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Factsheet for case HR-2020-14/344

Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts suspends company fees for the second trimester 2020

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Country	Croatia, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 01 April 2020 - 30 June 2020
Туре	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	07 April 2020 (updated 30 April 2020)

Background information

In accrdance with the The Croatian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) Decision on the temporary suspension of the obligation to pay membership fees (OG 36/2020) (see case n 342) the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts (HOK) decided, on 20 March 2020, to amend the Decision on the mandatory chamber contribution for a unique system of organization of trades by writting off the debit of the mandatory chamber contribution for all members of the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts. The aim is to help eliminate the negative effects of the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic which disrupt economic activity and / or cause significant economic damage to the tradesmen's business.

Content of measure

The Decision to amend the Decicion on the mandatory chamber contribution for a unique system of organization of trades introduces suspension of the contribution fee for the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts for the second trimester 2020 (Article 8a).

In the event of a coronavirus pandemic longer than 3 months from the date of entry into force of this Decision (i.e. 1 April 2020), The Board of Directors of the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts is authorized, to adopt a decision amending the Decision on the mandatory chamber contribution for a single system of organization of trades.

Out of approximately 80,000 tradesman and craftsmen in Croatia (according to the Croatian Bureau of

Statistics, 2019) around 25,000 are members of the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts. They employ around 45,000workers.

Use of measure

Not yet known at this stage.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
Employers' organisations	One person or microenterprises	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	Not applicable
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Not applicable.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 09 May 2019: Number and Structure of Business Entities, March 2019 (www.dzs.hr)
- 20 March 2020: Odluka o dopuni Odluke o obveznom komorskom doprinosu za jedinstveni sustav organiziranosti obrta - OG 36/20 (<u>narodne-novine.nn.hr</u>)