <li>• applies to private employers and their workers, with a view to maintaining jobs and mitigating business crisis situations;</li> <li>• applies to companies, which by law enforcement, are prevented from carrying out their activities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and</li> <li>• provides that the scheme laid down in this Law shall apply until 30 September 2020.</li> </ul>
Health and safety	Resolution No. 106/2020 (Mandatory Prior Screening Tests of SARS-CoV-2 in Domestic Passenger Travel from the Island of St. Nicholas) of 27 July 2020	Effective from 27 July 2020.	<p>The Resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approves the obligation to carry out prior screening tests of the SARS-CoV-2 on domestic passenger travel from the Island of St. Nicholas; and</li> <li>• establishes the conditions for prior screening tests.</li> </ul>
Applies to multiple sectors	Resolution No. 113/2020 of 7 August 2020	Effective from 10 August 2020.	The Resolution extends the Situation of Public Calamity by imposing new measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 on the islands of Santiago and Sal, taking into account the epidemiological situation still existing on these islands and the risk of contamination in the country.

## The Gambia

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Applies to multiple sectors	Press Release: President Adama Barrow Declares State of Public Emergency for an Additional 21 Days, Modifies Regulations on Schools, Worship Centres and Penalties for Violation of Curfew	Issued on 27 August 2020 by the Government of The Gambia.	<p>The Press Release states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His Excellency President Adama Barrow has declared a State of Public Emergency and a curfew throughout The Gambia for an additional period of 21 days; and</li> <li>• the Public Health (Dangerous Infectious Diseases) Protection Regulations, 2020 and Emergency Powers Regulations published in the Gazette on 5 August 2020, as modified, shall continue to operate throughout the period of this State of Public Emergency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a curfew from 22:00 to 05:00 daily remains in place throughout The Gambia. Anyone who violates the curfew commits an offence and is liable to a fine of GMD5 000 or if in default of payment will be ordered to undergo community service of cleaning public markets for a period of one week in the area he or she committed the offence;</li> <li>• all forms of public gatherings remain prohibited; and</li> <li>• all other Regulations on the compulsory wearing of facemasks, operations of markets and shopping areas, opening hours of food and non-food outlets, closure of air, sea and land borders of The Gambia and penalties for spreading false information on the COVID-19 pandemic remain in place.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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Applies to multiple sectors	Press Release: PM Announces Relaxation of Lockdown Restrictions	Issued on 21 August 2020.	<p>The Press Release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• states that Prime Minister, Dr Moeketsi Majoro has announced that some of the lockdown restrictions will be relaxed starting from Monday, 24 August 2020, including the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• liquor stores will open subject to certain conditions which include selling take-aways only and operating from 09:00 to 19:00 from Monday to Friday;</li> <li>• restaurants may operate by selling only take-aways from 08:00 to 20:00; and</li> <li>• public transport will operate at full capacity but must observe World Health Organization protocols.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Mozambique

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Applies to multiple sectors	Presidential Decree No. 23/2020 (Declaration of State of Emergency) of 5 August 2020	Effective from 5 August 2020.	The Presidential Decree announces the Declaration of State of Emergency, for reasons of public calamity, throughout the national territory starting at 00:00 on 8 August 2020 and ending at 23:59 on 6 September 2020.
Applies to multiple sectors	Law No. 9/2020 (Ratification of the Declaration of State of Emergency) of 7 August 2020	Effective from 7 August 2020.	The Law ratifies the Declaration of State of Emergency, contained in Presidential Decree No. 23/2020 of 5 August declaring the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic [see above].
Applies to multiple sectors	Decree No. 69/2020 (Administrative Implementing Measures for the Containment of the COVID-19 Pandemic) of 11 August 2020	Effective from 11 August 2020.	The Decree adopts the administrative implementing measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, to be in force during the State of Emergency. The measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply to all nationals and foreigners and public and private institutions in the national territory;</li> <li>• determine general measures to prevent and combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the use of masks and/or visors, frequent hand washing with soap and social distancing;</li> <li>• provide for specific measures relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quarantine, isolation and hospitalisation;</li> <li>• visas and visa agreements;</li> <li>• licenses and authorisations;</li> <li>• validity of expired official documents;</li> <li>• flight authorisation;</li> <li>• public and private events and entertainment;</li> <li>• functioning of public and private institutions;</li> <li>• industrial, agricultural and fishing activities;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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## Namibia

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Applies to multiple sectors	Amendment of Stage 4: State of Emergency - COVID-19 Regulations: Namibian Constitution, Proclamation No. 44 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7295 of 3 August 2020.	<p>The Regulations amend the Stage 4: State of Emergency - COVID-19 Regulations: Namibian Constitution, published under Proclamation No. 33 of 14 July 2020 in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide for restrictions relating to schools, higher education institutions and other educational institutions;</li> <li>• permit the gathering of persons for a common purpose provided that their number does not exceed 100 persons and provided that they comply with the provisions of these regulations, the health regulations and other applicable regulations or directives; and</li> <li>• set conditions where the prohibition of gatherings that exceed 100 persons does not apply.</li> </ul>
Applies to multiple sectors	Stage 3: State of Emergency – COVID-19 Regulations: Namibian Constitution, Proclamation No. 48 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7320 of 29 August 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply to the whole of Namibia during the specified period, which starts at 00:00 on 30 August 2020 and ends at 24:00 on 12 September 2020;</li> <li>• provide for restrictions relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• schools, higher education institutions and other educational institutions;</li> <li>• the sale and purchase of liquor;</li> <li>• certain businesses, operations and activities; and</li> <li>• entry into and departure from restricted areas, as well as entry into Namibia;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• impose a curfew from 20:00 to 05:00 each day; and</li> <li>• provide that tourists will be allowed into Namibia from the 1 September 2020 subject to having a negative COVID–19 test that is not older than seven days, the Immigration Control Act, these Regulations, the health regulations and other applicable regulations.</li> </ul>

## Seychelles

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Applies to multiple sectors	Guidelines on the Conditions for Entry of Persons into Seychelles	<p>Effective from 1 August 2020.</p> <p>Issued on 28 July 2020 by the Department of Health Seychelles.</p>	<p>The Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>state that Seychelles International Airport is open for scheduled commercial passenger flights as of 1 August 2020;</li> <li>list the types of permitted flights; and</li> <li>define requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>visitors to Seychelles;</li> <li>Seychellois travellers and persons holding a Resident Permit;</li> <li>entry by Gainful Occupation Permit (“<b>GOP</b>”) holders and dependents; and</li> <li>entry by sea.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Labour / Employment	Press Release: Review of GOP Framework	Issued on 7 August 2020 by the Ministry of Employment, Immigration and Civil Status.	<p>The Press Release states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Ministry of Employment, Immigration and Civil Status announced on Friday 31 July 2020 that the GOP of all non-Seychellois workers currently stuck overseas as a result of COVID-19 is being revoked with immediate effect;</li> <li>employers must obtain the approval of the Minister for Employment, Immigration and Civil Status before they can return their non-Seychellois employees to the country;</li> <li>permission to return will be considered if the demand meets certain set criteria that include whether the skills are available on the labour market, and whether the activity is for a project or services that are of national priority; and</li> <li>a GOP Assessment Committee, which will function until 31 December 2020 and may be extended if required, has been established to assist the Minister to assess the merit of requests based on the set criteria.</li> </ul>

## Zimbabwe

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Customs	Public Notice No. 46 of 2020: Printing of Bill of Entry Release Orders and Stamping of Bills of Entry and Supporting Documents	Issued by the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority ("ZIMRA").	<p>The Public Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advises all clearing agents and the public that with effect from 17 August 2020, ZIMRA will no longer be performing the following functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>release of bills of entry in the system and printing release orders; and</li> <li>stamping bills of entry and supporting documents; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>announces that clearing agents have been given access rights to release assessed bills of entry in the system and print release orders. Clearing agents will, therefore, no longer be required to submit printed bills of entry and supporting documents to the Commercial Office for printing of release order and stamping. They should, however, submit to ZIMRA the printed release order and bills of entry together with the supporting documents for the release of trucks.</li> </ul>

\* This a non-exhaustive list of recent regulatory measures aimed at mitigating the impact of COVID-19. Please note that the COVID-19 measures may be subject to amendments made prior to publication of this Issue.

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Competition	ENSAfrica: African Competition Law Roundup: Issue 2	Published on 11 August 2020 by ENSAfrica.	Please refer to the <a href="#">ENSAfrica competition law Roundup</a> for further detail.



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Banking / Finance	Presidential Decree No. 193/20 (Regulations on the Activities of Credit Guarantee Companies) of 24 July 2020	Effective from 24 July 2020.	The Presidential Decree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revokes Presidential Decree No. 79/12 of 4 May 2012 on the Regulations on the Activities of Credit Guarantee Societies; and</li> <li>• approves the Regulations on the Activities of Credit Guarantee Companies (“GSCs”).</li> </ul>
Applies to multiple sectors	Resolution No. 30/20 of 31 July 2020	Effective from 31 July 2020.	The Resolution approves the ratification of the revision of the Treaty Establishing the Economic Community of Central African States.
Aviation	Presidential Decree No. 206/20 (Global Airport System Strategy) of 3 August 2020	Effective from 3 August 2020.	The Presidential Decree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approves the Global Airport System Strategy (the “<b>Strategy</b>”), with the aim of modernising and enhancing the airport network, reinforcing its competitive position for the benefit of the national economy and users of airport infrastructure;</li> <li>• regulates the general objectives of the Strategy (growth of the civil aviation sector, foreign direct investment, security and sustainability) and specific objectives (making the non-aviation business dynamic and improving service quality through good international practices); and</li> <li>• regulates the strategic lines of development (liberalisation of airspace and TAAG Angola Airlines E.P.’s new strategy with the entry of competitors, reinforcement of the role of the Civil Aviation Regulatory Authority, definition of a new segmented strategy for airports and aerodromes, development of civil aviation marketing to capture new routes and airlines and definition of a new privatisation model).</li> </ul>

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Transport	Presidential Decree No. 214/20 (Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia on Cross-Border River Transport ) of 14 August 2020	Effective from 14 August 2020.	<p>The Presidential Decree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approves the Cross-Border River Transport Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, with the purpose of developing the River Transport Industry and ensuring and facilitating the free flow of passenger and freight transport between the two countries; and</li> <li>• provides that the Cross-Border River Transport Agreement regulates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Joint Technical Committee for River Transport and the Joint Line Management Subcommittee;</li> <li>• the transport of passengers and goods;</li> <li>• routes;</li> <li>• the competent authorities for the issuance of river transport licences;</li> <li>• licensing requirements and fees;</li> <li>• river pollution;</li> <li>• vessels in distress;</li> <li>• collision prevention;</li> <li>• search and rescue;</li> <li>• dispute resolution; and</li> <li>• the revision and termination of the Agreement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Transport	Presidential Decree No. 215/20 (Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia for the Operation of Air Services) of 14 August 2020	Effective from 14 August 2020.	<p>The Presidential Decree approves the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia for the Operation of Air Services between and beyond their respective territories, which regulates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the designation and authorisation of airlines;</li> <li>• suspensions and revocations;</li> </ul>

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Transport	Presidential Decree No. 215/20 (Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia for the Operation of Air Services) of 14 August 2020 ... <i>Continued</i>	Effective from 14 August 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• application of laws and regulations;</li> <li>• regulatory principles for the operation of agreed services;</li> <li>• recognition of certificates;</li> <li>• licences;</li> <li>• airport charges, exemption from customs duties, inspection fees, tariffs and other similar charges;</li> <li>• civil aviation security;</li> <li>• commercial activities;</li> <li>• dispute resolution and consultations; and</li> <li>• registration with the International Civil Aviation Organization.</li> </ul>
Transport	Presidential Decree No. 216/20 (Cross-Border Rail Transport Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia) of 14 August 2020.	Effective from 14 August 2020.	<p>The Presidential Decree approves the Cross-Border Rail Transport Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• facilitate and ensure the transport and free flow of passengers and goods between the two countries; and</li> <li>• regulate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Joint Committee on Rail Transport;</li> <li>• the carriage of passengers and goods;</li> <li>• the authorities responsible for the issuance of rail licences;</li> <li>• technical standards; and</li> <li>• dispute resolution.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Transport	Presidential Decree No. 217/20 (Agreement on Merchant Navy and Ports between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia) of 14 August 2020	Effective from 14 August 2020.	<p>The Presidential Decree approves the Merchant Navy and Ports Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• regulates areas of cooperation;</li> <li>• the operation of ships;</li> <li>• the treatment of ships in ports;</li> <li>• the payment of fees;</li> <li>• revenue transfer;</li> <li>• environmental protection; and</li> <li>• recognition of documents and jurisdiction.</li> </ul>

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Labour / Employment	Decree-Law No. 58/2020 (Legal Regime of Compulsory Insurance for Occupational Accidents and Occupational Diseases) of 29 July 2020	Effective from 1 January 2021.	<p>The Decree-Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeals Decree-Law No. 84/78 (Compulsory Insurance for Occupational Accidents) of 22 September and Decree No. 86/78 (Regulation of Compulsory Occupational Accident Insurance and Compulsory Motor Insurance) of 22 September; and</li> <li>establishes the Legal Regime of Compulsory Insurance for Occupational Accidents and Occupational Diseases, which regulates work accidents, occupational diseases, disability, reparation, as well as the nature and general conditions of compulsory insurance for accidents at work and occupational diseases.</li> </ul>
Energy	Ordinance No. 34/2020 (Technical Rules of Low Voltage Electrical Installations) of 4 August 2020	Effective from 5 August 2020.	<p>The Ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approves the Technical Rules of Low Voltage Electrical Installations (“RTIEBT”), namely the installation and safety standards to be observed in low voltage electrical installations, under Decree-Law No. 15/2020 of 2 March 2020, which establishes the RTIEBT; and</li> <li>provides that the provisions of this Ordinance are mandatory and new facilities and refurbishments must be developed and carried out with the application of this regulation from 1 January 2021, and that existing facilities must comply with this regulation within a maximum period of five years after the publication of this Ordinance.</li> </ul>
Environmental	Decree-Law No. 59/2020 (Amendment of the Regulation of the Basic Law of Environmental Policy) of 5 August 2020	Effective from 8 August 2020.	<p>The Decree-Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeals all provisions contrary to its provisions and Regulation Decree No. 7/2017 of 15 December, which approved the previous Statutes of the Water and Sanitation Fund; and</li> </ul>

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Environmental	Decree-Law No. 59/2020 (Amendment of the Regulation of the Basic Law of Environmental Policy) of 5 August 2020 ... <i>Continued</i>	Effective from 8 August 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>amends the Regulation of the Basic Law of Environmental Policy, approved by Legislative Decree No. 14/97 of 1 July, with regard to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the creation of the Environment Fund;</li> <li>the removal of the Water and Sanitation Fund; and</li> <li>the approval of the new Statutes of the Environment Fund [see below].</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Environmental	Rectification No. 100/2020 of 13 August 2020	Effective from 18 August 2020.	The instrument rectifies article 21 (Powers of the President) and article 35 (Superintendence Power) of Decree-Law No. 59/2020 of 5 August 2020, which approves the new Statutes of the Environment Fund and Extinguishes the Water and Sanitation Fund [see above].
Tourism	Resolution No. 116/2020 of 19 August 2020	Effective from 20 August 2020.	The Resolution amends and republishes Resolution No. 107/2017 of 25 September 2017, which approves the Tourist Investment Directives (“DIT”) for the period 2017-2021, with regard to the programming of resources and investment priorities based on the forecast of revenue collection of tourism contribution for the period 2017-2021 contained in Tables B of Annex I.
Banking / Finance	Law No. 101/IX/2020 (Amendment and Derogation from the Securities Market Code) of 21 August 2020	Effective from 22 August 2020.	The Law amends and derogates from the Securities Market Code, approved by Legislative Decree No. 1/2012 of 27 January 2012, with regard to the communication of transactions, the addition of new rules on insider information and processing of personal data.

## Ethiopia

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Insurance / Reinsurance	Statutory Deposit Directive No. SIB/50/2020: Licensing and Supervision of Insurance Business	Effective from 4 August 2020.  Issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia.	The Directive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• applies to all insurance and reinsurance companies; and</li> <li>• requires an insurer or reinsurer, in respect of each main class of insurance business it carries on, to deposit and keep deposited with the National Bank of Ethiopia an amount equal to 15% of its paid-up capital in cash or government securities.</li> </ul>
Insurance / Reinsurance	Directive No. SIB/51/2020 (1st Amendment): Prohibition of Issuance of Certain Types of Bonds by Insurance Companies: Licensing and Supervision of Insurance Business	Effective from 4 August 2020.  Issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia.	The Directive amends article 2 of Directive No. SIB/24/2004: Prohibition of Issuance of Certain Types of Bonds by Insurance Companies to read “Notwithstanding with the provision of sub-article 2.2 of Article 2, the National Bank may allow the issuance of unconditional bonds as it deemed necessary.
Insurance / Reinsurance	Directive No. SIB/52/2020: Amendment to Investment of Insurance Funds: Licensing and Supervision of Insurance Business	Effective from 4 August 2020.  Issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia.	The Directive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeals Directive No. SIB/25/2004: Investment of Insurance Funds;</li> <li>• applies to all insurance companies;</li> <li>• provides for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limits on investment of general insurance business funds;</li> <li>• limits on investment on long-term insurance business funds;</li> <li>• minimum provisioning requirements for outstanding trade debtor’s balances;</li> <li>• investment records; and</li> <li>• reporting requirements; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• requires insurance companies to comply with the limits on investment of general insurance business funds and long-term insurance business funds within 12 months from the effective date of this Directive.</li> </ul>

## Ethiopia

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Insurance / Reinsurance	Directive No. SIB/53/2020: Licensing and Supervision of Insurance Business: Amendment to Manner and Criteria of Transacting Reinsurance	Effective from 17 August 2020.  Issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia.	<p>The Directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeals Directive No. SIB/44/2016: Manner and Criteria of Transacting Reinsurance;</li> <li>• applies to all insurance companies; and</li> <li>• sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the reinsurance risk management policy and program;</li> <li>• reinsurance arrangement;</li> <li>• accounting treatment;</li> <li>• documentation of reinsurance;</li> <li>• submission of documents to the National Bank of Ethiopia; and</li> <li>• prohibitions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Banking / Finance	Directive No. SBB/74/2020: Requirements for Relicensing a Microfinance Institution as a Bank: Licensing and Supervision of Banking Business	Effective from 15 August 2020.  Issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia.	<p>The Directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• applies to a microfinance institution that desires to be relicensed as a bank;</li> <li>• sets out the requirements for relicensing a microfinance institution as a bank; and</li> <li>• requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a microfinance institution relicensed as a bank in line with this Directive, prior to commencement of operation as a bank, to comply with the provisions of all the relevant laws and National Bank of Ethiopia directives within 24 months effective from the date a microfinance institution is relicensed as a bank; and</li> <li>• to this end, a microfinance institution relicensed as bank to submit a comprehensive action plan to the National Bank of Ethiopia.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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Banking / Finance	Directive No. ONPS/02/2020 to all Banks, Microfinance Institutions, EthSwitch S.C., Premier Switch Solutions S.C.: Licensing and Authorisation of Payment System Operators	Effective from 15 August 2020.  Issued on 5 August 2020 by the National Bank of Ethiopia.	<p>The Directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• applies to payment system operators licensed and authorised by the National Bank of Ethiopia;</li> <li>• defines the conditions for granting authorisation and licensing, as well as licence renewal, suspension, revocation and termination;</li> <li>• provides for the appointment and approval of directors and executive officers of licensed operators;</li> <li>• defines the rules for the governance, management and operation of systems of a payment system operator;</li> <li>• establishes the roles and responsibilities of payment system operators;</li> <li>• provides for oversight, disclosure and customer protection; and</li> <li>• requires any person engaged in the business of payment operator with a licence or authorisation given by the National Bank of Ethiopia before the coming into effect of this Directive to comply with the provisions of this Directive with six months after this Directive enters into effect.</li> </ul>
Insurance / Reinsurance	Directive No. SMIB/3/2020 to Microinsurance Providers: Licensing and Supervision of Microinsurance Business: Licensing, Licence Renewal and Product Approval	Effective from 17 August 2020.  Issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia.	<p>The Directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• applies to all microinsurance providers;</li> <li>• requires all microinsurance providers to put the word 'MICROINSURANCE' at the top and all pages of the microinsurance policy they offer;</li> <li>• defines the requirements for conducting microinsurance business; and</li> <li>• provides for microinsurance product features.</li> </ul>

## Kenya

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Property	Stamp Duty (Valuation of Immovable Property) Regulations, 2020, Legal Notice No. 151	Published in the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 137, Legislative Supplement No. 89 of 5 August 2020.  Pending implementation.	The Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• define the requirements for Appointment of private valuers;</li> <li>• require a transferee of immovable property or the transferee's authorised representative to apply to the Chief Government Valuer in writing for a valuation of the property;</li> <li>• provide the roles of the Government Valuer and the Chief Government Valuer; and</li> <li>• allow a person aggrieved by the valuation of an immovable property under these Regulations to lodge an objection in writing to the Chief Government Valuer.</li> </ul>
Property	Stamp Duty (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, Legal Notice No. 152	Published in the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 137, Legislative Supplement No. 89 of 5 August 2020.  Pending implementation.	The Regulations amend the Stamp Duty Regulations to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• definitions;</li> <li>• a new regulation on the payment of stamp duty;</li> <li>• a new regulation requiring the submission of instruments, issuance of notices, applications, transfer of stocks shares or marketable securities under these Regulations to be made electronically through the National Land Information System; and</li> <li>• new regulations allowing forms prescribed by these Regulations to, with the necessary modifications, be used for electronic transactions and a notice under these Regulations to be served by registered post or through electronic means, including electronic mail and Short Message Service at the address set out in the instrument which was submitted for stamp duty adjudication.</li> </ul>

## Mauritius

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Finance	Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No. 7 of 2020	Assented and gazetted on 7 August 2020.	The Act provides for the implementation of measures announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021, including the amendment of several laws.
Applies to multiple sectors	Steel Bars, Steel Wires and Steel Fabrics (Mauritian Standard Specifications) Regulations, 2020, Government Notice No. 165 of 2020	Effective from 20 July 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revoke the Steel Bars and Steel Wires (Mauritian Standard Specifications) Regulations 1988;</li> <li>• prohibit the import or manufacture of steel bars, steel wires or steel fabrics unless they conform to the specifications of MS 10, MS 34 or MS 35, as the case may be;</li> <li>• set out requirements for manufacturers and distributors; and</li> <li>• provide that any person who has, on the coming into operation of these Regulations, obtained written approval of the Minister to import or manufacture steel bars or steel wires shall be deemed to have obtained such approval under these Regulations.</li> </ul>

## Mozambique

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Engineering / Construction	Decree No. 66/2020 (Licensing Regulations of Civil Engineering Laboratories and Construction Materials) of 10 August 2020	Effective from 8 November 2020.	<p>The Decree approves the Licensing Regulations for Civil Engineering Laboratories and Building Materials, which establishes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the licensing regime and process;</li> <li>• the types of licences to be issued by the Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Water Resources;</li> <li>• the conditions and procedures applicable to the exercise, modification, suspension or termination of activities;</li> <li>• the inspection and sanctioning regime; and</li> <li>• the list of mandatory tests by area of activity.</li> </ul>

## Namibia

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Marketing	Designation of activities of multi-level marketing business practices as activities not included as pyramid schemes under section 55A: Banking Institutions Act, 1998, Government Notice No. 159 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7286 of 27 July 2020.	<p>The Government Notice outlines conditions subject to which the activities of multi-level marketing business practices are designated as activities not included as pyramid schemes under section 55A of the Banking Institutions Act No. 2 of 1998, including the requirement that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the business practice must not be structured in such a manner that members of the public are obligated to pay a participation fee, unless the payment is in exchange for samples or testing products;</li> <li>the product or service being offered must have intrinsic value, it must be in demand and there should be a market for it;</li> <li>the product for sale must be registered with the relevant governing body in Namibia if the product is in a regulated industry, and must be permissible for use in the country in which it is manufactured; and</li> <li>the business practice must be registered in Namibia in terms of the relevant legislation and must maintain independently audited financial statements in terms of the relevant accounting standards.</li> </ul>
Health	Cancellation of Certain Medicines: Medicines And Related Substances Control Act, 2003, Government Notice No. 179 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7296 of 4 August 2020.	The Government Notice provides for the cancellation of certain medicines under the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act No. 13 of 2003, which are listed in the Schedule to the Regulations.
Health	Registration of Certain Medicines: Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 2003, Government Notice No. 180 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7296 of 4 August 2020.	The Government Notice provides for the registration, subject to specified conditions, of certain medicines under the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act No. 13 of 2003, which are listed in the Schedule to the Regulations.

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sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Energy	Regulations relating to prices for reselling of petrol: Petroleum Products and Energy Act, 1990, Government Notice No. 181 of 2020	Effective from 5 August 2020.  Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7297 of 5 August 2020.	The Government Notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeals the regulations published under Government Notice No. 117 of 6 May 2020;</li> <li>lists the licensed oil companies or traders that are regarded as wholesale distributors; and</li> <li>lists the reselling prices of petrol.</li> </ul>
Fisheries / Maritime resources	Exemption of persons who conduct scientific investigation, experiment or research and persons engaging in fresh water aquaculture activities producing less than 10 tons of local fish species per annum from applying for aquaculture licence: Aquaculture Act, 2002, Government Notice No. 182 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7298 of 6 August 2020.	The Government Notice provides for the exemption from applying for an aquaculture licence, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule to the Regulations, of any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>person who conducts any scientific investigation, experiment or research for aquaculture or any related purposes on local species;</li> <li>aquaculture facility that belongs to the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; and</li> <li>person or small scale fish farmer who produces less than 10 tons of local fish species per annum.</li> </ul>
Labour / Employment	Code of Ethics for Conciliators and Arbitrators: Labour Act, 2007, Government Notice No. 185 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7301 of 7 August 2020.	The Government Notice announced the publication of the Code of Ethics for Conciliators and Arbitrators, which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>applies to all conciliators and arbitrators appointed under the Labour Act No. 11 of 2007;</li> <li>sets out the standards of ethics and other obligations that govern the professional and ethical responsibilities of conciliators and arbitrators tasked with the systematic resolution of labour disputes;</li> <li>is intended to supplement and is read in conjunction with other sources such as the agreements between the parties, arbitration rules other applicable laws; and</li> <li>must be applied consistently with the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, the Labour Act, 2007 and the common law giving due consideration to the relevant circumstances.</li> </ul>

## Namibia

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Banking / Finance	Bank of Namibia: Determination under the Payment System Management Act, 2003, as amended, General Notice No. 323 of 2020	Effective from 10 August 2020.  Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7304 of 10 August 2020.	The General Notice sets out the Determination on Standards for Fees and Charges for Payment System Services within the National Payment System (PSD-10), which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• applies to all persons (banking institutions and non-bank payment instrument issuers) who intend to issue payment instruments and provide payment system services in Namibia; and</li> <li>• provides for standards for fees and charges that payment instrument issuers must comply with in the issuance and provision of payment system services in Namibia.</li> </ul>
Post / Telecommunications	Promulgation of Post and Telecommunications Companies Establishment Amendment Act, 2020 (Act No. 7 of 2020), Government Notice No. 186 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7305 of 12 August 2020.	The Government Notice announces the promulgation of the Post and Telecommunications Companies Establishment Amendment Act No. 7 of 2020, which amends the Posts and Telecommunications Companies Establishment Act, 1992, so as to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delete, substitute and insert certain definitions;</li> <li>• make the State the sole shareholder of the successor companies; and</li> <li>• authorise the dissolution of the holding company.</li> </ul>
Telecommunications	Publication of National Broadband Policy: Communications Act, 2009, Government Notice No. 189 of 2020	Published in the Namibia Government Gazette No. 7308 of 14 August 2020.	The Government Notice announces the publication of the National Broadband Policy, which aims to progressively provide the framework for the holistic development of Broadband in the Republic of Namibia, and contribute to the realisation of the Vision 2030 and its associated National Development Plans.

## Nigeria

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Corporate / Commercial	Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020	President Muhammadu Buhari assented to the Companies and Allied Matters Bill, 2020 on 7 August 2020.	<p>The Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeals the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;</li> <li>• provides for the incorporation of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• companies;</li> <li>• limited liability partnerships;</li> <li>• limited partnerships; and</li> <li>• trustees of certain communities, bodies and associations;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• provides for the registration of business names; and</li> <li>• provides for the establishment of an Administrative Proceedings Committee tasked with:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• affording persons alleged to have contravened the provisions of this Act or its regulations the opportunity of being heard;</li> <li>• resolving disputes or grievances arising from the operations of this Act and its regulations; and</li> <li>• the imposition of administrative penalties for contravention of the provisions of this Act or its regulations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Seychelles

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Agriculture	Coco-de-Mer (Restriction on the Processing, Trade and Export of unprocessed kernel of mature nut) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 86 of 2020	Effective from 13 July 2020.  Published in the Supplement to Official Gazette of 13 July 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• restrict the exportation of any form of unprocessed kernel of a mature nut;</li> <li>• prohibit the processing, trade and export of kernel of a mature nut without a valid permit issued by the Environment Minister. A person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding SCR20 000 or to imprisonment for two years or to both such fine and imprisonment; and</li> <li>• set out the procedure for obtaining a permit to process, trade and export the kernel of a mature nut.</li> </ul>

## Uganda

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Engineering	Building Control Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 3 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 5, Volume CXIII of 17 January 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide for the remuneration of members of the Board and Building Committee; and</li> <li>• define requirements for the control of building operations, including those relating to professional engagement, classification of building developments, building control officers and assistant building control officers, building permits, and building site operation and management.</li> </ul>
Corporate / Commercial	Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Act No. 5 of 2020	<p>Effective from 20 March 2020.</p> <p>Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 6, Volume CXIII of 24 January 2020.</p>	<p>The Act amends the Cooperative Societies Act, Cap. 112 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strengthen the regulation and supervision of all types of cooperatives;</li> <li>• improve safety and soundness of savings and credit cooperatives;</li> <li>• enhance cooperative identity and solidarity;</li> <li>• promote member empowerment; and</li> <li>• improve governance within cooperatives for sustainability of cooperative enterprises.</li> </ul>
Agriculture	Plant Protection and Health (Import and Export) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 4 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 6, Volume CXIII of 24 January 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• define the requirements for the importation of plant or plant products, including the application for and issuance of an import permit;</li> <li>• regulate the export of plant or plant products; and</li> <li>• provide for the registration of a “pack house”, i.e. premises where a plant, a plant product or regulated articles for export are graded, packaged and coded for purposes of export certification.</li> </ul>

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sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Agriculture	Seeds and Plant (Quality Declared Seed) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 5 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 6, Volume CXIII of 24 January 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide that a variety (i.e. a population of plants) is eligible for production as quality declared seed (i.e. certified seed) when it is included in the National Variety List;</li> <li>• state that the crops that are eligible for quality declared seed are stipulated in Schedule 2 to these Regulations;</li> <li>• define requirements for registration as a quality declared seed producer;</li> <li>• provide for quality declared seed production, inspection, processing and conditioning, sampling, testing, labelling and sealing; and</li> <li>• set conditions for quality declared seed offered for sale.</li> </ul>
Public finance	Acts of Parliament (Reprint of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015), Order, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 39 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 12, Volume CXIII of 21 February 2020.	<p>The Order provides that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the reprint of the Public Finance Management Act No. 3 of 2015, with all additions, omissions, subtractions and amendments effected by the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Act No. 23 of 2015, is approved; and</li> <li>• 1 April 2019 is appointed the day on which every copy of the reprinted Public Finance Management Act, 2015 shall be judicially noticed as an authentic copy of the Public Finance Management Act No. 3 of 2015 as amended.</li> </ul>
Corporate / Commercial	Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority (Management and Operation of Retirement Benefits Schemes) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 43 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 15, Volume CXIII of 13 March 2020.	<p>The Regulations define:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the requirements for operation and prudential management of retirement benefits schemes; and</li> <li>• rules relating to trustees, administrators, custodians and fund managers.</li> </ul>

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sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Corporate / Commercial	Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority (Merger and Winding Up of Retirement Benefits Schemes) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 44 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 15, Volume CXIII of 13 March 2020.	The Regulations provide for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the requirement for maintenance of a prudent level of funding by a retirement benefits scheme;</li> <li>the process of merging of retirement benefits schemes; and</li> <li>the process of winding up of a retirement benefits scheme.</li> </ul>
Finance	Tier 4 Microfinance and Money Lenders (SACCO) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 51 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 18, Volume CXIII of 20 March 2020.	The Regulations provide for the of licensing, regulation, supervision, governance and administration of SACCO.
Energy	Petroleum (Refining, Conversion, Transmission and Midstream Storage) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 59 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 25, Volume CXIII of 17 April 2020.	The Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repeal the Petroleum (Refining, Conversion, Transmission and Midstream Storage) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, Statutory Instruments No. 19 of 2018, subject to savings; and</li> <li>amend the Petroleum (Refining, Conversion, Transmission and Midstream Storage) Regulations, 2016, Statutory Instrument No. 36 of 2016 by inserting new provisions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>early pipeline project activities;</li> <li>implementation of early pipeline project activities; and</li> <li>reporting on early pipeline project activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Energy	Electricity (Establishment and Management of the Rural Electrification Fund) Instrument, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 62 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 27, Volume CXIII of 30 April 2020.	The Instrument: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>revokes the Electricity (Establishment and Management of the Rural Electrification Fund) Instrument, 2001, Statutory Instrument No. 75 of 2001, subject to savings;</li> </ul>

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sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Energy	Electricity (Establishment and Management of the Rural Electrification Fund) Instrument, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 62 of 2020 ... <i>Continued</i>	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 27, Volume CXIII of 30 April 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provides that the Rural Electrification Fund (the “Fund”) existing immediately before the commencement of this Instrument as established under the Electricity (Establishment and Management of the Rural Electrification Fund) Instrument, 2001, shall continue in existence by the same name and subject to the provisions of this Instrument;</li> <li>provides that the object of the Fund is to promote the equitable coverage of rural electrification in Uganda through the increased provision of access to electricity for economic, social and household use;</li> <li>defines the source and application of monies for the Fund; and</li> <li>provides for the establishment of the Rural Electrification Board.</li> </ul>
Telecommunications	Uganda Communications (Fees and Fines) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 66 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 32, Volume CXIII of 22 May 2020.	The Regulations amend the Uganda Communications (Fees and Fines) Regulations, 2019, Statutory Instruments No. 94 of 2019 by substituting Schedule 1 with a new Schedule on ‘Licence Fees’.
Energy	Electricity (Approval and Verification of Investments) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 76 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 36, Volume CXIII of 12 June 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>apply to the approval and verification of investments of licensees by the Electricity Regulatory Authority; and</li> <li>prescribe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the process, principles and standards for the approval and verification of investments in the electricity supply industry;</li> <li>the requirements for approval of investment plans and completed investments; and</li> <li>the stages of the investment planning and verification process.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Uganda

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Energy	Electricity (Uniform System of Accounts) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 77 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 36, Volume CXIII of 12 June 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply to any person who:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has a licence issued under the Electricity Act, 1999, Cap. 145 (the “Act”) for the generation, transmission, distribution, sale, import or export of electrical energy to consumers; and</li> <li>• has a certificate of exemption issued under the Act;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• prescribe reporting procedures and requirements for licensees and holders of certificates of exemption, for purposes of achieving uniformity and consistent reporting of elements that are required for tariff setting, approval and monitoring; and</li> <li>• seek, without limiting the general effect of the above regulation:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to require licensees to segregate accounting records between licensed activities or services in a vertically integrated business;</li> <li>• to require holders of certificates of exemption to segregate accounting records between exempted activities or services in a vertically integrated business;</li> <li>• to require licensees and holders of certificates of exemption to segregate regulated business from non-regulated businesses; and</li> <li>• to prescribe the principles and methodologies for cost allocation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Energy	Electricity (Code of Quality of Service) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instruments No. 78 of 2020	Published in the Uganda Gazette No. 36, Volume CXIII of 12 June 2020.	<p>The Regulations, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeal the Electricity (Quality of Service Code) Regulations, 2003, Statutory Instrument No. 21 of 2003;</li> <li>• apply to a holder of a distribution licence under the Electricity Act, 1999, Cap.145 and consumers;</li> <li>• set requirements for new service connections and for applications for new service connections;</li> <li>• define conditions for interruption to electricity supply for the purpose of scheduled maintenance; and</li> <li>• provide for consumer relations, including information to consumers, confidentiality and consumer complaints and dispute resolution.</li> </ul>

## Zimbabwe

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Exchange control	Exchange Control (Exclusive Use of Zimbabwe Dollar for Domestic Transactions) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 3), Statutory Instrument No. 185 of 2020	Published in the Supplement to the Zimbabwean Government Gazette Extraordinary on 24 July 2020.	<p>The Regulations amend the Exchange Control (Exclusive Use of Zimbabwe Dollar for Domestic Transactions) Regulations, 2019, Statutory Instrument No. 212 of 2019 by the introducing a new section titled “Dual pricing and displaying, quoting and offering of prices for goods and services”, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>requires any person who provides goods or services in Zimbabwe to display, quote or offer the price for such goods or services in both Zimbabwe dollar and foreign currency at the ruling exchange rate; and</li> <li>sets penalties for contravention of said section.</li> </ul>
Energy	Radiation Protection (Safety and Security of Radiation Sources) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 4), Statutory Instrument No. 191 of 2020	Published in the Supplement to the Zimbabwean Government Gazette Extraordinary on 31 July 2020.	<p>The Regulations amend the Radiation Protection (Safety and Security of Radiation Sources) Regulations, 2011, Statutory Instrument No. 62 of 2011 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repealing the Radiation Protection (Safety and Security of Radiation Sources) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 40 of 2020; and</li> <li>repealing and replacing the Third Schedule with a new Schedule providing licence and import fees.</li> </ul>
Energy	Radiation Protection (Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 1), Statutory Instrument No. 190 of 2020	Published in the Supplement to the Zimbabwean Government Gazette Extraordinary on 31 July 2020.	The Regulations amend the Radiation Protection (Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material) Regulations, 2013, Statutory Instrument No. 99 of 2013 by introducing a First Schedule on fees.



## Zimbabwe

sector	legislation	effective date/status	key points and impact
Exchange control	Exchange Control (Special Provisions for Securities Listed on Victoria Falls Stock Exchange) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 196 of 2020	Published in the Supplement to the Zimbabwean Government Gazette Extraordinary on 3 August 2020.	<p>The Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide that securities listed on the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange shall be tradable and settled solely in United States dollars or a convertible currency;</li> <li>• set conditions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a listing on the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange applicable to a company that is a Zimbabwean resident and listed on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange and a company that is non-resident company;</li> <li>• application for a listing on the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange applicable to a Zimbabwean resident not listed on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**other instruments**



## Angola

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Banking / Finance	Notice No. 17/20 (Rules and Procedures to be observed in Foreign Exchange Operations) of 3 August 2020	Effective from 2 September 2020. Issued by the National Bank of Angola.	<p>The Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revokes Notice No. 12/19 of 2 December 2019, which established the previous rules;</li> <li>• establishes the rules and procedures that must be observed when carrying out foreign exchange transactions for the purchase of foreign currency or the transfer of resources in foreign currency by natural persons;</li> <li>• applies to natural persons ordering the referred operations and to intermediary financial institutions in said operations;</li> <li>• requires expatriates to individually transfer income out of the country through their own bank accounts and to demonstrate that the income was directly transferred by the employer, under a valid employment contract and work visa; and</li> <li>• regulates financial intermediation, licensing, registration of foreign exchange transactions in the Integrated Foreign Exchange Operations System (“<b>SINOC</b>”), payment instruments, annual limits and penalties.</li> </ul>
Banking / Finance	Notice No. 18/20 of 12 August 2020	Effective from 12 August 2020. Issued by the National Bank of Angola.	The Notice amends and repeals Article 2(1) of Notice No. 8/18 of 29 November, which establishes the share capital and minimum regulatory capital applicable to Non-Banking Financial Institutions, with respect to the capital and equity of these institutions.

## Angola

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Banking / Finance	Circular Letter No. 002/DCC/2020 of 18 August 2020	Effective from 18 August 2020. Issued by the National Bank of Angola.	<p>The Circular Letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• introduces new requirements for the validation and execution of contract of current invisible operations;</li> <li>• only applies to specialised technical services contracted by resident entities from non-resident entities; and</li> <li>• requires compliance with Notice No. 2/2020 of 9 January 2020 and introduces elements that banks must consider in addition to the provisions of said Notice.</li> </ul>

## Ghana

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Corporate / Commercial	Business Regulatory Reforms Portal Unveiled	Unveiled on 27 August 2020 by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.	<p>The Ghana Business Regulatory Reforms Portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is accessible at <a href="http://www.brr.gov.gh">www.brr.gov.gh</a>;</li> <li>• enables policymakers to easily consult affected businesses and individuals in a transparent and timely way; and</li> <li>• provides free and transparent access to business regulations, through its electronic registry of Acts, legislative instruments, regulatory notices, administrative directives, procedures, forms and fees.</li> </ul>

## Kenya

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Telecommunications	National Information Communications and Technology (ICT) Policy Guidelines, 2020	Published in the Kenya Gazette Volume CXXII, No. 150 of 7 August 2020.	<p>The Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has the following objectives:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create the infrastructure conditions that enable the use of always-on, high speed, wireless, internet across the country;</li> <li>• facilitate the creation of infrastructure and frameworks that support the growth of data centres, pervasive instrumentation (Internet of Things), machine learning and local manufacturing while fostering a secure, innovation ecosystem;</li> <li>• grow the contribution of Information and Communications Technology (“ICT”) to increase the overall size of the digital and traditional economy to 10% of Gross Domestic Product by 2030, by using ICT as a foundation for the creation of a more robust economy; and</li> <li>• position Kenya to take advantage of emerging trends such as the shared and gig economy; and</li> <li>• gain global recognition for innovation, efficiency and quality in public service delivery; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• will focus on four key areas:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mobile first;</li> <li>• market;</li> <li>• skills and innovation; and</li> <li>• public service delivery.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Kenya

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Customs	Public Notice: Licence for Conveyance of Goods under Customs Control	Issued on 7 August 2020 by the Kenya Revenue Authority (“KRA”).	<p>The Public Notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notifies all shippers, clearing agents, transporters and stakeholders in the conveyance of goods under customs control that pursuant to regulation 210 and 211 of the East Africa Community Customs Management Regulations 2010, goods subject to customs control may only be conveyed by a vessel or vehicle licenced by the Commissioner of Customs and Border Control for that purpose;</li> <li>• urges all stakeholders under the above category to familiarise themselves with the provisions of the said sections and ensure compliance within 14 days from the date of this notice; and</li> <li>• states that vehicles conveying transit goods and licenced under regulation 104 of the said regulations are exempted from this directive.</li> </ul>

## Mozambique

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Banking / Finance	News Flash: Bank of Mozambique Introduces Unique Bank Identification Number	Announced on 21 August 2020 by the Bank of Mozambique.	<p>The News Flash provides that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Bank of Mozambique has decided to create a Unique Bank Identification Number (“<b>NUIB</b>”), as part of efforts to modernise the National Payment System and to make it more robust and secure;</li> <li>the NUIB will be made available by the Bank of Mozambique, and can only be consulted by credit and financial institutions (“<b>ICSF</b>”) with the permission of the respective client; and</li> <li>all players in the financial system must update the customer register with the NUIB, and subsequently provide automatic NUIB consultation mechanisms.</li> </ul>



## Namibia

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Mining / Energy	Criteria for New and Renewal Applications and Evaluation Under the Diamond Act	Effective from 3 July 2020.  Published on 7 July 2020 by the Ministry of Mines and Energy.	The document sets out the criteria for new and renewal applications and evaluation, as well as conditions for licences issued under the Diamond Act No. 13 of 1999.
Customs and Excise	Notice on the Namibia Clearing and Forwarding Instruction Form	Effective 1 July 2020. Issued by the Ministry of Finance.	The Notice informs all Clearing Agents that they will be required to provide written instructions from their clients to a Customs and Excise Officer in order for their transactions to be processed.
Customs and Excise	Media Release: New Clearing and Forwarding Agents Requirements	Issued on 22 July 2020 by the Ministry of Finance.	The Media Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides that the Ministry of Finance has approved the new Clearing and Forwarding Agents requirements and lifts the moratorium on applications for Clearing Agents with effect from 1 January 2021;</li> <li>• states that all current licensed and operational agents will remain active until 31 December 2020 when new registrations will be effective from 1 January 2021; and</li> <li>• sets out conditions applicable to all Clearing Agents, current operational and new applications.</li> </ul>

## Nigeria

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Energy	Guidelines on Filing Applications for Competition Transition Charge by Electricity Distribution and Trading Licensees (the “ <b>Guidelines</b> ”)	Published on 30 July 2020 by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (“ <b>NERC</b> ”).	<p>The Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are issued by the NERC to provide regulatory guidance to distribution and trading licensees in filing applications to the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission; and</li> <li>• provide for the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requirements for an application seeking compensation for stranded network assets specifically built to provide service to prospective Eligible Customers (“<b>ECs</b>”);</li> <li>• documents that must accompany a distribution licensee’s application for Competition Transition Charge (“<b>CTC</b>”) compensation for overhead transition costs arising from an EC transaction;</li> <li>• the NERC’s procedure for processing of a CTC application;</li> <li>• parties liable for the payment of CTC; and</li> <li>• duration of the payment of CTC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Oil and gas	Guidelines for Operations Across the Oil and Gas Value Chain	The revision date of the guidelines, issued by the Department of Petroleum Resources (“ <b>DPR</b> ”), is 1 August 2020.	<p>The DPR issued the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• those applicable to all oil and gas operators and service providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines and Procedures for Travel to Offshore/Swamp Locations and Obtainment of Offshore Safety Permit; and</li> <li>• Guidelines and Procedures for Lifting Equipment and Lifting Operations; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• those applicable to all oil and gas operators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Grant of Permit to Access Flare Gas;</li> <li>• Guidelines for Flare Payments;</li> <li>• Guidelines for Flare Gas Measurement, Data Management and Reporting Obligations;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Nigeria

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Oil and gas	Guidelines for Operations Across the Oil and Gas Value Chain ... <i>Continued</i>	The revision date of the guidelines, issued by the Department of Petroleum Resources (“DPR”), is 1 August 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidelines for the Implementation of Risk-Based Inspection in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry; and</li> <li>Guidelines for Procedures Associated Gas Utilisation Projects.</li> </ul>
Gas	Nigerian Gas Transportation Network Code (the “Code”)	Launched on 10 August 2020 by the Federal Government and published by the Department of Petroleum Resources.	<p>The Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aims at deepening the growth of the gas market in Nigeria;</li> <li>guides the use and operations of the gas transportation network system;</li> <li>will address gas flaring, grow infrastructure and expand utilisation of gas in the country; and</li> <li>guides the rules that govern the gas transportation system, secure gas transmission and ensure cost effective tariffs for the pipeline management.</li> </ul>
Banking / Finance	Circular on Destination Payment for all Forms M, Letters of Credit and other Forms of Payment	Issued on 24 August 2020 by the Central Bank of Nigeria (“CBN”).	<p>The Circular states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>authorised dealers are mandated to stop opening ‘Form M’ to persons whose payments are routed through a third party;</li> <li>‘Form M’ can only be opened in favour of the ultimate supplier of the product or service;</li> <li>the CBN will introduce a Product Price Verification Mechanism to prevent mispricing of imported goods and services; and</li> <li>authorised dealers will use the mechanism to verify quoted prices before approving ‘Form M’.</li> </ul>

## Nigeria

sector	instrument	effective date/status	key points and impact
Banking / Finance	Circular to Payment Service Banks (FPR/DIR/GEN/CIR/07/060): Guidelines for Licensing and Regulation of Payment Service Banks (“PSBs”) in Nigeria	Issued on 27 August 2020 by the Central Bank of Nigeria (“CBN”).	<p>The Circular announces that the Guidelines for the Licensing and Regulation of Payment Service Banks in Nigeria (the “Guidelines”) have been reviewed and updated in response to market developments. The Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• guide the operations of licensed PSBs with immediate effect; and</li> <li>• define eligible promoters, licensing requirements, corporate governance, business conduct, permissible activities, requirements for prudential regulation, supervision, Know Your Customer (“KYC”), consumer protection and risk management of PSBs in Nigeria.</li> </ul>
Banking / Finance	Circular to all Authorised Dealers, Bureau de Change Operators and the General Public (TED/FEM/FPC/GEN/01/006): Resumption of Sales to Bureau de Change Operators	Issued on 27 August 2020 by the Central Bank of Nigeria (“CBN”).	<p>The Circular provides that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the gradual sale of foreign exchange (“forex”) to licensed Bureau de Change (“BDC”) operators will commence with effect from 7 September 2020;</li> <li>• the purchase of forex by BDC operators shall be Mondays and Wednesdays in the first instance. BDC operators should ensure that their bank accounts are funded with the equivalent Naira proceeds on Fridays and Tuesdays accordingly; and</li> <li>• Authorised Dealers shall continue to sell forex for travel related invisible transactions to customers and non-customers over the counter upon presentation of relevant travel documents (passport, flight ticket and visa).</li> </ul>

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## Seychelles

sector	bill	effective date/status	key points and impact
Applies to multiple sectors	Proceeds of Crimes (Civil Confiscation) (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Bill No. 22 of 2020)	Introduced on 27 July 2020.  Published in the Supplement to Official Gazette of 27 July 2020.	The Bill seeks to amend sections, 2, 4 and 5 and repeal sections 25 and 26 of the Proceeds of Crimes (Civil Confiscation) Act, 2008 (Cap.298) in order to harmonise its provisions with the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act No. 5 of 2020.
Banking / Finance	Central Bank of Seychelles (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2020 (Bill No. 26 of 2020)	Introduced on 3 August 2020.  Published in the Supplement to Official Gazette of 3 August 2020.	The Bill seeks to amend section 29A(1) of the Central Bank of Seychelles Act, 2004 to extend the period of loans, advances and rediscount made by the Central Bank to banks and other financial institutions from three years to five years.

## Uganda

sector	bill	effective date/status	key points and impact
Engineering	Physical Planners' Registration Bill, 2020	First reading stage.	<p>The Bill seeks to provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the establishment of a Physical Planners' Registration Board (the “Board”);</li> <li>• the powers and functions of the Board;</li> <li>• the registration of physical planners; and</li> <li>• disciplinary procedures for errant physical planners.</li> </ul>

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