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Factsheet for case GR-2020-12/773

NOT IN SCOPE - 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

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| 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) |
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| 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 |

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| 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)