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Factsheet for case GR-2020-12/773

## Temporary close down of operations of private sector businesses

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Country	Greece, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 18 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Other (suspension of certain businesses to contain the spread of COVID-19)
Case created	23 April 2020

### Background Information

On 18 March, 2020, the Greek government announced the suspension of certain businesses to contain the spread of COVID-19. The mandatory suspension, has affected a wide range of businesses, including various retail shops, hotels and restaurants. A published list of the Ministry of Finance are defined on 20/03/2020 by law and are those who's Codes of Business Activity (KAD) as this has been declared to the Tax Authorities. The list is updated regularly. Only certain businesses, such as supermarkets, food stores, pharmacies and kiosks have been permitted to remain open.

### Content of measure

The Greek Government in order to reduce contamination announced 18 March 2020 the suspension of specific sector businesses. Businesses deemed to be affected for the purposes of the suspension are those who's Codes of Business Activity (KAD) as this has been declared to the Tax Authorities were defined on 20/03/2020 by law and are included, per sector and region, in a published list of the Ministry of Finance. The list is updated regularly. As such businesses that have been negatively affected by the situation could be categorized as following: 1) Businesses that have ceased their operations with a State decision; In this case the employees are not entitled to their salary, for the period the business is closed due to the State decision, since this is considered a force majeure event. 2) Businesses that have been substantially affected by the situation; In this case the employer is entitled with the right to suspend the employment contracts of their employees for up to 1 month, starting from 20th March 2020. This measure can be extended by a decision of

the competent Greek authorities.

## Use of measure

There are 205,984 (14.6% of the total) companies operating in the country and which employ at least 1,063,098 employees (25.4% of the total) who are suspended from operation by state order, due to the pandemic of COVID - 19 disease.

## Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies	Sector specific set of companies	National funds

## Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

No involvement

## Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific (only private sector).

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
F - Construction	F41 Construction of buildings
G - Wholesale And Retail Trade; Repair Of Motor Vehicles And Motorcycles	G46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
	G47 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
I - Accommodation And Food Service Activities	I55 Accommodation
	I56 Food and beverage service activities

P - Education	P85 Education
R - Arts, Entertainment And Recreation	R90 Creative, arts and entertainment activities
	R91 Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
	R93 Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities
S - Other Service Activities	S94 Activities of membership organisations
	S96 Other personal service activities

This case is not occupation-specific.

## Sources

- 19 March 2020: Business bans, activities, structures, jobs, etc. ([www.taxheaven.gr](http://www.taxheaven.gr))