

ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDANCE NOTES:
OMANI ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS
INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATIONS REFERENCES



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1 PURPOSE

This guide document has been developed for the PDC's prospective tenants to assist and inform the required national and international legislations framework applicable to operate within PDC concession at SEZAD. It is to be noted that this guide is not meant to be comprehensive but only base reference to establish coherent compliance with legislative framework.

The Laws, Regulations and Guidelines of the Sultanate of Oman and PDC Rules and Regulations dictate the practices and requirements described herein.

2 APPLICABILITY

This document is applicable to all of PDC's Assets and Facilities and where PDC has operational control.

3 OMANI ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIONS

Omani environmental legislation generally comprises RDs and MDs; with the RDs providing the framework laws for statutory control and the MDs providing specific regulations under the RD frameworks.

Royal Decrees (RDs)

Environmental Topics	Reference	Title
Framework Environmental Regulation	RD 114/2001	Law on Conservation of the Environment and Prevention of Pollution
Water Resources	RD 29/2000	Law of water resources conservation
	RD 115/2001	Law on protection of potable water sources from pollution
Marine Environment	RD 34/1974	Marine pollution control law
	RD 36/1991	Oman accession to some protocols related to the marine environment
	RD 92/1984	Ratifying the Accession of the Sultanate to the International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties
	RD 26/1981	Approving the accession of Oman to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter
Ecology	RD 4/1994	Establishment of the Oryx sanctuary
	MD 101/2002	Prohibition of killing, hunting or capturing of wild animals and birds
Culture and Heritage	RD 6/1980	Law on National Heritage Protection
Chemicals	RD 46/1995	Law of handling and use of chemicals
Waste	RD 24/2002	Sanctioning the protocol on the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal
Climate Change	RD 107/2004	Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change
Ozone Depleting Substances	RD 73/98	Oman's accession to the Vienna Convention on Ozone layer protection and Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting substance
Persistent Organic Substances	RD 117/2004	Ratification of the Stockholm convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs)
SEZAD	RD 119/2011	Establishing Al-Duqm Special Economic Zone Authority and Issuing Its Regulations

	RD 79/2013	Issuing the regulation of the Special Economic Zone at Duqm
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Ministerial Decisions (MDs)

Environmental Topics	Reference	Title
General / Permitting	MD 68/2004 (MD 187/2001)	Amendment to articles of Regulations for organizing obtaining environmental approvals and final environmental permits (MD 187/2001)
Geology and Soils	MD 200/2000	Regulations for crushers, quarries and transport of sand from coasts, beaches and wadis
Water Resources	MD 3/2009	Regulations on wells and springs. Replaces MD 264/2000
	MD 263/2000 (MD 42/1997)	Amending the regulations for organizing the use of water desalination units in wells.
Coastal and Marine Environment	MD 20/90	Regulations regarding coastal setback
	MD 159/2005	Regulations on discharges of liquid waste to the marine environment
Ecology	MD 110/2007	Regulations of the Law on nature reserves and wildlife conservation
	MD 81/2004	Regulating the gathering and transportation of wood
Air Quality	MD 37/2001	Regulations for the control and management of ozone depleting substances
	MD 118/2004	Regulations for Air Pollution Control from Stationary Sources
Noise	MD 79/94	Regulations for noise pollution in public environment
	MD 80/94	Regulations for noise pollution in the working environment
Chemicals	MD 317/2001	Regulations for the Packing, Packaging, and Labelling of Hazardous Chemicals
	MD 25/2009	Regulations for Organisation of Handling and Use of Chemicals
Waste	MD 57/2002 (MD 17/93)	Regulations for the management of the solid non-hazardous wastes
	MD 56/2002 (MD 18/93)	Regulations for the management of hazardous wastes
	MD 248/97	Regulation for the handling of hazardous chemical substances
	MD 55/2002 (MD 145/93)	Regulations for wastewater re-use and discharge
	MD 421/98	Regulations for septic tanks, soak away pits and holding tanks
HSE	MD 19/82	Occupational health and industrial safety precautions
	MD 286/2008	Occupational health and safety precautions
Climate Affairs	MD 243/2005	Regulations for the Control and Management of Ozone Depleting substances (ODS)
	MD 30/2010	Guidance for addressing climate change in EIA
	MD 18/2012	Issuing Regulations for the Climate Affairs Management

4 INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIONS

The most of the RDs concern the conventions and protocols to which Oman has acceded, and which need to be taken into account during development of new projects in the country. RD 26/75 states that all international and regional conventions and protocols acceded by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman automatically become part of the National Law. These are:

- **RD 26/81** - Ratifying the Accession of the Sultanate of Oman to the Convention on Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter;
- **RD 92/84** - Ratifying the Accession of the Sultanate to the International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in cases of Oil Pollution Casualties 1969 and its protocol of 1973
- **RD 90/91** - Ratifying the Accession of the Sultanate of Oman to the Marine Environment Protection Protocol;
- **RD 57/94** - Ratifying the Accession of the Sultanate of Oman to two Protocols on Environment Protection;
- **RD 119/94** - Ratifying the Accession of the Sultanate of Oman to the Basel Convention on the Control of the Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their disposal, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Convention on Biological Diversity;
- **RD 5/96** - Ratifying the Accession of International Convention to Combat Desertification
- **RD 73/98** - Ratifying the Accession of the Sultanate of Oman to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;
- **RD 24/2002** - Sanctioning the Protocol on the Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes and their Disposal;
- **RD 67/2002** - Sanctioning the Conservation of Wildlife and their Habitats in the GCC countries
- **RD 106/2004** - Ratifying Montreal and Beijing Amendments to Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer;
- **RD 107/2004** - Ratifying Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and
- **RD 117/2004** - Ratifying Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.
- Gulf Cooperative Council - Policies and General Principles for Environmental Protection (1985);
- Arab League adopted the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development (1986);
- International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78);
- International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code;
- International Gas Carrier Code (IGC);
- International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC);
- International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code;
- International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) (1990), OPRC-HNS Protocol 2000; and
- International Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC).

5 ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Definition
IBC	International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
IGC	International Gas Carrier Code
IMGD	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
IPPC	International Pollution Prevention and Control
ISPC	International Ship and Port Facility Security Code
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MD	Ministerial Decision
ODS	Ozone Depletion Substances
OPRC	International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation
PACDA	Public Authority for Civil Defense and Ambulance
PDC	Port of Duqm Company SAOC
PoD	Port of Duqm
POP	Persistent Organic Pollutant
RD	Royal Decree
RO	Reverse Osmosis
SEZAD	Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
STP	Sewage Treatment Plant

6 APPENDICES

Contains the above mentioned RDs and MDs issued and international conventions.