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Health Emergency – Measures of the Argentine Republic

On March 11th, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 as a pandemic. As a consequence, the Argentine Republic implemented the following measures in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

Given the exceptional nature of the moment and for information purposes, we proceed to point out a summary of the main issues that we believe may have a greater impact on a business level, in relation to each specific area:

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1. I. LABOUR MEASURES

■ Suspension of Employment Assistance Duty

Taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances caused by the Coronavirus COVID-19, the Resolution N° 207 - published in the Argentine Official Journal on 16 March 2020 - suspends the duty to attend the workplace for a period of 14 days, with full payment of their remuneration, to the following workers:

- Over 60 years of age;
- Pregnant; and
- Included in the Risk Groups indicated by the National Health Authority, such as workers with chronic respiratory diseases, heart diseases, among others.

Such workers should –in case it is possible - coordinate with their employer to continue fulfilling their responsibilities from their domicile.



In addition, it is recommended that employers take the necessary measures to reduce the number of workers in the offices, by implementing a teleworking system.

■ **The Teleworking System**

On 16 March 2020 the Resolution N° 21 was also published in the Argentine Official Journal, and it requires the employers to report to the OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE ("ART" in Spanish) the following information as regards their employees who are enabled to work from their domicile:

- Surname, First Name and Fiscal Code of each worker,
- Place of residence and frequency of their work (number of days and hours per week).

The teleworking system is temporary and exceptional, and employers and workers should make every necessary effort to comply with their liabilities.

■ **Preventive, Compulsory and Social Isolation.**

The Decree of Need and Urgency N° 297 - issued on March 19, 2020 - establishes a preventive, compulsory and social isolation from 20/03/2020 to 31/03/2020, for everyone living in Argentina or residing in the country temporarily.

During such period, people must remain at their home. They may only go outside for the purchase of cleaning products, medicines and food.

Employees shall be entitled to full payment of their remunerations.

The ones who do not comply with the measures imposed by this Decree shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of six months to two years.

Nevertheless, employees who provide essential services such as health, security, supermarkets, pharmacies, among others, are exempted from isolation.

2. EDUCATION

On March 15, 2020, the Ministry of Education issued the Resolution N°108 suspending classroom classes at the initial, primary and secondary levels for 14 days.

However, the activities proposed by the Educational Authorities will continue to be carried out by using the digital media that each school considers most appropriate.

In addition, the Resolution N°104 recommends to the Universities the implementation of virtual campus or any other digital media in order to keep fulfilling their educational responsibilities.



3. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

The National Supreme Court of Justice issued the Resolutions N° 04 and 06 in which the judicial procedures' deadlines are suspended until March 31, 2020.

During such period, the National and Federal Courts will provide services, mainly for affairs that could not be delayed.

In addition, from March 18th 2020 all the filings before the National and Federal Justice shall be done by digital systems.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Resolution N° 298 of March 19, 2020 suspends the administrative procedures' deadlines until March 31, 2020.

Emergency procedures are exempted regarding the National Law of Social Solidarity.

5. SUSPENSION OF VISAS AND RESIDENCES

On March 12, 2020, the Migration National Direction issued the Resolution N°1644 which temporarily suspends the issuance of visas and temporary, transitory and special residences in Argentina.

The nationalities concerned by this suspension are: China, South Korea, Iran, Japan, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, States of the European Union and countries forming the Schengen area

6. PROHIBITION OF ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL TERRITORY

On March 16, 2020, the National Executive Branch issued the Decree of Need and Urgency N° 270 prohibiting the entry into the country of non-resident foreigners through any airport, port or border center until 31/03/2020.

The National Directorate of Migration was authorized to make exceptions in case it is required.



7. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

On March 12, 2020, The Decree of Need and Urgency N° 260 was issued in order to suspend international flights for a period of 30 days.

However, the Ministry of Transport has informed that the airline "Aerolíneas Argentinas S.A." will be the only one authorized to facilitate the return of Argentine residents who are currently abroad.

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