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New Regime on the Trade of Rough Diamonds in Macau

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Earlier this month, Law 15/2019 on the application of the Kimberley Process Certification System (KPCS) for the international trade in rough diamonds came into force in Macau.

The KPCS was established in 2003 after the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/55/56 recommended the creation of an international certification scheme for rough diamonds. This scheme aims to prevent diamonds mined in war zones (often used to subsidise insurgent and rebel movements) from entering the rough diamond market.

According to the new law, imported rough diamonds become illegal in Macau if they derive from a country or region that doesn't participate in the Kimberley scheme. When importing/exporting rough diamonds, a certification issued by the competent authority of each participant country is needed. A request must be submitted to obtain that certification and an export license in Macau, including a list of required documents. The origin of the rough diamonds must be certified, as well as the compliance of the transaction with the KPCS.

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澳門關於毛坯鑽石貿易的新制度

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本月初，關於毛坯鑽石國際貿易的《金伯利進程證書制度》的第15/2019號法律（以下簡稱“法律”）於澳門生效。

《金伯利進程證書制度》是按照聯合國大會第55/56號決議制定，於2003年起實行，旨在防止戰爭區域開采的鑽石（經常用於資助暴亂和叛亂運動）進入毛坯鑽石市場。根據新法律之規定，向澳門進口來自非參與金伯利計劃的國家或地區之毛坯鑽石屬違法行為。

毛坯鑽石實施進口/出口時，需要牽涉之國家/地區主管機關簽發的相關證明。在澳門請求獲得該證明和出口許可證，應提交清單提及之文件。毛坯鑽石的來源須經過認證，且交易須符合《金伯利進程證書制度》之規定。在新的法律制度下，鑽石貿易需遵循一個漫長的過程，同時也須滿足特定的要求。

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Update of the Macau Insurance Companies Ordinance

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Earlier this year, the Macau Legislative Assembly has discussed and generally approved a Law proposal for updating and revising Decree-Law 27/97/M of June 30th: the Macau Insurance Companies Ordinance ("MICO").



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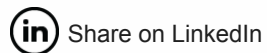
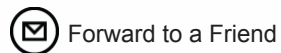
The I Macau Lawyers' Congress took place last month, bringing into discussion relevant matters to the legal system of Macau. C&C's Senior Associate Lawyer **Icília Berenguel** spoke on Macau's legal system and important social issues, as part of a panel discussing the improvement of the legal system of Macau. Over the course of two days, several panels took place to address themes that included the legal profession, the role of lawyers within the Greater Bay Area and in the promotion of Macau, significant legal

matters for citizens and companies, and alternative dispute resolution issues, to name a few.



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