

# THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Having regard to Law No. 400 of 23 August 1988;

Having regard to Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on 'Urgent measures on containment and management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19' and, in particular, Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 23 February 2020, containing "Provisions implementing Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19", published in the Official Journal No. 45 of 23 February 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 25 February 2020, containing "Further provisions implementing Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19", published in the Official Journal No. 47 of 25 February 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 1 March 2020, containing "Additional provisions implementing Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures concerning the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19", published in the Official Journal No. 52 of 1 March 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 4 March 2020, containing "Further provisions implementing Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19, applicable throughout Italy", published in the Official Journal No. 55 of 4 March 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 8 March 2020, containing "Further provisions implementing Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19", published in the Official Journal No. 59 of 8 March 2020;

Having regard to the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 9 March 2020, containing "Further provisions implementing Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020 on urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological

emergency by COVID-19, applicable throughout Italy, published in the Official Journal No. 62 of 9 March 2020";

Considering that the World Health Organisation on 30 January 2020 declared the COVID-19 outbreak an international public health emergency;

Having regard to the resolution of the Council of Ministers of 31 January 2020, which declared, for six months, a state of emergency on the national territory relating to the health risk associated with the onset of diseases caused by transmissible viral agents;

Given the evolution of the epidemiological situation, the particularly widespread nature of the epidemic and the increase in cases on the national territory;

It was considered necessary to adopt, throughout the country, further measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19;

Furthermore, the supranational dimension of the epidemic and the involvement of several areas in the national territory make it necessary to take measures to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the prophylaxis programmes drawn up at international and European level;

Upon proposal by the Minister for Health, after consultation with the Ministers for the Interior, Defence, Economy and Finance, and the Ministers for Infrastructure and Transport, Economic Development, Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, Cultural Goods and Activities and Tourism, Labour and Social Policies, Public Administration, and Regional Affairs and Autonomies, and after consulting the President of the Conference of Presidents of the Regions;

IT IS DECREED:

#### **ART. 1**

#### **(Urgent measures to contain the contagion throughout the national territory)**

The following measures are taken throughout the country to counter and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

1. Retail business activities shall be suspended, except for the sale of foodstuff and vital products as listed in Annex 1, both as for neighbourhood shops and medium and large-scale distribution, including trade activities in shopping centres, provided that access to these activities alone is allowed. Markets shall be closed, regardless of the type of activity carried out, except for activities aimed at the sale of foodstuffs only. Newsagents,

tobacconists, pharmacies and para pharmacies remain open. In any case, the interpersonal safety distance of one meter must be guaranteed.

2. The activities of catering services (including bars, pubs, restaurants, ice-cream parlours, pastry shops) shall be suspended, except for canteens and continuous catering on a contractual basis, which guarantee an interpersonal safety distance of one metre. Only catering with home delivery is allowed, provided that it is in compliance with health and hygiene regulations, both for packaging and transport. Food and beverage services are also open in the service and refuelling areas located on the road and motorway network and inside railway stations, airports, lakes and hospitals, guaranteeing a safety distance of one metre.
3. The activities relating to personal services (including hairdressers, barbers, beauticians) other than those identified in Annex 2 shall be suspended.
4. The banking, financial and insurance services, as well as the activities of the agricultural, livestock and agri-food processing sector, including the supply chains that provide goods and services, shall remain guaranteed in compliance with health and hygiene standards.
5. The President of the Region by an order referred to in Article 3, paragraph 2, of Decree-Law No. 6 of 23 February 2020, may order the scheduling of the service provided by local public transport companies, including the non-scheduled ones, aimed at reducing and eliminating services in relation to health interventions necessary to contain the coronavirus emergency on the basis of actual needs and for the sole purpose of ensuring the minimum essential services. The Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, in agreement with the Minister of Health, to contain the coronavirus emergency, may order the reduction and suppression of interregional car services and rail, air and sea transport services, based on the actual needs and for the sole purpose of ensuring the minimum level of essential services.
6. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 1, paragraph 1, letter e), of the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers dated 8 March 2020, and without prejudice to the activities strictly functional to the management of the emergency, public administrations shall ensure the ordinary performance of the work in the agile mode for their employees, also in derogation of individual agreements and information obligations under Articles 18 to 23 of Law no. 81 of 22 May 2017, and shall identify the activities that cannot be postponed and that need to be carried out in person.
7. With regard to production and professional activities, it is recommended that:
  - a. companies make the maximum use of agile working arrangements for the activities that can be carried out at home or at distance;
  - b. paid holidays and paid leave for employees, as well as other means of collective bargaining agreements, are encouraged;

- c. the activities of company departments not essential to production shall be suspended;
  - d. safety protocols are implemented to contain the transmission and, where it is not possible to respect the interpersonal distance of one metre as the main containment measure, the adoption of personal protective equipment is recommended;
  - e. the sanitation of workplaces is encouraged, including the use of types of special-social dividers for this purpose;
8. for production activities only, it is also recommended to minimise the movements within sites; access to common areas should also be restricted;
9. with regard to the provisions under numbers 7 and 8, agreements between employers' and trade unions' organisations are encouraged but limited to production activities.
10. For all non-suspended activities, maximum use of agile working modes is encouraged.

**ART. 2**  
**(Final provisions)**

1. The provisions of this Decree shall be enforced on 12 March 2020 and shall be valid until 25 March 2020.

2. From the date of effectiveness of the provisions of this Decree, the measures referred to in Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers dated 8 March 2020 and Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers dated 9 March 2020 shall cease to have an effect, where they are incompatible with the provisions of this Decree.

3. The provisions of this Decree shall apply to the Special Statute Regions and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano under their respective statutes and implementing rules.

Rome, 11 March 2020

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

## **Annex 1**

### **RETAIL BUSINESSES**

Hypermarkets

Supermarkets

Discount grocery shops

Minimarkets and other non-specialised food establishments

Retail sellers of frozen products

Non-specialised retail sellers of computers, peripherals, telecommunications equipment, audio

and video consumer electronics and household appliances

Retail sellers of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (ATECO - codice attività

economiche/economic activity code: 47.2)

Retail sellers of automotive fuel in specialised shops

Retail sellers of computer and telecommunications equipment (ICT) in specialised stores

(ATECO – codice attività economiche/economic activity code: 47.4)

Retail sellers of hardware, paints, flat glass and electrical and thermo-hydraulic equipment

Retail sellers of sanitary items

Retail sellers of lighting products

Retail sellers of newspapers, magazines and periodicals

Pharmacies

Retail sellers in other specialised stores of non-prescription medicinal products

Retail sellers of medical and orthopedic goods in specialised shops

Retail sellers of perfumery, toilet and personal hygiene products

Retail sellers of small pet items

Retail sellers of optical and photographic materials

Retail sellers of fuel for domestic use and heating

Retail sellers of soaps, detergents, polishes and similar products

Retail sellers of any type of product sold via the internet

Retail sellers of any type of product sold via television

Retail sellers of any type of product sold via mail order, radio or telephone

Trade by means of vending machines

## **Annex 2**

### **Personal services**

Laundry services and cleaning of textile and fur products

Industrial laundry activity

Other laundries and dry cleaners

Funeral home services and related activities