

LEGAL UPDATE IN FRANCE

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CONTRACT LAW :

Have you thought about adapting your contractual documents to the new French contract law provisions ?

The French Government Ordinance n°2016-131 of 10 February 2016 which alter fundamentally French contract law, entered into force on 1 October 2016 and applies to all contracts concluded on or after that date.

From the promulgation of the French Civil Code in 1804, no change of this magnitude were made to French contract law.

- **Why?**

Aiming at increasing legal certainty and improving attractiveness of French civil law at international level, this reform is significant in both form and content.

- **What?**

It carries out changes in the numbering, codifies rules derived from the Court's case law and introduces substantial innovations.

- **Who is impacted?**

All the entities having a commercial activity in France.

- **What action should be taken?**

1. Check the conformity of their contractual documents with the new provisions ;
2. Modify and adapt their contractual documents and notably their general terms and conditions to the new provisions.

Harlay Avocats provides you with a synthesis of the main provisions of the reform that you can find attached and remains at your disposal to support you in the review of your contractual documents.



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