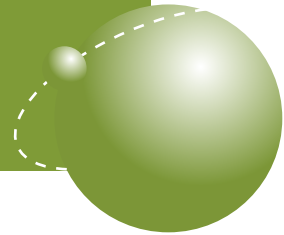


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INTRODUCTION

The printed Environmental Handbook 2007 contains information regarding the Argentine environmental legislation framework in the national, province of Buenos Aires and City of Buenos Aires spheres up to December 31st, 2006. The most relevant laws and topics within these jurisdictions were included.

In order to keep readers updated, the contents included in the printed version will be revised every 6 months and digital bi-annual reports will be prepared. We now present the first digital update report for the period January 1 – June 30, 2007 elaborated by Angeles Murgier (Estudio Brons & Salas) and María Marcela Flores (Estudio M & M Bomchil).

These reports will be available at www.amchamar.com.ar

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MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STANDARDS

Law No. 25,675 regulating minimum environmental protection standards for the adequate and sustainable management of the environment, the preservation and protection of biological diversity and the implementation of sustainable development

New: Resolutions SAyDS No. 177/05 and 303/07 and joint resolution No. 178/07-12/07 by the SAyDS and the Secretariat of Finance of the Ministry of Economy and Production regulate the mandatory environmental insurance provided for in section 22 of law No. 25,675. Official Bulletin, March 13, 2007. See page 13.

New: Province of Buenos Aires Law No. 13,623 approves the Constitutive Act of the COFEMA. Official Bulletin, February 8, 2007. See item (vi) in page 14.

New: City of Buenos Aires Law No. 2,222 approves the Constitutive Act of the COFEMA, appointing as the representative of the City the Ministry of Environment. Official Bulletin, January 24, 2007. See item (vi) in page 14.

SUMMARY OF SELECT ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES, AND CITY OF BUENOS AIRES

Air

City of Buenos Aires

New: Decree No. 740/07 establishes the regulation on Noise and Vibrations Pollution Control. Official Bulletin, May 30, 2007. See page 22.

Waste

Province of Buenos Aires

Special and Industrial Waste

New: Resolution SPA No. 282/07 provides that transport units that have contained special waste in the terms of Law No. 11,720 should be regularly cleaned. Official Bulletin, April 27, 2007. See Law No. 11,720 on page 26.

City of Buenos Aires

New: Law No. 2214 regulates the generation, manipulation, storage, storage, transport, treatment, and final disposal of hazardous waste in the City of Buenos Aires. Official Bulletin, January 25, 2007. See page 29.

Zero Waste

New: Decree No. 639/07 approves the regulatory rules of Law No. 1854 on the comprehensive management of urban solid waste. Official Bulletin, May 09, 2007. See page 30.

Water

Province of Buenos Aires

Water Pollution

New: Resolution ADA No. 241/07 establishes new terms of validity of the liquid effluent discharge permits and the water use authorizations. Official Bulletin, March 21, 2007. See page 32.

New: Resolution ADA No. 162/07 approves the penalty system procedure for infringements of Law No. 5965 and its regulatory Decrees No. 2009/60 and 3970/90 as well as the methodology to assess the fines to be imposed on “*discharging liquid effluents likely to have an impact on the environment*”. Official Bulletin, April 23, 2007. See page 32.

Matanza - Riachuelo Basin Authority

New: National Decree No. 92/07 provides for the integration of the Matanza- Riachuelo Basin Authority, inviting the Province of Buenos Aires and the City of Buenos Aires to appoint representatives to act on their behalf before such Authority. Official Bulletin, February 5, 2007. See page 33.

New: Resolution No. 1/07 issued by the Matanza- Riachuelo Basin Authority approves the operating regulation for the issuance of preventive measures and the model of record of inspection. Official Bulletin, March 27, 2007. See page 33.

New: Province of Buenos Aires Law No. 13,642 adhering to Law No. 26,168 (creation of the Matanza- Riachuelo Basin Authority). Official Bulletin, March 27, 2007. See page 33.

New: City of Buenos Aires Law No. 2,217 adhering to Law No. 26,168 (creation of the Matanza- Riachuelo Basin Authority). Official Bulletin, January 26, 2007. See page 33.

Environmental Impact and Reporting

Province of Buenos Aires

New: Decree N° 96/2007 includes silos in the list of establishments subject to environmental impact evaluation. Official Bulletin, March 1, 2007.

New: Resolution N° 144/2007 issued by the Secretariat of Environmental Politics provides the limits of human exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields in a frequency up to 300 KHZ and the requirements for generators to obtain the required permit. Official Bulletin, March 8, 2007.

City of Buenos Aires

New: Resolution No. 254 issued by the Ministry of Environment modifies the Environmental Impact Evaluation regime. Official Bulletin, March 22, 2007. See page 40.

INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS

Chemical Weapons Convention

New: Law No. 26,247 on the *implementation as part of the Argentine legal system of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction* Official Bulletin, March 22, 2007. See page 44.