Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment

Guatemala

SEA profile

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Contact & history

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http://www.marn.gob.gt/paginas/Contacto

Legal framework for SEA

Framework/Enabling law

Law of Protection and Improvement of the Environment (no.68-86, 1986), updated in 1993.

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http://www.marn.gob.gt/paginas/Base_Legal

Year of introduction of enabling law

1986

Approving authority of enabling law

Congress.

First national detailed SEA regulation

The SEA regulation was established in 2007 by the Government Agreement 431-2007 (Regulation on Environmental Evaluation, Control and Monitoring).

source

art. 52-55

Year of introduction of first national detailed SEA regulation

2007

Approving authority of first detailed SEA regulation

Minister of Environment and Secretary of the Presidency of the Republic of Guatemala

Recent updates and additions to the SEA legislation

The Regulation on Environmental Evaluation, control and monitoring was amended in 2016 (137-2016).

source

http://www.marn.gob.gt/Multimedios/4739.pdf

Current national detailed regulation for SEA

The Regulation on Environmental Evaluation, control and monitoring (2016) provides some provisions for SEA, but does not become detailed regarding operationalization of SEA.

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http://www.marn.gob.gt/Multimedios/4739.pdf

Objective SEA

Environmental Assessment process of (public and private) development plans and programs of national, bi-national, regional, Central American character or as a result of multilateral agreements.

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Definitions section of 137-2016.

Scope of SEA application

SEA is applied to plans and programs.

SEA approach

SEA involves the presentation of any of the other Environmental Instruments (e.g. initial environmental assessment or full EIA) that correspond according to the project, work, industry or activity contained therein.

The terms of reference, content and specific technical procedures for the development of each of them will be determined by the MARN.

source

Article 13, Regulation 137-2016

Institutional setting for SEA

Central SEA authority

National Environmental Authority is the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

Initiator of the SEA

The SEAs must be prepared by the institutions in charge of the plan or programme, with the advice of environmental technical service providers registered in the MARN environmental service provider registration list and duly qualified for those tasks.

In the case of programs and plans of a governmental nature, whether sectoral or supra sectoral, the SEA may be prepared by the professionals of the environmental units of the different institutions that meet the technical requirements that the MARN will set.

source

Definitions section of 137-2016.

SEA procedure

Establishing context

Implementing the SEA

Informing and influencing decision-making

Monitoring

SEA practice

Case studies

A pilot SEA is the Territorial Management Plan of the City of Guatemala (Capital of Guatemala)

source

http://www.muniguate.com/index.php/component/content/article/75-temas/7355-dct

SEA links