

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several modern skyscrapers with glass facades, creating a sense of height and architectural complexity. The sky is a pale, overcast blue. The buildings are arranged in a way that they seem to converge towards the top of the frame.

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OIL, GAS & BIOFUELS

Review of Resolution on individual carbon emission targets approved under RENOVABIO

On August 8, 2024, the Brazilian National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP) approved a new proposal to revise Resolution ANP No. 791/2019 through [Resolution ANP No. 974/2024](#). This measure pertains to the individualization of mandatory annual targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in fuel commercialization, within the scope of the RenovaBio program.

The revision allows fuel distributors to reduce their individual targets through the purchase of biofuels in long-term contracts with Ethanol Trading Companies (ECEs). Although Resolution ANP No. 921/2023 had already introduced this possibility with biofuel producers, it did not include contracts with ECEs, which led to the approval of Resolution ANP No. 974/2024.

4th Brazilian Oil Auction sets new records of competitors and revenue

On August 1, 2024, the Ministry of Mines and Energy announced the results of the 4th Brazilian Oil Auction, held on July 31, 2024, at the São Paulo Stock Exchange (B3). The auction, organized by Pré-Sal Petróleo (PPSA), featured an unprecedented number of qualified companies and is expected to generate approximately BRL 17 billion for the Brazilian Federal Government, having resulted in intense competition and breaking historical records. According to the MME, 37.5 million barrels of oil were auctioned, corresponding to the 2025 production from the Mero and Búzios fields.

The auction was divided into four lots and attracted a record of ten qualified companies. In the first phase, only bids that met the minimum threshold set by PPSA were accepted. Whenever the difference between the bids of two or more companies was less than US\$ 0.40, the second phase of the bid would take place through a “live” bidding procedure. Companies competed against each other, and the most advantageous bids have been awarded.

International Oil and Derivatives Price Booklet of the 2034 Energy Expansion Plan has been introduced by MME and EPE

The Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), in partnership with the Energy Research Company (EPE), has published the International Oil and Derivatives Price Booklet, which is part of the 2034 Decennial Energy Expansion Plan (PDE). The Booklet provides updated scenarios that guide strategic decisions in the Brazilian energy sector. Projections indicate a continuous growth in oil demand until the 2030s, representing a significant opportunity for the sector.

The Booklet highlights a moderate stability in oil prices, with an average projected price of US\$ 84 per barrel until 2025. This stability remains even though geopolitical tensions, suggesting resilience for producers.

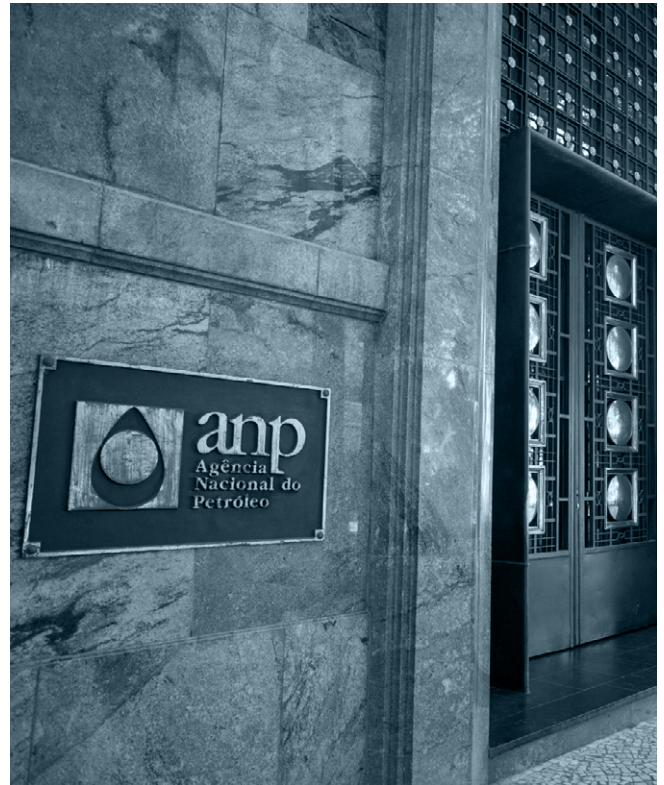
Additionally, global oil demand increased by 2.6% compared to the previous year, reaching 100.2 million barrels per day, with the Middle East accounting for 41% of exports. This stability remains even despite geopolitical tensions, suggesting resilience for producers.



Legal Framework for Hydrogen: regulatory competence, advances, and incentives

On August 2, 2024, the Brazilian Federal Government published [Law No. 14,948/2024](#), which establishes the legal framework for low-carbon hydrogen in Brazil. The law assigns the Brazilian National Agency for Petroleum, Natural Gas, and Biofuels (ANP) the responsibility to regulate, authorize, and supervise the operation and production of hydrogen in the country. The main responsibilities of the ANP include: **(i)** authorizing the production of low-carbon hydrogen; **(ii)** facilitating the transfer of production authorization; **(iii)** exempting from authorization the production of hydrogen used as an input, subject to registration; and **(iv)** allowing the use of regulatory sandboxes or pilot projects as temporary solutions.

The new legislation not only defines the regulatory body but also creates a series of incentives for the operation and exploration of hydrogen in Brazil. In this context, on August 14, 2024, the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), in partnership with the Energy Research Company (EPE), announced its strong commitment to regulate the hydrogen sector, responding to the growing demand from interested investors for studies related to connections to the transmission grid for associated projects.



Continuing these discussions, the Management Committee of the National Hydrogen Program (Coges-PNH₂) held its 14th meeting on August 14, where it received contributions from industry stakeholders for the drafting of the regulatory decree for the Legal Framework of Low-Carbon Hydrogen. During the meeting, overviews of hydrogen regulation in countries such as the United States, Germany, Australia, and China were presented, and discussions on certification methods involving the Electric Energy Trading Chamber (CCEE) took place.

HIGHWAYS

ANTT establishes new criteria for the provision of mandatory toll vouchers

On August 29, 2024, the Brazilian National Land Transportation Agency (ANTT) published [Ordinance No. 17/2024](#) establishing new criteria for the qualification of suppliers of mandatory toll vouchers (VPO).

VPOs have been created by [Law No. 10,209/2011](#) to relieve carriers and independent truck drivers from tolls. Thus, shippers and maritime carriers are responsible for the advanced payment of road tolls, having to provide the corresponding proof of payment to the land transporter.

Companies wishing to qualify as VPO suppliers must present the documents required by Ordinance No. 17/2024. Concessionaires and suppliers will have until December 31, 2024 to comply with the new procedures.



ANTT holds Public Consultation for the development of the Regulatory Agenda for the 2025/2026 biennium

On August 26, 2024 the Brazilian National Land Transportation Agency (ANTT) published [Public Consultation No. 04/2024](#), aimed at gathering information and public contributions for the development of ANTT's Regulatory Agenda for the 2025/2026 biennium.

The proposed portfolio for the Regulatory Agenda developed by the agency can be accessed in the [ParticipANTT System](#). Among the projects suggested by ANTT are the

regulation of adequate service provision within railway concessions, procedures for the return or decommissioning of railway concessions, the implementation of free flow systems, and the review of the regulatory framework for interstate road passenger transportation services under a chartering regime.

Contributions can be submitted until 6 pm on September 10, via the ParticipANTT System.

The National Land Transportation Agency (ANTT) publishes regulation with performance parameters for federal road concessions

On August 23, 2024, the Brazilian National Land Transportation Agency (ANTT) published [Normative Instruction No. 27/2024](#), which defines the performance parameters to be assessed in federal highway concessions. This new regulation updates Normative Instruction No. 19/2023, which addresses the inspection by an accredited inspection body of projects, budgets, and engineering works within the scope of federal road and railway concession contracts.

Among the new features introduced by the regulation are **(i)** the mandatory inspection of the monitoring of all contractual performance carried out by the concessionaires by an accredited entity; **(ii)** the requirement that monitoring reports be accompanied by inspection certificates, if required by the contract; **(iii)** the preparation of a Road Concession Expansion Plan, subject to ANTT's approval; and **(iv)** the provision of inspection methods that may be used by the accredited inspection body.

AIRPORTS

ANAC issues resolution to enhance security in Brazilian airports

On August 9, 2024, the Brazilian National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) published ANAC [Resolution No. 753/2024](#), which establishes guidelines for modernizing the infrastructure of Brazilian airports. The new regulation sets forth the adoption of technical and technological solutions aimed at improving civil aviation security against acts of unlawful interference, as well as enhancing operational safety within the sector. ANAC will define the minimum criteria for the acceptance of technologies and methodologies to be adopted, taking into account the size, available resources, and specific needs of each airport.



SOLID WASTE

ANA opens Public Consultation for the development of a Reference Standard on quality standards for urban cleaning and waste collection services

On August 16, 2024, the Brazilian National Water and Basic Sanitation Agency (ANA) opened of [Public Consultation No. 06/2024](#) aimed at gathering suggestions from society for the development of a Reference Standard on quality standards and indicators of quality and efficiency, as well as the evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of public urban cleaning services (SLU) and urban solid waste management services (SMRSU).



SANITATION



ANA changes procedures for applications for water availability reservation statements and preventive water grants

On July 1, 2024, the Brazilian National Water and Basic Sanitation Agency (ANA) published [Resolution No. 198/2024](#), altering the process for the examination of applications for Water Availability Reservation Statements (DRDH) and for preliminary Water grants .

As of this date, applications for Water Availability Reservation Statements (DRDH) must be analyzed by the ANA's Collegiate Board (DIREC).

In addition to DRDH applications, applications for preliminary water grants associated with discharges into intermittent or ephemeral rivers, or that involve flows of 2.5 cubic meters per second or more, must be also submitted to DIREC, as well as applications related to high reservoirs or those with significant hydroelectric capacity.

PORTS

ANTAQ will receive contributions for regulatory agenda proposal

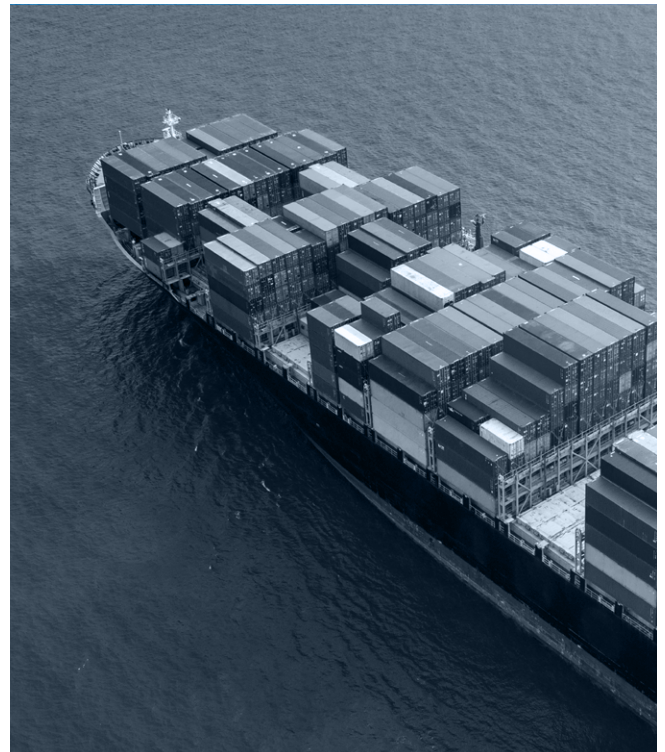
On August 22, 2024, the Brazilian National Agency for Waterway Transportation (ANTAQ) opened a public consultation to receive contributions for the Regulatory Agenda for

the four-year period from 2025 to 2028. Three in-person meetings will be held to discuss agenda topics related to inland navigation, maritime navigation, and port facilities.

ANTAQ opens Public Consultation for terminal lease projects in Maceió (AL) and Recife (PE)

On August 12, 2024, the Brazilian National Agency for Waterway Transportation (ANTAQ) opened a public consultation proceeding regarding leasing of the Maritime Passenger Terminals (TMPs) in the Ports of Maceió (AL) and Recife (PE). Interested parties may submit their contributions through ANTAQ's website.

For more information about the TMP in Maceió, whose deadline for contributions will remain open until October 10, 2024, click [here](#). For information about the TMP in Recife, whose deadline for contributions will remain open until September 25, 2024, click [here](#).



RAILWAYS

ANTT reopens public hearings and consultations on the renewal of FCA

On August 22, 2024, the Brazilian National Land Transportation Agency (ANTT) reopened public hearings and consultation proceedings, to collect public contributions regarding the extension of the contract of Centro-Atlântica Railway Concessionaire S.A. (FCA). In-person hearings will be held by ANTT in Belo Horizonte (MG), on October

30, 2024; in Vitória (ES), on October 2, 2024; and in Salvador (BA), on October 4, 2024. Registration will take place on site. For the public consultation, interested parties may submit their contributions via the ParticipANTT website until October 14, 2024. [Learn more.](#)

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Smart city projects subject to qualification in the Brazilian Investment Partnerships Program (PPI)

On July 1, 2024, the Council of the Brazilian Investment Partnership Program (CPPI) published [Resolution No. 314/2024](#), recommending that smart city projects qualify under the Investment Partnerships Program (PPI). Nonetheless, such recommendation still needs to be approved by the Brazilian President.

The goal is to facilitate partnerships with the private sector in states and municipalities, focusing on studies of collaborative alternatives. The proposal includes federal support to develop pilot projects aimed at the construction, modernization, and operation of signal transportation networks, as well as technologies for monitoring urban infrastructure.



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