

The outbreak of Coronavirus COVID-19 has wide-ranging implications for businesses, governments and institutions across markets and industries. This newsletter prepared by our Legal Team contains information on the potential impact this pandemic may have on your businesses.

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KOSOVO | Decision no. 01/09, dated 13.03.2020 as amended by Decision no. 01/12, dated 17 March 2020 on the temporary measures due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Due to the spread of COVID-19 disease, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo upon decision no. 01/09, dated 13 March 2020, as amended by decision no. 01/12, dated 17 March (published at the following link: <https://kryeministri-ks.net/en/documents-en/>), enacted the following temporary measures to prevent spreading of this disease in the country:

1. Prohibition of entry and exit of citizens in/out of the Municipality of Klina and Viti;
2. Termination of the Interurban transport in the Republic of Kosovo, as well the organized international transport, with immediate effect;
3. Closure of land borders for travelers entering Kosovo, except for Kosovo citizens. All Kosovo citizens entering the country through these borders will undergo additional medical check-ups and will be ordered to self-quarantine for 14 days;
4. Temporary suspension of all air travel in Prishtina International Airport except for military flights and medical emergency/evacuation flights and arrival crew-operated air flights without passengers, serving only for departure of passengers from Kosovo. In addition, exempted from such suspension are also flights serving for the return of citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, which were suspended earlier, and to the diplomatic staff accredited in the Republic of Kosovo, to the extent that such flights have been authorized upon special permit issued by the Minister of

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- Infrastructure and Environment following consultation with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora;
5. Closure of café-bars, pubs and restaurants, shopping centers, except for pharmacies and grocery stores;
 6. Suspension of all cultural and sports activities;
 7. Closure of livestock and car markets;
 8. Substantial reduction in activity and staff in every public institution, except for the health and security sector;
 9. Private companies are ordered to organize their work in a way so employees perform majority of their duties from home.

Kosovo Judicial Council Decision no. 53/2020, dated 15.03.2020

In accordance with the above decisions of the Government of Kosovo, on March 15, 2020, the Kosovo Judicial Council rendered a decision reducing all activities within the courts of Kosovo, and ordering judges and administrative staff to deal only with emergencies (such as cases of domestic violence, the imposition of measures to ensure the presence of the defendant-such as detention, etc.).

Orders issued by the Ministry of Economy, Employment, Trade, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Strategic Investments (the “Ministry”) dated 17.03.2020 and 23.03.2020

The Ministry Orders “For the Implementation of Measures on the Economic Activities Related to Public Health Emergence” dated 17.03.2020 and “For conducting economic activities during a public health emergency” dated 23.03.2020, specify which business sectors can continue with

their activities. Such permitted sectors include, *inter alia*, manufacturing and construction.

The above mentioned Government Orders stipulate the following preventive hygiene measures that every economic operator should undertake:

- i. Disinfect and regularly ventilate the premises and workspace;
- ii. Provide employees with personal protective equipment as directed by the Ministry of Health;
- iii. Ensure that the premises are not crowded so that persons within the premises stay at least one meter apart;
- iv. Ensure that shoppers stand in line or wait outside the shop until it is time to buy;
- v. Ensure that there are no other people in the premises other than employees and buyers;
- vi. Use electronic channels to carry out activities, including the sale of goods and services as far as possible;
- vii. Organize shift work to reduce the number of employees present at work as far as possible;
- viii. Take all other measures necessary to comply with government decisions and ministry orders.

Decision no. 01/15, dated 23.03.2020

Further restrictive measures were imposed by the decision of the Government of Kosovo no. 01/15 of 23 March 2020 (published at the following link: <https://kryeministri-ks.net/en/documents-en/>).

Such measures prohibit the movement of citizens and private vehicles between 10am and 4pm and between 8pm and 6am starting on March 24, 2020. The above decision also provides for the modalities and exceptions to the prohibition of movement (which include, among others, the movement for medical purposes; production, supply and sale of essential goods, services and activities associated with the management of the pandemic, etc.)

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