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A Presidential Decree extended for sixty (60) days the period of effectiveness of Decree No. 5.157, published in Official Gazette No. 6.924 Extraordinary of 08/08/2025, through which the State of Economic Emergency in all of the National Territory was declared. (Official Gazette No. 6.931 Extraordinary of 10/08/2025. Decree No. 5.167. Entry into force: As from 10/08/2025).



BANKING AND FINANCE

The Ministry of the Popular Power for Economy and Finance issued the rules relating to the administration, control and monitoring of the risks relating to money laundering, terrorism financing, and financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, applicable to civil associations of the savings bank sector, savings funds, and similar savings associations. The purpose of said rules is to establish the procedures and mechanisms to be adopted and implemented by savings banks, savings funds and similar savings associations in their activities and operations with the purpose of managing the risks and preventing themselves from being used for money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. (Official Gazette of 10/02/2025. Ruling No. SCA-001-2025. Entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Gazette).

The Venezuelan Central Bank (VCB) established the interest rates applicable to obligations derived from labor relationships (59.06% and 47.53% - August 2025); and to transactions with credit cards (60.00% annual maximum lending rate and 17.00% annual minimum lending rate - September 2025). (Official Gazette of 10/09/2025. Official Notice. Entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Gazette).

An Official Notice of the VCB informed bank institutions, money-exchange offices, and non-banking providers of point-of-sale terminals about the maximum limits of the commissions, rates, and/or surcharges that they may charge for the operations and activities that said Notice indicates. This Official Notice substitutes for the one issued on 11/03/2022, published in Official Gazette of 11/07/2022. (Official Gazette of 10/09/2025. Official Notice. Entry into force: As from the fifth (5th) business day following its publication in the Official Gazette).



TAX

The National Integrated Service of Customs and Tax Administration (*Servicio Nacional Integrado de Administración Aduanera y Tributaria* - SENIAT) established the rate applicable to the calculation of late payment interest accrued during August and September 2025. It was established that the weighted average interest rate for loans of the six (6) principal commercial and universal banks of the country with the highest volume of deposits, excluding portfolios with prime rates, set by the Venezuelan Central Bank (VCB) for August and September 2025 is 59.06% and 58.95%, which rate is to be increased 1.2 times for the calculation of late payment interest accrued during said months. (Official Gazette of 10/17/2025 and 10/24/2025. Administrative Rulings No. SNAT/2025/000081 and No. SNAT/2025/000083).

MISCELLANEOUS

The National Assembly issued the Law that Approves the Strategic Association and Cooperation Treaty between the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Russian Federation. Said Law entirely approves the “Strategic Association and Cooperation Treaty between the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Russian Federation”, in order for it to have international effects regarding the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The Treaty was executed for a period of ten (10) years, automatically extendible for subsequent periods of five (5) years, except if any of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intent to denounce it. The Treaty will become effective as from the receipt of the last written notice of completion by the Parties of the internal procedures for entry into force of the same. (Official Gazette No. 6.930 Extraordinary of 10/07/2025).



The Ministry of the Popular Power for Transportation, through a Resolution, issued the technical rules for implementation of the digitized maritime one-stop shop system. The purpose of said Resolution is the implementation and use of the digitized Maritime One-Stop Shop System, in order to regulate the recording, exchange, and processing of data, documents and acts inherent in the arrival, stay, and sailing of ships in Venezuelan ports, with the purpose of adapting the administrative port formalities to the new trends of the international maritime business. The entity that exercises the Aquatic Authority, the port administrators, shipowners, shipping agents, and other institutions that take part in the Ship – Port – Customs interface must obligatorily use the digitized Maritime One-Stop Shop System in all of the port administrations with national or international transit, for the recording, exchange, and digitized processing of the information. (Official Gazette of 10/23/2025. Resolution No. 034. Entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Gazette).

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