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Factsheet for case **AT-2020-12/590**

Recommendation on teleworking

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Country	Austria, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 16 March 2020 - 30 April 2020
Type	Recommendation
Category	Protection of workers at the workplace – Teleworking arrangements, remote working
Case created	14 April 2020 (updated 02 May 2020)

Background information

The Ordinance of the Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Nursing and Consumer Protection in accordance with Section 2 No. 1 of the COVID-19 Measures Act (see sources, expired on 30 April 2020), formulates the prohibition of entering public places in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. One of the exceptions to this prohibition is when it is required for professional purposes. However, the ordinance states that it should be ensured that a professional activity should preferably take place outside the workplace, if this is possible and employers and employees agree on this.

Content of measure

The ordinance states that it should be ensured that a professional activity should preferably take place outside the workplace, if this is possible and employers and employees agree on this.

Furthermore, accident insurance coverage of home office was achieved. The retroactively applicable regulation states that accidents at work are also accidents that occur at the place of residence of the insured person (home office) in a temporal and causal connection with the employment that forms the basis of the insurance. This makes it clear that if an accident occurs in temporal or causal connection with the activity, it is covered at the respective place of residence. This applies retroactively to all accidents that have occurred in the home office since 8 March 2020. Accidents on the way to or from the home office are also covered.

Use of measure

Currently unknown.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Employees All companies	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Ordinance by the federal government

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 16 March 2020: Ordinance of the Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Nursing and Consumer Protection in accordance with Section 2 No. 1 of the COVID-19 Measures Act (expired 30 April 2020) (www.ris.bka.gv.at)