

List of Laws, Agreements and other Decrees published in the Official Gazette

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LAWS	AGREEMENTS	APPOINTMENTS
<p>PRE Decree No. 7.088 authorizing the creation of a state-owned company, in the form of a corporation, to be called "Cadena de Hoteles Caribes de Venezuela S.A.", under the jurisdiction of the People's Power Ministry for Tourism. O.G. 39,318 dated December 1, 2009.</p>		
<p>MEF Resolution No. 571.09 containing the Rules Regulating the Incorporation of Non-Banking Correspondents as a Distribution Channel for Products and Services Provided by Financial Institutions. O.G. 39,318 dated December 1, 2009.</p>		
		<p>MPD Resolution No. 074, whereby Alejandro Daniel López Elíaz is appointed Acting General Director of the Investment for Regional Development Planning Division. O.G. 39,318 dated December 1, 2009.</p>
<p>Law Banning War Videogames and War Toys. O.G. 39,320 dated December 3, 2009.</p>		
	<p>Law Approving the Fisheries Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Government of the Russian Federation. O.G.39,320 dated December 3 , 2009.</p>	
	<p>Law Approving the Agreement for Cooperation on Information Matters between the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Government of the Republic of Belarus. O.G.39,320 dated December 3, 2009.</p>	

	Law Approving the Framework Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic. O.G.39,320 dated December 3, 2009.	
		PRE Decree No. 7.053, whereby Asdrúbal Chávez is appointed Vice Minister for Petrochemicals, under the jurisdiction of the People's Power Ministry for Energy and Petroleum. O.G.39,320 dated December 3, 2009.
		VP Resolution No. 113 whereby Larry José Zea Guillén is appointed Acting President of Venezolana de Turismo, Venetur S.A. O.G.39,320 dated December 3, 2009.
BCV Foreign Exchange Agreement No. 13 granting the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Venezuela the power to authorize bodies corporate other than those mentioned in Article 18 of Foreign Exchange Agreement No. 1 and in article 8 of Foreign Exchange Agreement No. 11 to hold accounts in foreign currency at the Central Bank. O.G.39,320 dated December 3, 2009.		
		MINCOMERCIO Resolution No. 175, whereby María Isabel Cerón Cadenas is appointed General Administrative Director assigned to the Ministry in question. O.G.39,320 dated December 3, 2009.
SUDEBAN Resolutions ordering the takeover and cessation of financial operations at Baninvest Banco de Inversión; at C.A., Banco Real Banco de Desarrollo, C.A.; and at C.A. Central Banco Universal. (See Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Special Edition No. 5,393 of the same date). O.G. 39,321 dated December 4, 2009.		
SENIAT Order No. SNAT/2009/0117 setting the 2010 timetable for obligations to be complied with by special taxpayers and withholding agents. O.G. 39,321 dated December 4, 2009.		

<p>SENIAT Order No. SNAT/2009/0118 setting the 2010 timetable for obligations to be complied with by ordinary taxpayers in the case of gambling and games of chance. O.G. 39,321 dated December 4, 2009.</p>		
<p>Law Amending Decree No. 5.895 - Executive Order Governing the Police Service and the National Police Force. (See Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Special Edition No. 5,940 of the same date). O.G. 39,322 dated December 7, 2009.</p>		
<p>Law Containing the Statute on the Function of the Police. (See Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Special Edition No. 5,940 of the same date). O.G. 39,322 dated December 7, 2009.</p>		
<p>SUDEBAN Resolution No. 646.09 agreeing on the rehabilitation of C.A. Central Banco Universal and continuing the cessation of financial operations .O.G. 39,322 dated December 7, 2009.</p>		
<p>MENPET Resolution No. 192 setting the geographical area within which the joint venture company Petroquiriquire, S.A. is to engage in the primary activities provided for in article 9 of the Hydrocarbons Act. O.G. 39,322 dated December 7, 2009.</p>		
		<p>MCTII Resolution No. 182, whereby María Gaudelia Uzcátegui Gutiérrez is appointed General Director of the Ministry's Import Management Division. O.G. 39,322 dated December 7, 2009.</p>
		<p>MEF Resolution No. 2.528, whereby Yván Darío Bastardo Flores is appointed President of the National Lottery Commission. O.G. 39,323 dated December 8, 2009.</p>

		<p>VP Resolution No. DGCJ-116, whereby Ulianov Niño Delgado is appointed Vice Minister for Planning and Development of the National Housing and Habitat System within the People's Power Ministry for Public Works and Housing. O.G. 39,325 dated December 10, 2009.</p>
		<p>Resolution No. DGCJ-119, whereby Grecia Rosario González, is appointed President of the National Institute for Worker Training and Recreation (INCRET). O.G. 39,325 dated December 10, 2009.</p>
<p>SUDEBAN Resolution No. 647.09 setting the terms that will facilitate mergers of banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions regulated by this Superintendency. O.G. 39,325 dated December 10, 2009.</p>		
		<p>Agreement authorizing the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to appoint César Osvelio Méndez González as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Concurrently Accredited to the Principality of Liechtenstein, his seat being in Berne, Swiss Confederation. O.G. 39,326 dated December 11, 2009.</p>
		<p>PRE Decree No. 7.104 whereby Ricardo José Menéndez Prieto is appointed People's Power Minister for Science, Technology and Intermediate Industries. (See Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Special Edition No. 5.943 of the same date). O.G. 39,326 dated December 11, 2009.</p>

<p>SUDEBAN Resolutions stating that the rehabilitations of Bolívar Banco, C.A.; Banco Confederado, S.A. and, C.A. Central Banco Universal have been completed and lifting the takeover of the institutions and the cessation of their financial operations, effective December 21, 2009. (See Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Special Edition No. 5.943 of the same date). O.G. 39,326 dated December 11, 2009.</p>		
<p>SUDEBAN Resolution ordering the takeover and cessation of financial operations of Bannorte [Sic] (BANORTE) Banco Comercial. C.A. (See Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Special Edition No. 5.943 of the same date). O.G. 39,326 dated December 11, 2009..</p>		
<p>CADIVI Order No. 100 setting the requirements, terms and procedures for enabling users of the Foreign-Exchange Administration System whose authorized foreign-exchange operators are among those taken over by Sudeban on November 27 and December 4, 2009, to apply for authorization to purchase foreign exchange for use abroad when traveling to foreign countries through another authorized foreign-exchange operator. O.G. 39,326 dated December 11, 2009.</p>		
		<p>MRE Resolution No. DM-059-A whereby Wendy Catheriyue Viteri Paredes is placed in charge of the North American Desk assigned to the Office of the Vice Minister for North America at this Ministry. O.G. 39,327 dated December 14, 2009.</p>
		<p>MRE Resolution No. DM-241-A, whereby Arístides Medina Rubio is appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Republic of Peru. O.G. 39,327 dated December 14, 2009.</p>

<p>AN Decree No. 7.121 whereby the right to engage in primary exploration activities in search of hydrocarbon reservoirs, extraction from the reservoirs in their natural state, collection transportation and initial storage, is transferred to Petroquiriquire, S.A., subject to the provisions of the Hydrocarbons Act and Agreements passed by the National Assembly. O.G. 39,328 dated December 15, 2009.</p>		
<p>PRE Decree No. 7.125 authorizing the creation of a state-owned company, in the form of a corporation, to be called "Venezolana de Eventos (VENEVENTOS) S.A.," under the jurisdiction of the People's Power Ministry for Tourism. O.G. 39,328 dated December 15, 2009.</p>		
<p>AN Budget Act for the 2010 Fiscal Year. (See Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Special Edition No. 5.945 of the same date). O.G. 39,328 dated December 15, 2009.</p>		
<p>SUDEBAN Resolution No. 682.09 authorizing the merger –and consequent loss of their respective legal personalities—of Banfoandes Banco Universal, Compañía Anónima; Banco Confederado S.A.; Bolívar Banco, C.A. and C.A. Central Banco Universal into a single entity to be called "Banco Bicentenario Banco Universal, C.A." O.G. 39,329 dated December 16, 2009.</p>		
<p>SENIAT Order No. SNAT/2009/0119 reporting that the average lending rate of the six (6) commercial and universal banks with the largest volume of deposits, excluding preferential-rate portfolios, set by the Central Bank of Venezuela for November 2009 was 21.62%. O.G. 39,329 dated December 16, 2009.</p>		
<p>PRE Decree No. 7.102 proclaiming November 27 "Bolivarian Air Force Day". O.G. 39,332 dated December 21, 2009.</p>		

<p>MEE Resolution No. 005 instructing Corporación Eléctrica Nacional, S.A. (CORPOELEC) and all its subsidiaries to demand that all shops and shopping malls and residential centers draw up plans for saving electric power under the terms set forth in the decree. O.G. 39,332 dated December 21, 2009.</p>		
<p>MEE Resolution No. 006 regulating and fostering efficient use of electric power in advertising displays on billboards or using neon or lit signs, under the terms set forth in the Resolution. O.G. 39,332 dated December 21, 2009.</p>		
<p>MEE Resolution No. 007 guaranteeing equitable and improved use of electric power supplied by Corporación Eléctrica Nacional, S.A. (CORPOELEC) and its subsidiaries, and regulating the use of electricity by shopping malls, casinos and bingo parlors. O.G. 39,332 dated December 21, 2009.</p>		
<p>MINCOMERCIO, MINAL, MAT Joint Resolution No. DM/165, DM/0101/2009, DM/304 y DM/060-09, setting production proportions and marketing terms to be followed by the agribusiness and importing sector in the case of food products subject to price controls, including new types, sizes or trade names. O.G. 39,333 dated December 22, 2009.</p>		
<p>MOPVI Order No. 01/09 containing the Technical Standards for Domestic Audiovisual Production Services. O.G. 39,333 dated December 22, 2009.</p>		
<p>PRE Decree No. 7.126 authorizing the People's Power Minister for the Economy and Finance to create a company, in the form of a corporation, under the full stockholding and statutory control of the Ministry, to be called "Banco Bicentenario, Banco Universal, C.A." O.G. 39,334 dated December 23 , 2009.</p>		
		<p>PRE Decree No. 7.127 appointing Kimlen Chang as president, William Lopez as vice president, and other individuals mentioned therein as members of the board of directors of Banco Bicentenario, Banco Universal, C.A., under the terms set forth in the decree. O.G. 39,334 dated December 23 , 2009.</p>

<p>PRE Decree No. 7.139 authorizing the creation of the Misión Niño Jesús Foundation, under the jurisdiction of the People's Power Ministry for Health. O.G. 39,334 dated December 23, 2009.</p>		
<p>PRE Decree No. 7.154 whereby the freeze on dismissals applicable to private- and public-sector workers covered by the Labor Law is extended from January 1, 2010 through December 31 2010. O.G. 39,334 dated December 23, 2009.</p>		
<p>AN Law Governing the Communal Councils. O.G. 39,335 dated December 28, 2009.</p>		
	<p>Law Approving the Energy Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde. O.G. 39,335 dated December 28, 2009.</p>	
	<p>Law Approving the Energy Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. O.G. 39,335 dated December 28, 2009.</p>	
		<p>MEE Resolution No. 008 whereby Alexis Rivero Rojas is appointed president of Empresa del Estado C.A. Energía Eléctrica de Barquisimeto (ENELBAR), under the jurisdiction of this ministry. O.G. 39,335 dated December 28, 2009.</p>
		<p>VP Resolution No. DGCJ-123, whereby Luis Arriaga, is appointed Acting President of Empresa Mixta Socialista de Teleféricos (EMSOTEL) S.A. O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>

		<p>VP Resolution No. OAAJ-122, whereby Karlin Johanna Granadillo Ramírez is appointed Acting President of Corporación de Industrias Intermedias Venezolanas S.A. (CORPIVENSA), under the jurisdiction of the People's Power Ministry for Science, Technology and Intermediate Industries. O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>
<p>SNC Order No. DG-2009-C-0016 extending the validity of registration certificates issued by the National Contracting Service set to expire between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>		
<p>MRIJ Resolution No. 643 stipulating that all agencies and bodies of the national, state and municipal public administrations and other public and private individuals and bodies corporate whose purpose is to cooperate in the prevention and control of crimes and unlawful consumption of narcotics and psychotropic substances must first submit their plans, programs and projects for consideration by and express approval of the National Drug Prevention Office (ONA). O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>		
<p>ONA Order No. 007-2009 containing the rules and procedures for enrollment of taxpayers and the collection, control and auditing of the levies provided for in articles 96 and 97 of the Law for Prevention of Illegal Trafficking and Use of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances. O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>		
<p>ONA Order No. 008-2009 setting forth the rules for declaring and paying the levies provided for in Articles 96 and 97 of the Law for Prevention of Illegal Trafficking and Use of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances for fiscal years 2006, 2007 and 2008. O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>		

<p>BCV Resolution No. 09-12-01 providing that commercial and universal banks may not reduce the share of their gross loan portfolio allocated as at December 31, 2009 for loans to companies that engage in manufacturing activities. O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>		
<p>MINTUR Resolution No. 127 fully opening all activities carried out at Marina Caraballeda. O.G. 39,336 dated December 29, 2009.</p>		

Key to abbreviations:

[Note: In Venezuela every ministry is a People's Power Ministry, listed here simply as "Ministry" for the sake of brevity]

AN	National Assembly (Congress)
BCV	Central Bank of Venezuela
CADIVI	Foreign-Exchange Administration Commission
CNAC	National Autonomous Cinematography Center
CNV	National Securities Commission
CONATEL	National Telecommunications Commission
INAC	National Civil Aviation Institute
INPSASEL	National Institute for Prevention, Health and Safety in the Workplace
IPC	Cultural Heritage Institute
MAT	Ministry for Agriculture and Land
MCT	Ministry for Science and Technology
MCTII	Ministry for Science, Technology and Intermediate Industry
MEE	Ministry for Electric Power
MEF	Ministry for Economy and Finance
MENPET	Ministry for Energy and Petroleum
MIBAM	Ministry for Basic Industry and Mining
MILCO	Ministry for Light Industry and Trade
MINAL	Ministry for Food
MINCI	Ministry for Communication and Information
MINCOMERCIO	Ministry for Trade
MINFRA	Ministry for Infrastructure
MINTI	Ministry for Technology and Information
MINTRASS	Ministry for Labor and Social Security
MINTUR	Ministry for Tourism
MINVH	Ministry for Housing and Habitat
MOPVI	Ministry for Public Works and Housing
MPD	Ministry for Planning and Development
MRE	Ministry for Foreign Relations
MRIJ	Ministry for Internal Relations and Justice
MS	Ministry for Health and Social Development
O.G.	Official Gazette
ONA	National Drug Prevention Office
ONAPRE	National Budget Office
PRE	Office of the President of the Republic
SCA	Savings and Loan Superintendency
SENIAT	National Integrated Customs and Tax Administration Service
SNC	National Contracting Service
SUDEBAN	Superintendency of Banks and Other Financial Institutions
TSJ	Supreme Court of Justice
VP	Office of the Vice-President of the Republic