Annual Update 2018:

SUBJECT	LEGAL CHANGE	ACTION REQUIRED
Labour Law		
Major amendments to the Brazilian Consolidated Labour Laws	On November 11, 2017, the Brazilian Consolidated Labour Laws (CLT) were significantly amended; more than 100 changes were made, including changes to vacation entitlements and working time arrangements. Employers will need to be compliant with the changes in 2018.	 Ensure you are familiar with the changes and assess how they affect your business. If unsure, seek specialist labour law advice. Review current practices and procedures and amend them to ensure they are compliant.
Immigration		
New rules	Major changes were made to the existing immigration laws on November 21, 2017. The rules regarding the new visa process are currently uncertain, and clarification is to be confirmed.	(1) Understand the changes and review how and if it will impact new and current visa holders.(2) To ensure you are compliant,
		seek specialist immigration advice.
		(3) Keep an eye out for clarifications to the visa process.
Compensation		
Linkage to inflation	A recent Supreme Court decision has reignited earlier discussions as to whether labour related compensation should be adjusted according to the Special Extended National Consumer Price Index ("IPCA-E").	No action required at present, but keep abreast of how the legal situation develops.
	If adjustments are made to reflect the IPCA-E, employers will be required to pay higher amounts to successful claimant employees, than is currently the case.	
	No specific legal changes have been proposed yet.	
Employment data		
Electronic Storage of Employee Data	The Brazilian Federal Government is working on the creation of a unified online data cloud system, to which employers will need to submit certain information about their staff and working arrangements. The aim is to give the authorities a complete picture of whether employers are complying with Brazilian laws.	No action required at present but keep abreast of how the legal situation develops.
	Effective date: Unknown but we expect changes to be introduced in early 2018.	