

DECREE BY THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - 11th March 2020

Further implementation measures of Decree-Law No 6 of 23rd February 2020 on emergency measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19, applicable throughout the whole national territory of Italy.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Following consultations with the Ministries of Interior, Defence, Economic and Financial Affairs, as well as Infrastructure and Transport, Economic Development, Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, Cultural Heritage and Activities in Tourism, Labour and Social Policies, Public Administration, Regional Affairs and Autonomies, and after consulting with the President of the Conference of Presidents for the Regions, have been proposed by the Minister for Health;

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ART.1

(Emergency measures to contain the contagion throughout the national territory)

To combat and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the following measures will be taken throughout the country:

- 1) All retail trade activities shall be suspended, except food and essential supplies activities identified in Annex 1, both within the neighbourhood shopping centres and in the medium and large distribution sector, including those in commercial centres, provided that access to these activities are restricted. Outdoor markets shall be closed, regardless of the type of activity carried out, except activities aimed at the sale of foodstuffs only. Newsstands, tobacconists, pharmacies and para-pharmacies may remain open. In all cases, the interpersonal safety distance of one meter must be maintained.
- 2) The activities of catering services (including bars, pubs, restaurants, ice-cream parlours and pastry shops) will be suspended, except for canteens and continuous catering on a contractual basis, ensuring an interpersonal safety distance of one metre. Only home delivery catering services are permitted concerning hygiene and health regulations for both packaging and transportation. Food and beverage services will remain open in service and refuelling areas located along roads, motorways and inside railway stations, airports, lakes and hospitals, again, guaranteeing a safety distance of one metre between people.
- (3) Activities related to personal services (including hairdressers, barbers, beauticians) other than those identified in Annex 2 will also be suspended.
- 4) Banking, financial and insurance services, as well as agricultural, livestock and agro-food processing activities, including supply chains providing goods and services, shall continue to operate in compliance with health and hygiene standards.
- 5) The President of the Region by order referred to in Article 3, paragraph 2, of Decree-Law No 6 of 23rd February 2020, may order the planning of services provided by local public transport companies, including non-scheduled services, aimed at reducing and eliminating services concerning health interventions necessary to contain the coronavirus emergency based on actual needs and for the sole purpose of ensuring minimum essential services. The Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, in agreement with the Minister of Health, may order, to contain the coronavirus health emergency, the planning of a reduction and cancellation of inter-regional



vehicle and rail, air and sea transport services, based on actual needs and for the sole purpose of ensuring minimum essential services.

- 6) Without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Article 1, paragraph 1, letter e), of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 8th March 2020 and without prejudice to the activities strictly related to the management of the emergency. Public administrations shall ensure that their employees perform their duties in an agile manner, including by way of exception to their contracts and information obligations set out in Articles 18 to 23 of Law no. 81 of 22nd May 2017, and shall identify those activities that cannot be postponed indefinitely.
- 7) Concerning manufacturing and professional activities, it is recommended that:
- a) companies make maximum use of agile working methods for activities that can be carried out at home or remotely.
- b) paid holidays and paid leave for employees as well as other instruments provided for by collective bargaining are encouraged.
- c) the activities of company departments that are not essential to production are suspended.
- d) take on anti-contagion safety protocols and, where it is not possible to respect the interpersonal distance of one metre as the main containment measure, with the use of individual protection instruments.
- e) sanitation operations in the workplace are encouraged, including the use of social safety buffers for this purpose.
- 8) for manufacturing activities only it is recommended that movements within sites are limited as much as possible and access to common areas are restricted.
- 9) in relation to the provisions contained within paragraphs 7 and 8, preference should be given for manufacturing activities only, in agreements between employers' and trade unions' organisations.
 - 10) For all non-suspended activities, maximum use of agile working methods is called for.

ART.2

(Final provisions)

- 1. The measures of this Decree shall take effect from 12th March 2020 and shall be effective until 25th March 2020.
- 2. From the date of effectiveness of the provisions of this decree, the measures referred to in the Prime Ministerial Decree of 8th March 2020 and the Prime Ministerial Decree of 9th March 2020 shall no longer apply if they are contrary to the provisions of this decree.
- 3. The provisions of this decree shall also apply to Special Statute Regions and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano in so far as they are consistent with their respective statutes and implementing rules.