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Factsheet for case PT-2020-13/528

Occupational health and safety in the public transportation service

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Country	Portugal, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 23 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Protection of workers at the workplace – Occupational health and safety
Case created	13 April 2020 (updated 20 April 2020)

Background information

Following the declaration of state of emergency in Portugal on 18 March 2020, by the Decree of the President of the Republic 14-A/2020, the Order 3547-A/2020 of 22 March 2020 regulates this declaration, ensuring the operation of the supply chains of essential public goods and services, as well as the respective operation conditions.

This includes passengers transportation. Taken into consideration the pandemic prevention and control procedures, a safety distance among the users and between these and the workers, as well as special hygiene measures are adopted.

Content of measure

The companies Transtejo, S. A., Soflusa - Sociedade Fluvial de Transportes, S. A., Metropolitano de Lisboa, E. P. E., Metro do Porto, S. A., and Sociedade de Transportes Coletivos do Porto, S. A., and the concessionaire for operation of the service of light-rail metro system on the south bank of the Tagus must ensure, among other conditions:

- The reduction, whenever possible, of the possibilities of contact between the drivers and other support staff and the passengers, in order to minimize the risk of infection, notably imposing the use of the back door by passengers, when the vehicles do not dispose of a separate cabin to the driver;

- The cleaning and disinfection of the vehicles, facilities and equipments used by the passengers and other users, according to the recommendations of health authorities.

In the transport by taxi and in the UBER and similar vehicles the access to the front seat must be restrained, ensuring air renovation inside the vehicles and the cleaning of the surfaces.

Use of measure

Not available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies	Employees Self-employed Companies providing essential services	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Not available

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
H - Transportation And Storage	H49 Land transport and transport via pipelines
	H50 Water transport

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 22 March 2020: Despacho n.º 3547-A/2020 - Diário da República n.º 57-B/2020, 1º Suplemento, Série II de 2020-03-22 (dre.pt)