



## COMMERCIAL REGISTER

*DECREE-LAW NUMBER 21/2023, OF 24 MARCH*

The **Decree-Law number 21/2023**, of 24 March, **amended the legal regime of access and exercise of trade, services and restaurants activities**, approved by Decree-Law number 10/2015, of 16 January, specifically three articles related to the commercial registry.

The Decree-Law number 10/2015 of 16 January, which approved the regime of access and exercise of various activities of commerce, services and restaurants, provides for the creation of a database of sectoral records of commerce, services and restaurants, called “**Commercial Register**”, assigning to the Directorate

General of Economic Activities (DGAE) the responsibility for its treatment.

This database includes information on the establishments and activities of commerce, services and restaurants or drinks, with data from various sources, including information held by other Public Administration bodies, through the interconnection of their respective databases.

For the creation and permanent updating of this database, information from the Tax Authority and the Institute of Registration and Notary Affairs (from tax returns and the Simplified Business Information (IES)

respectively) will be essential. Access to this information will be regulated by a protocol to be signed between the Tax Authority, the Agency for Administrative Modernisation and the DGAE.

Also, within the scope of the SIMPLEX programme, a system is being developed that foresees the creation of a “**Trade, Services and Restaurants Map**”, which will make information regarding economic operators available through a technological platform, namely the geo-referencing of the respective establishments.

**The aim?** For **Public Administration**, a greater efficiency, providing it with a tool to support the monitoring, evaluation and definition of public policies for the sectors in question. For the **economic operators**, it will allow the evaluation and

identification of business opportunities in these activity sectors.

To execute this measure it will be essential to create and constantly update the **commercial registry**, which will centralize all information necessary for the implementation of the aforementioned map, providing for the communication of the information to the DGAE by the Public Administration bodies that hold the information.

This Decree-Law revokes Decree-Law number 10/2015, of 16 February and its subsequent amendments: Decree-Law number 102/2017, of August 23, Law number 15/2018, of March 27, and by Decree-Law number 9/2021, of January 29.

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