

Maputo electricity regulations

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The government view energy exports as a key driver of the Mozambican economy, having passed a new electricity law that simplifies permitting and encourages IPPs activities. The government also passed a law exempting VAT on the import of electrification equipment.

The prevailing legal instrument for electrification in Mozambique was the Electricity Law from 1997 (Law n.º 21/97) which has been updated in July 2022 to Law n.º 12/2022 to reflect the current social, technical and financial dynamics in Mozambique, with a emphasis on renewables. This law defines the general framework of the power sector and ...

The long-awaited reform of Mozambique's electricity law has reached the statute books this winter in Maputo (summer if you're in the Northern Hemisphere), with the enactment of Law 12/2022 of 11 July (the New Electricity Law). It is early to know how impactful the changes it brings will be.

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under the regime of the now repealed Law 21/97 of 1 October (“former Electricity Law”). It is also important to understand the treatment that the new Electricity Law gives to projects authorised under the former Electricity Law but whose implementation has not yet begun.

The Electricity Law respects the principle of non-retro-activity of the law, expressly provided in article 58(1), that the holders of concessions for the supply of electricity existing at the date of entry into force of the Electricity Law shall maintain the rights and obligations contained in the respective concession contracts for the periods defined therein, without prejudice to compliance with this Law and regulations in all matters applicable for the future.

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