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EIA Law: Law for the Protection of the Environment (Law 4/1994, as amended by Law 9/2009) (english translation)

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EIA Regulations: Executive Regulations (Arabic only)

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EIA Guidelines or Other Guidance: Guidelines of Principles and Procedures for Environmental Impact Assessment (2009) & EIA Guidelines for various sectors

Guidance Link: [Link](#) [3]

Projects Requiring EIA: Government projects

Private Projects

Abridged Assessments: Yes

Assessment Detail: For Category A and B projects (minimum or less than adverse impacts) complete environmental impact assessments in abridged forms. Only Category C project, which have "highly adverse impacts" must prepare a full EIA.

Who Conducts Screening: Government

Who Conducts Screening Detail: Screening decisions are based on classification criteria contained in the Executive Regulations. The Competent Authority directs the project proponent to the correct category; if the classification is uncertain, the Competent Authority consults with EEAA. The EEAA's decision must be issued in writing and is the final decision regarding classification.

Criteria for Screening: List or appendix of project or activity types

Criteria for Screening Detail: Proposed projects are categorized by potential impact. The Executive Regulations contain illustrative lists to guide project proponents

Who Prepares EIA: Project Proponent (with or without contractor)

Who Pays for EIA: Project Proponent

Terms of Reference: Yes

Terms of Reference Detail: EEAA (in consultation with the competent administrative authority) issues a decision describing the elements and specifications under which the project proponent must prepare the EIA. Law 4/1994, article 19; Executive Regulations, article 10

Days for Decision Maker Review: Not specified

Written Decision: Yes

Written Decision Detail: "The competent administrative authority shall notify the owner of the establishment of the result of the assessment by a registered letter with return receipt requested." Law 4/1994, sec. 21; Executive Regulations, article 14

Expiry of Decision: Variable (specified in license)

Expiry of Decision Detail: "The project shall have to start operation within the period granted by the license; otherwise, the environmental approval shall be considered null and void." Law 4/1994, sec. 20

Range of Alternatives: Yes

No Action Alternative: Yes

Type(s) of Impact Analysis: Direct environmental impacts

Cumulative environmental impacts

Social impacts

Mitigation: Yes

Mitigation Detail: An EIA must identify proactive measures taken in project design to minimize impacts, including waste minimization, substitution of hazardous materials, and energy and water conservation. An Environmental Management Plan is also required to be submitted as part of the EIA, which describes mitigation measures and the proposed monitoring program.

Monitoring Plans: Yes

Monitoring Plans Detail: An Environmental Management Plan must be submitted as part of the EIA, which describes mitigation measures and the proposed monitoring program. The plan must include indicators to be measured, frequency of measurements, cost estimates, and identification of the personnel or entities that will undertake the monitoring.

Final EIA Available: Yes

Final EIA Available Detail: The final EIA is stored with the EEAA in an environmental register. An executive summary of each EIA must be made available on the EEAA website.

Final EIA Locations: Agency or ministry office

Fee to View EIA Documents: No

Fee to Obtain EIA Documents: No

Public Scoping: Yes

Public Scoping Detail: Consultation is first undertaken during the process of identifying the scope of the EIA.

Public Participation Opportunities: Scoping

Review of draft EIA

Public Meetings: Yes

Public Meetings Detail:: A meeting is held to provide the public with an opportunity to make comments on the draft EIA before it is submitted to the competent authority. There must be 15 days notice prior to the meeting. Not less than one-third of the meeting time must be devoted to discussion.

Criteria to Hold Public Meeting: Public meeting and/or hearing is automatically required

Public Comments on Draft EIA: Yes

Public Comments on Draft EIA Detail: Before the EIA is submitted to the competent authority, the project proponent must provide concerned parties with the opportunity to review the draft EIA.

Public Comments on Final EIA: No

Response to Public Comments: Yes

Response to Public Comments Detail: The consultation process is documented in the EIA report, including a description of the methods used to involve concerned parties, an analysis of the data and information acquired during consultation, and a table depicting the issues that have been discussed during consultation and how the project proponent plans to address or mitigate public concerns. The dates of meetings, names of attendees, agendas, and topics of discussion must be included as an annex to the EIA.

Project Monitoring: Yes

Project Monitoring Detail: The party implementing a project "shall keep a written record of the impact of his establishment on the environment (Environmental Record). . . . The EEAA shall follow up these records to ensure their genuineness, take necessary samples and conduct appropriate tests to determine the impact of the establishment activities on the environment and the extent of its compliance with environmental protection standards or the pollutants loads. If it is transpired that the establishment is not keeping an environmental record, not updating data regularly or is not genuine, or that the establishment is not complying with the aforementioned standards or loads or violating any provision of this Article, the EEAA shall notify the competent administrative authority to demand the establishment's proprietor to rectify such violation promptly. " Law 4/1994, sec. 22

Days for Public to Review Draft EIA: 15 days

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