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Factsheet for case SK-2020-11/284

Production of personal sanitary protective masks.

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Country	Slovakia, applies locally – SK0 SLOVENSKO – SK02 Západné Slovensko – SK022 Trenčiansky kraj
Time period	Temporary, 13 March 2020 - 31 May 2020
Type	Company practice
Category	Re-orientation of business activities – Change of production/innovation
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Background Information

In order to face a serious lack of personal protective equipment in the country, the government, on it meetings held on 11 and 15 March, decided to increase the stock of the Covid-19-related sanitary protective materials in Slovakia. In the light of the above, the private textile company Zornica, located in Bánovce nad Bebravou, decided to switch its production, becoming available to provide the government, and possibly other customers, with a wide supply of sanitary protective masks.

Content of measure

As there was a lack of personal protective sanitary masks, a private company Zornica Banco Fashion in Bánovce nad Bebravou was the first company which came with the initiative to stop the production of fashion textile, mainly shirts, for the open market and replace it by the production of personal sanitary protective masks for the use in Slovakia, preferably for the government. According to the available information, by changing the production, the company also responded to the expected decline of demands of its usual customers. The competent government body, consequently, concluded a temporary contract with the company for urgent production of sanitary masks.

Use of measure

About 140 workers are engaged in the fulfillment of the contract. The Company responded quickly and delivered the first 20,000 personal masks on 17 March 2020. According to the agreement mentioned above, the Company will deliver about 650,000 sanitary masks in total. The most of them will be delivered to the Administration of State Material Reserves of the Slovak Republic (Správa statnych hmotnych rezerv Slovenskej republiky).

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies	Employees Particular professions The COVID-19 risk group People in care facilities Companies providing essential services	Employer National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Unknown

No information is available about the involvement of social partners in the company.

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
C - Manufacturing	C13 Manufacture of textiles

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 10 March 2020: Rúška bude vyrábať aj slovenská firma z Bánoviec nad Bebravou, denne ich dodá tisíce. (www.startitup.sk)
- 11 March 2020: Návrh na zmenu materiálovej skladby pohotovostných zásob (rokovania.gov.sk)