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EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO ATTEND THE HEALTH EMERGENCY



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On March 31, 2020, the General Health Council, in coordination with the Mexican Ministry of Health, published in the evening edition of the Official Gazette of the Federation a Decree which provides extraordinary actions intended to mitigate the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus (Coronavirus).

This Decree provides, among other things, an immediate suspension of services on "*non-essential*" activities, in public, private and social sectors, from March 30 to April 30 of 2020.

It is important to consider that the Decree declares that the "*essential*" activities required to address the health emergency will continue to operate.

In this regard, the Decree provides that the following activities should be considered "*essential*" and, therefore, may continue operating:

1. **All those directly necessary to attend the health emergency**, such as the labor activities of the medical, paramedical, administrative and support branches of the National Health System, including supply, services and materials, highlighting the pharmaceutical sector, both in its production as well as its distribution (drugstores), the manufacture of supplies, medical equipment and technologies for health care, as well as those involved in the proper disposal of infectious biological hazardous waste, as well as those related to cleaning and sanitizing of the medical units.
2. **Those related to public security**, in the defense of national integrity and sovereignty, the procurement of justice, as well as lawmaking activity at the federal and state levels.
3. **The fundamental sectors of the economy**: financial activities, tax collection, distribution and sale of energy, gasoline and gas stations, water generation and distribution, food and non-alcoholic beverages industry, food markets, supermarkets, stores of self-service, grocery and prepared food sales; passenger and cargo transportation services; agricultural, fishing and livestock production, agricultural activities, chemical industry, cleaning products; general stores, courier services, guards in private security tasks; day-care centers and nurseries, asylums and stays for the elderly, shelters and care centers for women victims of violence, their daughters and sons; telecommunications and information media; private emergency services, burial services, storage services and cold chain of essential supplies; logistics (airports, ports and railways), as well as those activities which suspension may have irreversible effects for its continuation.
4. Those directly related to the **social welfare assistance programs** of the authorities.

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5. Those necessary for the **conservation, maintenance and repair of the critical infrastructure** that ensures the production and distribution of essential services; such as: drinking water, electricity, gas, oil, gasoline, jet fuel, basic sanitation, public transportation, hospital and medical infrastructure, among other similar activities.

The activities to be considered "*essential*" are not limited to those mentioned in the Decree. **Our Firm will be happy to assist you in determining the applicability of the aforementioned restriction considering the company's scope of services.**

In contrast with the Decree published on March 24, 2020 (please find our related note by clicking [here](#)), Mexican authorities have progressively increased the restrictions which are imposed to both public and private sectors, being the following the most relevant changes:

- a) The agreement published on March 24, 2020, specifically provides vulnerable population groups that should not attend their work centers, while the new Decree establishes a general limitation to the population by establishing that only "*essential*" activities can continue to provide their services.
- b) The age is reduced from 65 to 60 years for senior adults who are exempted from attending the work facility.
- c) The catalog of activities considered "*essential*" has been expanded.
- d) The number of people allowed in essential meetings or congregations is reduced from 100 to 50 people.

Please let us know if you have any comment or doubt.

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