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Annex – National legislation applicable to activities in the seabed and ocean floor and the subsoil thereof.

In response to the request for information on national legislation applicable to activities in the seabed and ocean floor and the subsoil thereof and following consultation with the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, the applicable legal framework in Uruguay is as follows:

1. Mining Code (Decree-Law No. 14,152 of 1982)

Mining activities throughout the national territory, both on land and at sea, are governed by the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of this legal instrument.

Available at: <https://www.impo.com.uy/bases/codigo-mineria/15242-1982>

2. Decree-Law No. 14,181 (Hydrocarbons Law of 1974)

Although this decree-law has been largely repealed, some of its provisions remain in force regarding the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in the seabed subsoil.

Available at: <https://www.impo.com.uy/bases/decretos-ley/14181-1974>

3. Organic Law of ANCAP (Law No. 8,764 of 1931)

It applies particularly to the powers of the state entity concerning hydrocarbons and related activities on the seabed. Special attention is drawn to Articles 10 and 11.

Available at: <https://www.impo.com.uy/bases/leyes/8764-1931>

4. Law No. 17,033 (of 1998) Pertinently, Article 11 thereof is applicable.

Available at: <https://www.impo.com.uy/bases/leyes/17033-1998>

5. Decree No. 111/019 of 2019 (Uruguay Open Round – RUA)

This decree establishes the contracting bases and the model contract for the exploration and eventual exploitation of offshore hydrocarbons.

Available at: <https://www.impo.com.uy/bases/decretos/111-2019>