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Price Control

Establishment of consumer prices.

Miscellaneous

- Special procedure for registration with the Registry of the Ground Transportation National System.
- Modification of the format of the Certificate of Registration of Vehicle and Certificate of Circulation.
- Establishment of the official maximum rate for interurban and suburban routes to be charged by the providers of the public service of ground transportation of passengers.
- Declaration of carbon as strategic mineral for its exploration and exploitation.
- Authorization for creation of Empresa Mixta Sociedad Anónima Minería Binacional Turquía – Venezuela (MIBITURBEN, S.A.).
- Authorization for creation of mixed company Sociedad Anónima Carbones de Turquía y Venezuela (CARBOTURVEN, S.A.).

Telecommunications

Establishment of the maximum rates for local fixed telephony services provided by CANTV.

Banking and Finance

- Establishment of interest rates.
- Establishment of special reserve by universal and micro financial banks.

Exchange Control

- Payment in foreign currency for exportation of medical services
- Calls for Auctions of Foreign Currency

Energy and Petroleum

Authorization of creation of Empresa Mixta Petrosur, S.A.

Civil Aeronautics

Establishment of the technical requirements for operation of commercial aviation aircraft toward the airdromes in special conditions of Venezuela.

Tax

- Exemption from income tax for income obtained by Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA), affiliates, and mixed companies from hydrocarbon production activities.
- Exemption from payment of Import Duties and Rate for Determination of Customs Regime, up to 12/31/2018, for the final importation of corporeal goods intended for the manufacturing industry or that constitute supplies for the agribusiness and other industries not produced in the country.
- Establishment of the VAT rate to be applied in the rest of Fiscal year 2018 and during all of Fiscal year 2019 at 16%.
- Establishment of the Temporary Regime of Payment of Advances on VAT and IT for Special Taxpayers engaged in economic activities other than exploitation of mines, hydrocarbon, and connected activities.
- Amendment to the Decree with the Status, Value, and Force of Law of Tax on Large Financial Transactions.
- Amendment to the Value Added Tax Law.
- Modification of the Schedule for Declaration and Payment of Tax Obligations for Special Taxpayers.
- Exemption from VAT payment, up to 12/31/2019, for final importation of corporeal goods.
- Resolution that establishes the goods subject to the exemption from Import Duties and Rate for Determination of Customs Regime up to 12/31/2019 and 12/31/2018.

Labor

- Increase in minimum salary
- Adjustment of Socialist *Cestaticket*.