



Hague Apostille Convention - effective in Brazil as from August 14, 2016

Due to the accession of Brazil to the Hague Apostille Convention, as from August 14, 2016 the requirement of legalization by the Brazilian Consulate will be abolished for (i) effectiveness in foreign signatory countries of public documents issued in Brazil; and (ii) effectiveness in Brazil of foreign public documents issued in the signatory countries.

The Apostille, a simpler proceeding involving less costs and time for issuance, shall replace the legalization by the Brazilian Consulate. The Apostille of Brazilian public documents shall be issued online by the Notary Public or the Magistrate in charge of Administrative matters (*Corregedoria Geral da Justiça*), when involving judicial matters.

The National Council of Justice (*Conselho Nacional de Justiça*) will be liable to address the theme in Brazil and abroad.

Foreign public documents legalized by consulates before August 14, 2016 will be accepted by Brazilian Embassies and Consulates in the signatory countries until February 14, 2017.

The list of countries party to the Hague Apostille Convention is available in the webpage of the [Hague Conference on Private International Law](#).