

# WEEKLY REPORT



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## POLITICS

### GOVERNMENT CREATES 10-YEAR STRATEGY FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The federal government will publish, in the next edition of the Federal Official Gazette (DOU), a decree that creates the National Intellectual Property Strategy (ENPI) for the period between 2021 and 2030. According to a note published by the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic, the instrument aims to guide initiatives that "contribute to the country's competitiveness and economic and social development." [Read more.](#)

### MINISTER OF CGU TALKS ABOUT LAW THAT WILL REGULATE LOBBYING

On the International Day to Combat Corruption, the government launched some measures to tackle this problem: a project that will regulate lobbying, which is the work of defending private interests with public agents. And a decree will expand protection for whistleblowers. To talk about these measures, the minister of the Federal Comptroller General (CGU), Wagner Rosário, comes to the program A Voz do Brasil. Rosário will also talk about other work fronts conducted by the CGU, such as the investigation of complaints against civil servants and the leniency agreements signed by the Comptroller - when companies admit that they participate in irregularities in exchange for easing the sentence. [Read more.](#)

### MORO, DORIA DISCUSS PRESIDENTIAL TICKET

Former judge Sergio Moro (Podemos), leader of now questioned anti-corruption task force Car Wash, and São Paulo Governor João Doria (Brazilian Social Democracy Party, PSDB) agreed to meet at the end of January 2022 to assess the scenario for an eventual presidential ticket. Today, however, neither of the two candidates is willing to give up the head of a presidential ticket. Although they did not speak directly about a joint ticket, Mr. Doria and Mr. Moro agreed that it will be necessary to evaluate the results of the voting intention polls at the beginning of next year before discussing a possible alliance. According to a person close to Mr. Doria, the governor's expectation is that talks about forming alliances and tickets will intensify as of March of next year. Mr. Moro appears today in third place in the polls, behind former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and President Jair Bolsonaro. [Read more.](#)

### PRESIDENT JAIR BOLSONARO SAYS THAT PRECATÓRIOS PEC IS NOT A DEFAULT

President Jair Bolsonaro spoke today (7), during the signing ceremony for the concession of 5G frequencies, about the importance of the program that replaces Bolsa Família, the Auxílio Brasil. "[The Precatório PEC] is not a default, quite the opposite. It is a renegotiation, an extension of debt for those who had more than R\$ 600 thousand to receive from the government. This is what allows us a balance, a space, to justly enhance the program", said the president, referring to the Proposal for Amendment to the Constitution (PEC) of Precatório, which makes room in the 2022 Budget to fund R\$400 monthly to the beneficiaries of Aid Brazil. [Read more.](#)

### CONGRESS PROMULGATES THE FIRST PART OF THE PEC DOS PRECATÓRIOS

The National Congress enacted this Wednesday afternoon (8) part of the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (PEC) 23/21, known as PEC dos Precatórios. The ceremony was attended by the presidents of the Chamber, Arthur Lira, and of the Senate, Rodrigo Pacheco. The now

Constitutional Amendment 113/21 is essential to enable the payment of the Auxílio Brasil, created to replace the Bolsa Família program. "Our effort is based on the need to support the Auxílio Brasil social program," said Pacheco, during the ceremony. [Read more.](#)

### **CONGRESS CHANGES SPENDING CAP, BRAZIL'S MAIN FISCAL ANCHOR**

The president of the Congress, Senator Rodrigo Pacheco (Social Democratic Party, PSD of Minas Gerais), enacted this Wednesday part of the constitutional amendment proposal (PEC) on the court-ordered payments – the so-called precatórios – amid a clash with senators and accusations that he broke the deal, according to which the fiscal space open by the proposal would be earmarked to be spent on social security and income transfer. The enacted blueprint changes the spending cap, which limits the growth of current government expenses to the increase in inflation. The period for measuring this cap has changed from July to June to January to December, which will allow the government to spend more this year and next year (when elections will be held) because of rising inflation. [Read more.](#)

### **CAIXA STARTS TO PAY BRAZIL AID WITH A MINIMUM VALUE OF R\$400**

This Friday (10), Caixa Econômica Federal will pay Brazil Aid for beneficiaries with a final Social Registration Number (NIS) 1. Provisional measure published in an extra edition of the Official Gazette of the Union, on the last 7th, brought forward the payment of the new amount of the Auxílio Brasil. The instrument created an extraordinary benefit that complements the already planned installments of Auxílio Brasil for the amount of R\$ 400. In other words, each family will receive at least R\$400. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZILIAN ECONOMY ENTERS TECHNICAL RECESSION AMID FAST INFLATION**

The Brazilian economy entered a technical recession with a 0.1% drop in the third quarter compared to the previous quarter, the second consecutive downturn on this basis of comparison, according to the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). In the previous period, from April to June, the GDP decreased by 0.4%. According to analysts, the economy is stagnant with no prospect of substantial improvement in the near future. The result for the third quarter, slightly below expectations, led to cuts in projections for this year's GDP, which are now closer to a growth of 4.5% than 5%, which barely recovers the loss of 3.9 % in 2020. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL'S GUEDES SEES 'TOUGH' 2022 WITH HIGH INFLATION, LITTLE GROWTH**

Brazil's Economy Minister Paulo Guedes said on Tuesday that 2022 will be "a tough year" for Brazil, with high inflation and a sharp deceleration in economic growth. But he dismissed concerns about the country's fiscal sustainability. Guedes said President Jair Bolsonaro has left oil company Petrobras out of the privatization program for his "first term" in office. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL'S CENTRAL BANK RAISES RATES TO HIGHEST LEVEL IN 4 YEARS**

The Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (Copom) decided to raise the Selic policy interest rate by 150 basis points, to 9.25% per year. The hike was already expected by the market. It is the highest level since 2017. The decision was unanimous. In the statement, the Copom said it foresees another 150 bp hike in the next meeting. This was the seventh increase in the Selic rate in a row. The last time the rate was at the current level was between September and October 2017. [Read more.](#)

### **ANALYSIS: MARKET WONDERS HOW HIGH CENTRAL BANK CAN RAISE RATES**

The financial market is wondering up to what percentage the Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (Copom) can raise the Selic, Brazil's benchmark interest rate. Many players believe that it should exceed the expected 11.75% per year if the policymakers' modus operandi so far is any guide. The Copom gives clues about the final rate of the monetary tightening cycle through its projections for inflation in the baseline scenario, its balance of risks and other messages in its statement. The inflation projection in the baseline scenario would already

demand to take basic interest rates, which Wednesday was raised to 9.25% per year, to more than 11.75% per year. [Read more.](#)

## **BRAZIL TREASURY SECRETARY SEES SOLID FISCAL ANCHOR ENTERING VOLATILE ELECTION YEAR**

With modified spending limits for Brazil's government now set in its constitution, a new Treasury secretary told Reuters he sees recent calm in financial markets as a vote of confidence in fiscal discipline despite a volatile election year ahead. "The fiscal anchor is the same. It has not changed. It's the spending ceiling," said Special Treasury and Budget Secretary Esteves Colnago on Thursday in his first interview in the role. [Read more.](#)

## **BRAZIL SENATE EXTENDS PAYROLL TAX EXEMPTION FOR COMPANIES TO AVOID JOB LOSSES**

Brazil's Senate on Thursday approved the extension of a payroll tax exemption for 17 economic sectors until December 2023, a measure seen as necessary to save jobs during a period of stagnant growth caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The bill has already passed the lower chamber of Congress and advances to President Jair Bolsonaro to be signed into law. [Read more.](#)

## **SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES PL TO STABILIZE FUEL PRICES**

The Senate's Economic Affairs Committee (CAE) approved on Tuesday (7) the Bill (PL) 1.472/2021, which creates a program to stabilize the price of oil and derivatives in Brazil. The project aims to cushion the impacts of increases in the price of a barrel of oil and contain the rise in fuel prices. The bill was initially presented by senator Rogério Carvalho (PT-SE), and the approved proposal was by senator Jean Paul Prates (PT-RN), in the form of a substitute. The text goes to the plenary. [Read more.](#)

## **STRONG DOLLAR WEIGHS ON LATIN AMERICAN CURRENCIES**

A surging dollar pressured Latin American currencies on Thursday, with Chile's peso and Brazil's real sliding about 1% each, while Mexico's peso snapped three days of gains as rising inflation deepened concerns about slowing economic growth there. The greenback rallied on safe-haven demand as investors fretted about the economic fallout from several countries tightening restrictions to curb the spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant. [Read more.](#)

## **NUBANK DEBUTS WITH \$52 BLN MARKET CAP, BECOMES BRAZIL'S THIRD MOST VALUABLE PUBLIC FIRM**

Digital lender Nubank's (NU.N) shares opened 25% above the offer price in their stock market debut on Thursday, giving the company a market capitalization of nearly \$52 billion, making it the third most valuable listed firm in Brazil. At that valuation, the Sao Paulo-based fintech, backed by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N), is only behind commodities players Petrobras (PETR4.SA) and Vale (VALE3.SA). [Read more.](#)

## **EMBRAER'S EVE ALREADY HAS ORDERS FOR 795 FLYING CARS**

With two new announcements, Eve, Embraer's urban air mobility (UAM) company, has increased to 795 the number of orders for electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft, or eVTOLs, in its portfolio. Between the weekend and Monday, the company signed partnerships in Australia that represent 60 units on order altogether. With Sydney Seaplanes, Eve reached an agreement to deploy electric air cab operations in the Greater Sydney region, including an order for 50 eVTOLs. Delivery of the aircraft by Eve should begin in 2026 and the partnership is focused on supporting tourism and regional aviation in Australia. [Read more.](#)

## **BRAZIL BUYS RECORD VOLUMES OF GAS FROM U.S.**

The water crisis has made Brazil buy record volumes of gas from the U.S. and rise from seventh place to fourth in the ranking of largest importers of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) this year. LNG imports, which account for nearly a quarter of Brazil's gas supply today, more than doubled

last year and should remain high in the medium term, analysts say. Last year Brazil imported 3,292 million cubic meters of LNG, for which it paid \$677 million, according to data from Global Trade Tracker, compiled by the consultancy Wood Mackenzie. This year, from January to September, Brazil bought 7,197 million cubic meters of LNG, paying \$1.85 billion. [Read more.](#)

### **MORE THAN HALF OF BRAZILIAN CITIES DISPOSE OF WASTE IRREGULARLY**

More than half of the Brazilian municipalities still dispose of their urban waste irregularly, in dumps that do not follow the standards of regular sanitary landfills. In terms of volume, 39.8% of waste is disposed incorrectly. The data, from 2020, are from a study by the Brazilian Association of Special Wasted and Public Cleaning Companies (Abrelpe), to be released this Monday. The study reveals the stagnation of the solid waste sector, said Carlos Silvia Filho, head of the trade group. "The segment advances at very slow steps, despite the legal framework that has sought to eliminate dumps in the country," he said. [Read more.](#)

## **HEALTH**

### **CONGRESSWOMAN SILVIA CRISTINA PRESENTS NEW TEXT TO THE PROVISIONAL MEASURE THAT CHANGES THE UPDATE PROCEDURE OF THE ANS LIST**

Congresswoman Silvia Cristina (PDT-GO) was appointed rapporteur and presented a new text to Provisional Measure 1067/2021, which amends Law No. 9656, of June 3, 1998, to provide for the process of updating coverage in supplementary health. [Read more.](#)

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE PASSES BILL TO ESTABLISH PATIENTS' RIGHTS**

The Committee on Constitution, Justice and Citizenship (CCJC) of the Chamber of Deputies approved, on Wednesday (8), the opinion of deputy Paulo Teixeira (PT-SP) to Bill 5559/2016, which deals with rights patients when involved in care provided by health services of any kind or by health professionals. [Read more.](#)

### **APPROVED THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON RARE DISEASES**

The Special Subcommittee to Deal with Rare Diseases, focused on the Neonatal Screening Program of the Commission on Social Security and Family (CSSF) had its final report approved, in a reserved meeting, on Wednesday (8). Deputy Lucas Redecker (PSDB-RS) was coordinator and Deputy Diego Garcia (PODE-PR), rapporteur. To prepare the report, subsidies were collected through technical visits to reference centers, public hearings, and contributions from civil society. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL IS THE 3RD COUNTRY IN THE WORLD THAT SPENDS THE MOST ON DIABETES**

The International Diabetes Federation (IFD) has just published the 10th edition of the Diabetes Atlas. The data show the growth of the disease and place Brazil in the ranking among the countries with the highest prevalence and expenditure on treatment. This year, the estimated cost of diabetes in Brazil is US\$42.9 billion, second only to China and the United States, with US\$165.3 billion and US\$379.5 billion, respectively. [Read more.](#)

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH EXPANDS CARE FOR HEART DISEASE**

The minister of Health, Marcelo Queiroga, signed, this Tuesday morning (7), at an event at the Hospital at InCor, in São Paulo, an ordinance that expands the Acute Myocardial Infarction Care Line. According to the minister, the epidemiological control of the covid-19 pandemic has made cardiac diseases return to the leadership among the main causes of death among Brazilians. According to him, the new coronavirus also impacted the increase in this type of disease. [Read more.](#)

### **"THE RIGHT TO LIFE AND THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM ARE INSEPARABLE", SAYS QUEIROGA**



The Minister of Health, Marcelo Queiroga, backtracked on the statement that it would be "better to lose life than freedom", a phrase said during an explanation for the non-adherence to the recommendation of the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) to charge travelers for vaccination bound for Brazil. This Wednesday, the doctor said that "the right to life and the right to freedom are inseparable". [Read more.](#)

### **CONITEC APPROVES REPORT REJECTING 'COVID KIT' DRUGS IN OUTPATIENT CARE**

The National Commission for the Incorporation of Technologies to the Unified Health System (Conitec) approved this Tuesday (7) a document with guidelines against the outpatient use of chloroquine, azithromycin, ivermectin and other drugs without efficacy in the treatment of Covid-19. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL HEALTH MINISTRY WEBSITE HIT BY HACKERS; VACCINATION DATA TARGETED**

Brazil's health ministry said its website was hit on Friday by a hacker attack that took several systems down, including one with information about the national immunization program and another used to issue digital vaccination certificates. The government put off for a week implementing new health requirements for travelers arriving in Brazil due to the attack. "The health ministry reports that in the early hours of Friday it suffered an incident that temporarily compromised some of its systems ... which are currently unavailable," it said in a statement. [Read more.](#)

### **HEALTH RULES FOR ENTERING BRAZIL WILL BE POSTPONED BY A WEEK**

The government will postpone for a week the entry into force of health rules to enter the country, after the cyber-attack on websites, applications and systems of the Ministry of Health, this morning. The information is from the executive secretary of the Ministry of Health (MS), Rodrigo Cruz, who spoke with the press at the Ministry of Health's ordinance today (10). The Ministry of Health website and the ConnectSUS page and app, which provides the Covid-19 National Vaccination Certificate, were hacked. The ministry's page is now working again, but it is still not possible to access data on the covid-19 vaccine, provided by ConnectSUS. [Read more.](#)

### **HEALTH PUBLISHES GUIDELINES TO PROVE VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19**

The Ministry of Health created a hotsite to guide Brazilians who need to prove their vaccination against covid-19. The information was given this Friday (10) during a press conference. At the address, it is possible to obtain all the information needed to prove vaccination until the Ministry of Health's systems are re-established. Now, digital proof is unavailable due to a hacker attack on the ministry's website and the ConnectSUS application, which provides the National Certificate of Vaccination against covid-19, this morning. [Read more.](#)

### **FIOCRUZ DEFENDS "UNCONDITIONAL" ADOPTION OF VACCINE PASSPORT**

The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) reinforces the importance of monitoring the intensity with which people return to the streets, given the proximity of the end of the year festivities and school holidays. Researchers from the Covid-19 Fiocruz Observatory, released today (10), defend the vaccine passport as a fundamental measure, due to changes in the epidemiological scenario in Brazil and in the world regarding the transmissibility and dissemination of new variants. [Read more.](#)

### **OMICRON WILL SPREAD THROUGH AMERICAS IN TIME, WARNS REGIONAL HEALTH AGENCY**

The Omicron variant of the coronavirus has so far been detected in the Americas in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico, and the United States, but it is just a matter of time before it circulates in more countries, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) warned on Wednesday. The regional health agency said coronavirus infections have turned up in Canada

and parts of Mexico, such as Baja California. Except for Panama, Central America is experiencing a steep decline in cases. [Read more.](#)

### **HEALTH RECEIVES OVER 2.9 MILLION DOSES OF ASTRAZENECA**

The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) delivered to the Ministry of Health over 2.9 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines this Friday (10), according to information released by the ministry itself. With this delivery, Fiocruz reached the mark of 148.4 million doses made available to the National Immunization Program (PNI). The doses delivered were manufactured from imported Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (IFA), but a technology transfer agreement in June allowed to produce a 100% national immunizing agent. [Read more.](#)

### **COVID-19: BRAZIL RECEIVES ANOTHER 2.2 MILLION DOSES OF JANSSEN VACCINE**

New batches of the Janssen pharmaceutical covid-19 vaccine arrived this Thursday (9) in Brazil. According to the Ministry of Health, there are 2.2 million doses of the immunizing agent, which uses the modified virus to stimulate the human body to produce antibodies against the disease. After landing, the inputs go through a rigorous quality analysis process and are then distributed to the states and municipalities "in an equal and proportional manner", informed the ministry. Of the 380 million doses distributed across the country, about six million are from Janssen. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL REPORTS 7,765 NEW CORONAVIRUS CASES AND 234 COVID-19 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS -MINISTRY**

Brazil has had 7,765 new cases of the novel coronavirus reported in the past 24 hours, and 234 deaths from COVID-19, the health ministry said on Friday. The South American country has now registered 22,184,824 cases since the pandemic began, while the official death toll has risen to 616,691, according to ministry data, in the world's second-deadliest outbreak outside the United States. [Read more.](#)

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