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## **APPENDIX B**

### **WEBSITES CONTAINING NATIONAL LAW**

#### **A. TRANSLATED LAWS**

In addition to the sources mentioned in Chapter 3, see the following sites for access to translated national law. All of these sites are freely available and contain many translations. However, in some cases, there may be only a few translations.

##### *Subject Collections*

African Human Rights Case Law Analyser  
<http://caselaw.ihrda.org/>.

Animal Welfare Legislation Database  
<https://www.globalanimallaw.org/database/>.

Competition Policy, National Legislation  
(Foreign Trade Information System, OAS)  
<http://www.sice.oas.org/compol/natleg.asp>.

Constitute Project  
Collection of constitutions of the world.  
<https://www.constituteproject.org>.

Death Penalty Database  
<http://www.deathpenaltyworldwide.org/>.

ECOLEX  
National environmental law  
<http://www.ecolex.org>.

Electoral Knowledge Network (Ace Project)

Collection of laws related to elections.

<http://aceproject.org/regions-en>.

FAOLEX (FAO)

National laws and regulations on food, agriculture, and renewable natural resources.

Also available from the FAO: Family Farming Lex, FishLex, and legislation on pastoralism.

<http://faolex.fao.org/faolex/index.htm>.

Freedom of Information Database

(freedominfo.org)

<http://www.freedominfo.org/regions/>.

Gender and Land Rights Database (FAO)

[http://www.fao.org/gender-landrights-database/  
en/](http://www.fao.org/gender-landrights-database/en/).

Global Database on Violence Against Women

(UN Women)

<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en>.

Global Freedom of Expression

Caselaw on freedom of expression and information.

[https://globalfreedomofexpression.columbia.  
edu](https://globalfreedomofexpression.columbia.edu).

Global Health and Human Rights

<http://www.globalhealthrights.org/>.

Global Insolvency Law Database (World Bank)

[https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/financialsector/brief/global-insolvency-law-database.](https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/financialsector/brief/global-insolvency-law-database)

Global Protection Laws of the World

[https://www.dlapiperdataprotection.com.](https://www.dlapiperdataprotection.com)

International Center for Non-Profit Law Library

Laws related to NGOs.

[http://www.icnl.org/research/library/ol/.](http://www.icnl.org/research/library/ol/)

International Constitutional Law

[http://www.servat.unibe.ch/icl/.](http://www.servat.unibe.ch/icl/)

International Privacy Law Library

[http://www.worldlii.org/int/special/privacy/.](http://www.worldlii.org/int/special/privacy/)

Juricaf

Jurisprudence from Francophone countries

[https://juricaf.org/recherche.](https://juricaf.org/recherche)

Legislationonline.org (OSCE)

Legislation dealing with the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

[http://www.legislationonline.org.](http://www.legislationonline.org)

Maritime Space: Maritime Zones and Maritime Delimitation

[http://www.un.org/depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/.](http://www.un.org/depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/)

National Implementation of International Humanitarian Law (ICRC)

[https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/applic/ihl/ihl-nat.nsf/vwLawsByTopics.xsp.](https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/applic/ihl/ihl-nat.nsf/vwLawsByTopics.xsp)

## NATLEX (ILO)

Labor law, social security, and related human rights legislation.

<http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex4.home>.

## REFWORLD (UNHCR)

Law relating to refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons.

<http://www.refworld.org/>.

## Regulation of the Legal Profession

(International Bar Association)

[https://www.ibanet.org/documents\\_on\\_the\\_regulation\\_of\\_the\\_legal\\_profession.aspx](https://www.ibanet.org/documents_on_the_regulation_of_the_legal_profession.aspx).

## UNODC Legal Library (SHERLOC)

Laws on Crime.

<https://sherloc.unodc.org/cld/v3/sherloc/>.

## UNESCO Database of National Cultural

Heritage Laws <https://en.unesco.org/cultnatlaws>.

## UrbanLex (UN Habitat)

A collection of policies, laws, decisions and practices that govern the management and development of the urban environment.

<https://urbanlex.unhabitat.org>.

## WIPO Lex, national laws and treaties on intellectual property (IP) of WIPO, WTO and UN Members.

<https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/index.html>.

## Women &amp; Justice Collection

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/women-and-justice>.

**World Trade Organization**

Good source for laws associated with trade topics, see the trade topics page and the official documents database.

<http://www.wto.org/>.

**WorldLII: Subjects**

A directory of topical web sites.

<http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/272.html>.

***Individual Countries/Regions***

This is not a comprehensive list, so check out the research guides and other sources noted in Chapter 3. See also Country by Country Guide to Foreign Law Research (Yale Law Library)<sup>1</sup> or other research guides for more national law databases.

**AsianLII**

<http://www.asianlii.org/>.

**AustLII (Australia)**

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/>.

**BAILL (UK and Ireland)**

<http://www.bailii.org/>.

**CanLII (Canada)**

<http://www.canlii.org/>.

**CommonLII (The Commonwealth)**

<http://www.commonlii.org/>.

**Estonian Legislation in English**

<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://library.law.yale.edu/research/guides/all-countries>.

Finlex (Finland)  
<http://www.finlex.fi/en/>.

Foreign Law Translations (France, Germany,  
Austria, Israel)  
<https://law.utexas.edu/transnational/foreign-law-translations/>.

German Law Archive  
<http://germanlawarchive.iuscomp.org/>.

Gesetze im Internet (Germany)  
[http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/Teilliste\\_translations.html](http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/Teilliste_translations.html).

HKLII (Hong Kong)  
<https://www.hklii.org/eng/>.

Hong Kong, Bilingual Laws Information System  
<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk>.

Japanese Law Translation  
<http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/>.

Legal Information System of the Republic of Austria  
<https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Englische-Rv/>.

Legal Information System of Regulatory Legal  
Acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
<http://adilet.zan.kz/eng/index/docs>.

Lovdata in English (Norway)  
[https://lovdata.no/info/information\\_in\\_english](https://lovdata.no/info/information_in_english).

NZLII (New Zealand)  
<http://www.nzlii.org/>.

PacLII (Pacific Islands)  
<http://www.paclii.org/>.

SAFLII (Southern Africa)  
<http://www.saflii.org/>.

Singapore Statutes Online  
<https://sso.agc.gov.sg>.

Swedish Statutes in Translation  
<http://www.government.se/government-policy/judicial-system/swedish-statutes-in-translation--judicial-system/>.

Vietnam Laws  
[http://www.vietnamlaws.com/vietnamlawsonline\\_freeversion.aspx](http://www.vietnamlaws.com/vietnamlawsonline_freeversion.aspx).

WorldLII: Countries  
<http://www.worldlii.org/countries.html>.

## B. SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES— INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, REGIONS, COMPARATIVE

This is not a comprehensive list, so check out the research guides and other sources noted in Chapter 3. Foreign Law Guide is a good source for information about country-specific subscription databases. Some of the databases contain laws in the vernacular and in English translation.

*Americas*  
NatLaw World  
<http://natlaw.com/natlaw-world/>.

*Asia*

Westlaw Asia

[https://www.westlawasia.com.](https://www.westlawasia.com)

*Australia*

LexisAdvance Australia

[https://www.lexisnexis.com.au/en/homepage.](https://www.lexisnexis.com.au/en/homepage)

Jade Professional

[https://jade.io/j/?a=go\\_pro.](https://jade.io/j/?a=go_pro)

Lawlex

[https://lawlex.com.au.](https://lawlex.com.au)

Westlaw AU

[https://legal.thomsonreuters.com.au/products/westlaw/.](https://legal.thomsonreuters.com.au/products/westlaw/)

*Austria*

Lexis Austria.

[http://www.lexisnexis.com/at/recht/.](http://www.lexisnexis.com/at/recht/)

RDB

[https://fdb.manz.at/home.](https://fdb.manz.at/home)

*Belgium*

LegalWorld

[https://legalworld.wolterskluwer.be/nl/.](https://legalworld.wolterskluwer.be/nl/)

Strada Lex

[https://www.stradalex.com.](https://www.stradalex.com)

Jurisquare

[https://jurisquare.be/fr/index.html.](https://jurisquare.be/fr/index.html)

*Canada*

Centre d'accès à l'information juridique (CAIJ)

[https://www.caij.qc.ca.](https://www.caij.qc.ca)

LexisAdvance Quicklaw

[https://www.lexisnexis.ca/en-ca/products/lexis-advance-quicklaw-overview.page.](https://www.lexisnexis.ca/en-ca/products/lexis-advance-quicklaw-overview.page)

WestlawNext Canada  
<https://www.westlawnextcanada.com>.

*China*

Chinese Local Gazetteers Database  
<http://fz.wanfangdata.com.cn/index.do>.

Lexis China

<https://hk.lexiscn.com/en/>.

LawInfoChina (PKULaw China)

<http://en.pkulaw.cn/>.

Westlaw China

<http://app.westlawchina.com/maf/china/app/authentication/signon>.

*Commonwealth of Independent States (CSI) & Russia*

(Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine)

SoyuzPravoInform

<http://www.base.spinform.ru/index.fwx>.

Legislation of CIS Countries

<http://cis-legislation.com/>.

*Congo*

Codes Larcier de la République démocratique du Congo

<http://clrdc.larcier.com/homedir/index.php>.

*Gulf Legislation Network* (Bahrain, Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia)  
<https://gulflegislation.com/default.Aspx>.

*France*

Dalloz en ligne

<http://www.dalloz.fr/>.

Doctrinal Plus

[http://newip.doctrinalplus.fr/.](http://newip.doctrinalplus.fr/)

Lexbase

[https://www.lexbase.fr/.](https://www.lexbase.fr/)

Lexis 360

[https://www.lexisnexis.fr/produits/lexis-360.](https://www.lexisnexis.fr/produits/lexis-360)

Lamyline

[http://lamyline.lamy.fr/.](http://lamyline.lamy.fr/)

Lextenso

[https://www.lextenso.fr/?.](https://www.lextenso.fr/?)

*Germany*

Beck-Online

[https://beck-online.beck.de/Home.](https://beck-online.beck.de/Home)

JURIS

[http://www.juris.de.](http://www.juris.de)

Makrolog

[http://www1.recht.makrolog.de/irfd/  
search?view=biblio.](http://www1.recht.makrolog.de/irfd/search?view=biblio)

*India*

SCC Online

[http://www.scconline.com/WebEdition.aspx.](http://www.scconline.com/WebEdition.aspx)

Manupatra

[http://www.manupatrafast.com/.](http://www.manupatrafast.com/)

*Italy*

IUS EXPLORER

[http://www.dirittoejustizia.it.](http://www.dirittoejustizia.it)

De Jure

[https://www.iusexplorer.it/.](https://www.iusexplorer.it/)

PLURIS

[http://pluris-cedam.utetgiuridica.it/main.html.](http://pluris-cedam.utetgiuridica.it/main.html)

*Liechtenstein*

Recht Portal für Liechtenstein

<http://www.rechtportal.li>.

*Luxembourg*

Strad Lex Luxembourg

<https://www.stradalex.lu>.

*Middle East and North Africa (MENA)*

Lexis Middle East

<https://www.lexis.ae>.

Westlaw Middle East

<https://mena.thomsonreuters.com/en/legal-solutions/westlawmiddleeast.html>.

*Morocco*

Artémis

<http://www.artemis.ma/Front/Bases/Default.aspx>.

*Pakistan*

PakistanLawSite

<http://www.pakistanlawsite.com/>.

*Poland*

LEX

<https://www.lex.pl>.

The Polish Law Collection

<http://www.polishlaw.com.pl/index.php/en/>.

*Portugal*

Verbo Jurídico

<http://www.verbojuridico.net/index.php>.

Diário da República

<https://dre.pt/>.

*Russia*

GARANT

[http://english.garant.ru/.](http://english.garant.ru/)

CIS Legislation

[http://cis-legislation.com/.](http://cis-legislation.com/)*Scandinavia*

Lovdata (Norway)

[https://lovdata.no/.](https://lovdata.no/)

Norstedts Juridik (Sweden)

[https://www.nj.se.](https://www.nj.se)*Singapore*

LawNet

[https://www.lawnet.sg/lawnet/web/lawnet/home.](https://www.lawnet.sg/lawnet/web/lawnet/home)*South Africa*

Juta Law (Namibie, Tanzanie, Zambie &amp; Zimbabwe)

[https://juta.co.za/.](https://juta.co.za/)*Spain*

Westlaw Spain (Aranzadi)

[http://www.aranzadidigital.es/.](http://www.aranzadidigital.es/)*Switzerland*

ZPO/CPC Online

[https://app.zpo-cpc.ch/users/sign\\_in.](https://app.zpo-cpc.ch/users/sign_in)

SwissLex

[https://www.swisslex.ch.](https://www.swisslex.ch)

Weblaw

[http://www.weblaw.ch/.](http://www.weblaw.ch/)*United Kingdom*

ICLR

[https://www.iclr.co.uk.](https://www.iclr.co.uk)

vLexJustis

<https://www.justis.com>.

Westlaw UK

[http://legalresearch.westlaw.co.uk/.](http://legalresearch.westlaw.co.uk/)

*Comparative*

Global Regulation

[https://www.global-regulation.com/.](https://www.global-regulation.com/)

LLMC Digital (primarily archival collections)

<http://llmc.com>.

vLex

[http://vlex.com/.](http://vlex.com/)