

Steps taken to implement and enforce the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions

ARGENTINA

(Information as of 23 March 2007)

Date of deposit of instrument of ratification/acceptance or date of accession

8 February 2001

Implementing legislation

Identification of the law: law 25.188, which introduces art. 258 bis of the Criminal Code penalizing transnational bribery in accordance with the Inter American Convention against Corruption.

Publication in official journal: *Boletín Oficial* 1-11-99. Date of entry into force: 10-11-99.

Other relevant laws, regulations or decrees that have an impact on a country's implementation of the OECD Convention or the Recommendations

Recommendations for remedial action under Phase 1

Law 25.825 (*Boletín Oficial* 11-12-03), modifying the definition of the offence in art. 258 bis following the recommendations of the Working Group during Phase 1.

Countries' international commitments arising from other international instruments

Inter-American Convention Against Corruption (Caracas, Venezuela, 03/29/96) ratified by Argentina on 10/09/97.

Other information

Relevant authorities

Dirección General de Consejería Legal, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto

Oficina Anticorrupción, Ministerio de Justicia, Seguridad y Derechos Humanos
www.anticorrupcion.gov.ar

Relevant Internet links to national implementing legislation

www.anticorrupcion.gov.ar

The Foreign Ministry of Argentina has opened a link on the web site "Argentina Trade Net" (ATNet) (www.argentinatradenet.gov.ar) in "Noticias" (News); under the headline "Argentina penaliza el soborno a funcionarios públicos extranjeros" (Argentina criminalizes bribery of foreign public officials). By clicking on it, the user has access on information regarding Article 1 of the OECD Convention and Article 258 bis of the Argentine Penal Code.

Signature/Ratification of other relevant international instruments

United Nations Convention against Corruption (Mérida):

Signed: 19 December 2003.

Approved: May 2006, law n° 26.097 promulgated 6 June 2006.

Deposit of the instrument of ratification: 28 August 2006.

In force since: 27 September 2006.

Working Group on Bribery Monitoring Reports

Phase 1: Review of Implementation of the Convention and 1997 Recommendation

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/31/50/2078382.pdf>