

Law no. 74/98 of 11 November

(...)

Article 1

Publication and registration of distribution

1. The juridical effectiveness of the acts referred to in this law depends on their publication in the Official Gazette (*Diário da República*).
2. The date of the diploma is the one of its publication, being understood to be the date of the day in which the Official Gazette (*Diário da República*) becomes available on the website run by *Imprensa Nacional Casa da Moeda, S.A.*
3. With respect to the provided in the preceding paragraph, the electronic edition of *Diário da República* includes a record of the dates of their effective availability on the website referred to therein.
4. The registration is proof for all legal purposes and covers the editions of *Diário da República* as from 25 April 1974.
5. The electronic edition of *Diário da República* constitutes full faith (“fé plena”) and the publication of acts performed through it is worth for all legal purposes and it should be used a mechanism that shows, when appropriate, the respective date and time of release for public reading.
6. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, printed copies of the *Diário da República* may be subject to authentication of their conformity with the official electronic publication, as required by law.

Article 2

Effective Date

1. Legislative acts and other acts of a general nature shall enter into force on the date specified therein, and shall not, under any circumstances, the effective date occur on the same day of publication.
2. In the absence of indication of the day, the diplomas referred to above shall enter into force throughout the national territory and abroad on the 5th day after publication.
3. [revoked]
4. The period referred to in paragraph. 2 is counted from the immediate day after it becoming available on the website run by *Imprensa Nacional Casa da Moeda, S.A.*