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Factsheet for case **NL-2020-12/763**

Subsidy for Entrepreneurs in affected sectors

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Country	Netherlands, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 17 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	21 April 2020 (updated 06 May 2020)

Background information

This measure was introduced by the government, specifically, via the Ministry of Economics and Climate. This is part of the package of national measures taken to mitigate effects of COVID-19.

It should be noted that as of April 2020, Parliament and First Chamber have agreed to the package of bills, though in this situation the cabinet did not need to formally wait for agreement in order to enact the measures.

It has been introduced as bunch of emergency solutions specifically to combat or cushion the effects of the COVID-19 crisis. The measure is for 3 months, but there is budget available to extend it for other 3 months. More specifically this measure is aimed at providing the enterprise with budget to pay their costs. The ultimate aim is to keep the economy functioning (including the financial flow) till the pandemic is under control.

Content of measure

The subsidy for enterprises in affected sectors, or Tegemoetkoming Ondernemers Getroffen Sectoren (TOGS) is a government allowance for enterprises that are directly negatively affected by the government's COVID-19 measures. These enterprises are eligible to receive a one-time government subsidy of €4,000, and in general consist of businesses that are directly, negatively affected by the government's measures. This includes enterprises that were forced to close doors or could not operate fully because of the government's corona measures.

The main selection criteria is SBI codes, the Dutch equivalent of NACE codes. Currently this includes more

sectors and sub-sectors than can be noted down here. The sectors included is adapted regularly, by the Ministry since also enterprises that were not obliged to close doors were hit hard such as small fashion shop, so these enterprises were included at a later stage and the ministry announced that the list is not complete yet (13 April 2020). Indeed, this list seems to be evolving and expanding as the crisis continues and future prognoses start to be developed.

Use of measure

No information available.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Sector specific set of companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

(Though not discussed in great detail, the social partners (national level trade unions and employer organisations), have come together to discuss with the government how best to tackle the effects of the corona virus on workers and employers so as to keep the Dutch economy going. In the Netherlands relevant, national sectoral social partners are often involved in national policy making in a consultational capacity so that partners may reflect on regulatory plans and their intended impacts. This happens in a direct consultation fashion or through tripartite meetings (facilitated by the National Labour Foundation). The social partners were consulted for the whole package of measures introduced by the Dutch cabinet on March 17th 2020.)

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific (only private sector).

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
A - Agriculture, Forestry And Fishing	A1 Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities
	A3 Fishing and aquaculture

G - Wholesale And Retail Trade; Repair Of Motor Vehicles And Motorcycles	G45 Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
	G46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
	G47 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
H - Transportation And Storage	H49 Land transport and transport via pipelines
	H50 Water transport
	H51 Air transport
	H52 Warehousing and support activities for transportation
	H53 Postal and courier activities
I - Accommodation And Food Service Activities	I55 Accommodation
	I56 Food and beverage service activities
J - Information And Communication	J59 Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
	J60 Programming and broadcasting activities
	J61 Telecommunications
	J62 Computer programming, consultancy and related activities
	J63 Information service activities
M - Professional, Scientific And Technical Activities	M74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities
N - Administrative And Support Service Activities	N77 Rental and leasing activities
	N78 Employment activities

This case is not occupation-specific.

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