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APPROVAL OF THE LAW ON MANNED AERIAL CINEMATOGRAPHY AND DRONES



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Aerial surveying and cinematography activities in national territory, commonly identified by the use of manned or unmanned aircraft (drones), are now regulated by Law n.º 6/2024, of 04 June (hereinafter referred to as the 'Aerial Cinematography Law'), which sets the principles, rules and guidelines to be followed by the aerial surveying and cinematography activities for civilian purposes in national territory, as well as the supply of the respective products to user entities.

This Law aims at ensuring that all data from aerial surveys carried out is deposited with the competent state institutions and applies to all operators and user entities that carry out aerial surveys on national territory, with the exception of natural persons who carry out aerial surveys or aerial cinematography for leisure, entertainment or personal purposes.

The Guiding Principles:

- (i)** Legality;
- (ii)** Inviolability;
- (iii)** Impartiality;
- (iv)** Universality and
- (v)** Equality.

The terms for carrying out aero photographic and aero geophysical surveys are also laid down in the Law, but their regulation differs depending on whether the activity is provided by the private or public sector.

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Other important aspects:

- (i) Compliance with safety standards when carrying out aerial surveys and cinematography;
- (ii) The destination of materials and data processing resulting from the execution of aero photographic coverage over national territory;
- (iii) State supervision, infringements and sanctions; and
- (v) Provision for authorisation fees for aerial surveys and cinematography.



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