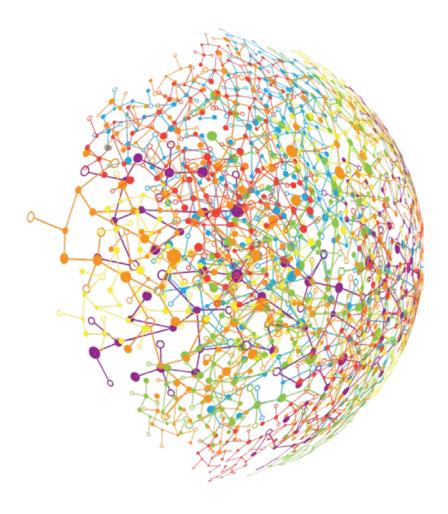
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## **Global COVID-19 Government Response**

Daily summary of government response globally

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### Introduction

Events are moving very fast and information is constantly being updated in relation to Governments' funding response to COVID-19. Our aim is to summarise the information we are currently aware of and make this available to our clients and contacts.

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Country	Restrictions on physical attendance Restrictions at work	on travel	Government support available/announced	Conditions around Government support	Additional information
Australia	x x		×	×	×
Austria	× ×		*	*	*
Bahrain	× ×		*	*	*
Belgium	× ×		*	*	✓
Bosnia and Herzegovina	× ×		*	*	×
Brazil	✓ ✓	,	<b>√</b>	✓	✓
Canada	√ ×		<b>√</b>	✓	✓
China	× ×		*	*	×
Croatia	× ×		*	*	*
zech Republic	× ×		*	✓	✓
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stonia	× ×		*	*	×
thiopia	× ×		*	*	×
inland	× ×		*	*	*
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Germany	× ×		*	*	*
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srael	× ×		*	*	×
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Montenegro	×	×	×	×	×
Vetherlands	×	×	×	×	*
New Zealand	×	×	×	×	×
Nigeria	×	×	×	×	×
lorth Macedonia	×	×	×	×	<b>x</b>
Norway	×	*	*	*	<b>x</b>
)man	*	*	*	*	*
Poland	*	*	*	*	×
Portugal	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	×	×	×
latar	×	*	×	×	×
Romania	*	*	×	×	×
lussia	*	*	*	*	*
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	×
Saudi Arabia	*	*	*	*	*
Serbia	*	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	*	*	*	*	*
outh Africa	√	×	√	√	<b>√</b>
Spain	*	*	*	*	*
Sweden	×	×	×	*	×
Switzerland	<b>√</b>	*	√	*	×
anzania	×	×	×	*	×
urkey	*	*	*	*	×
Turkmenistan	*	×	*	*	×
JAE	*	*	*	*	×
Jganda	*	*	*	*	×
lkraine	*	*	*	*	<b>x</b>
JK	<b>√</b>	*	*	*	×
ISA	*	*	*	*	×
Izbekistan	×	*	*	*	×
'ambia	×	×	×	<b>x</b>	×

## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Australia





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Australia	There is a limit to all unnecessary personal interactions, for people to stay at home when not engaged in employment, necessary shopping or individual outdoor exercise.	Internal: Travel to certain remote areas is being restricted to prevent the spread of coronavirus.	The Federal Government has announced economic measures totaling up to \$189 billion in cash and credit. Approximately 9.7% of Australian GDP is being provided to help Australians through this crisis.	Conditions for employers: - their business has an annual turnover of less than \$1 billion and they estimate their turnover has fallen or will likely fall by 30 per cent or more; or	Actions of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA): - reduced the cash rate to 0.25%
	Measures include: - All outdoor and indoor places where people are likely to congregate such as pubs, restaurants, cafes, sporting venues, gyms, shopping centres, sitting areas of food courts and places of workshop are shut.	States impose restrictions on inter- state travel, Tasmania, the Northern Territory, Western Australian state, Queensland and South Australia announced border closures. Only residents of those states or those that are exempt can enter.	Support for Business Includes:  - Up to \$100,000 in tax relief to support eligible SMEs and not-for-profits (including charities) with aggregated turnover of under \$50 million, with a minimum payment of \$20,000.  - Temporary increase in the threshold at which point creditors can issue a statutory demand on a company (and the time companies have to respond to statutory demands they receive)	with turnover of \$1 billion or more) and they estimate their turnover has fallen or will likely fall by 50 per cent or more; and	around 0.25% - established a term funding facility for the banking system for
	- Restaurants and cafes can operate with takeaway services.	'External:	from \$2,000 to \$20,000.  - Support for business investment, by (1) increasing instant asset write-off from \$30,000 to \$150,000 and (2) a new time-	<ul><li>their business is not subject to the Major Bank Levy.</li><li>For charities registered with the</li></ul>	<ul><li>credit to SMEs</li><li>measures to mitiga</li><li>the cost to banks of</li></ul>
	- Outdoor personal training sessions to be no more than 10 people.	There is a complete travel ban for all Australians to the rest of the world, with exceptions for specific		Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC), they will be eligible for the subsidy if they estimate their turnover	associated increases in
	Those that can work from home are required to do so.	circumstances only.  Only Australian citizens, residents	- Support small businesses to retain apprentices and trainees, through a wage subsidy of 50% for nine months from Jan to Sep 2020.		In addition to the economic stimuli announced, each of the
	National Cabinet agreed that the Australian Government and all states and territories will implement a consistent and immediate exemption for non-cruise maritime crew to provide for the transiting to and from their places of work, within and across jurisdictions with agreed documentation.  The restrictions surrounding air crew have also been altered to meet the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee guidelines. As a result, air crew on international flights will be required to self-isolate at their place of residence (or hotel if not in their local city) between flights or for 14 days, whichever is shorter.	and immediate family members can travel to Australia (NZ citizens and residents are exempt).  Everyone arriving in Australia will be required to undertake their mandatory 14-day self-isolation at designated facilities (for example, a hotel). These dedicated facilities are to be deemed appropriate by the relevant state governments.	<ul> <li>\$1 billion to support communities, regions and industries most significantly affected, including a \$715 million package for the airline industry.</li> <li>A Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme will be introduced where the government will provide a 50% guarantee on new loans made by SMEs with a turnover of up to \$50 million, for working capital purposes.</li> <li>Announcement of \$130 Billion JobKeeper Payment. This is a \$1,500 fortnightly payment (for a maximum duration of 6 months) aimed at supporting employees and businesses. The JobKeeper Payment is designed to help businesses affected by the Coronavirus to cover the costs of their employees' wages, so that more employees can retain their job and continue to earn an income. Payments begin in May but will be backdated from end of March.</li> <li>New South Wales Government offers \$440 million land tax break to support tenants and landlords. The measures will apply to commercial leases where the tenant is in financial</li> </ul>	For employees: Eligible employees are those employees over the age of 16 and are:  - Full-time and part-time workers  - Casual employees who have been with their employer for at least 12 months  - Citizens, permanent visa holders, New Zealanders on 444 visas  - Not receiving JobKeeper from any other employer  Key things to note in return for receiving payments, childcare and early learning centres must:  - Stay open unless closed on public health advice or for other health and safety reasons  - Ensure families are not charged a fee,	state governments has also released a range of policies to increase funding to provide additional support to the health care system These include:  - NSW: \$700 million extra funding for NSW Health  - VIC: \$437 million spending boost to support the health system  - QLD: \$1.2 billion spending boost to support the health system

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Australia	Schools remain open. However, those students that can stay home are urged to do so. Only children of workers for whom no suitable care arrangements are		cafes, gyms, hairdressers, restaurants, offices, warehouses and industrial sites. Eligible landlords will be able to apply for a land tax concession of up to 25 per cent of their 2020 (calendar year) land tax liability on relevant properties.	<ul> <li>Prioritise care to essential workers,</li> <li>vulnerable and disadvantaged children and</li> <li>previously enrolled children •</li> <li>Record attendance.</li> </ul>	health funding (as part of the stage 1 \$137 million economic survival package)
	available at home to support their learning, physically attend school.			Code of conduct for commercial tenancies: To be eligible, tenants must be a small-	Audit regulatory developments:
	The Queensland Government has announced that Queensland school students will be learning at home for the first five weeks of Term 2, with schools only open for the children of essential workers.		sector. This plan will benefit 200,000 license holders over the next 12 months, totaling a value of \$50 million.  - Western Australia Government announces pandemic leave for the private sector. The Industrial Relations Commission has granted two weeks unpaid pandemic leave to all private sector State system employees effective immediately. Additionally,	medium sized business (annual turnover of up to \$50 million) and be an eligible business for the purpose of the Commonwealth Government's JobKeeper programme.	Australia: The Australian securities and investment commission (ASIC) have set guidelines for listed and unlisted public companies with
	Public gatherings, excluding household members, have been reduced to a maximum of two people.		new flexibilities enable employees to take annual leave at half pay and in advance  - The New South Wales state Government will be fast-tracking vital infrastructure projects to inject resources into regional communities impacted by COVID-19. This package will be worth in excess of \$100 million.  - The Tasmanian state Government will be reimbursing school levies paid to those attending Government schools.		31 December 2019 year ends that are required to hold AGMs by 31 May 2020. ASIC will take no action if AGMs are postponed for two months (until end July 2020) and ASIC supports use of
			Support for Individuals Includes:  - An additional \$550 per fortnight payment for six months to those under JobSeeker Payment, Youth Allowance JobSeeker, Parenting Payment, Farm Household Allowance, Special Benefit, Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance.  - Two separate \$750 tax exempted payments to lower income Australians, including pensioners, social security and veteran income support recipients and eligible concession card		appropriate technologies for AGMs. Closely monitoring financial reporting obligations, currently no indication of significant issues
			holders.  - Temporary early access to superannuation for eligible individuals, \$10,000 in FY20 and further \$10,000 in FY21.  - Support for retirees by temporarily reducing superannuation		Currently no deferrals for inspections by audit regulators.
			minimum drawdown requirements and reducing social security deeming rates.  - Evictions will be put on hold for six months by the states and territories. Landlords and renters are encouraged to talk		ASIC has not issued any extension to filing deadlines for Listed Public Entities at this

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Australia		about short term agreements  - \$1.1 billion package which boosts mental health services, domestic violence support, Medicare assistance for people at home and emergency food relief. This is broken down into:  - \$669 million will be provided to expand Medicare-subsidised telehealth services for all Australians, with extra incentives to GPs and other health practitioners also delivered.  - \$150 million will be provided to support Australians experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence due to the fallout from coronavirus.  - \$74 million will be provided to support the mental health and wellbeing of all Australians.  - An additional \$200 million will be provided to support charities and other community organisations which provide emergency and food relief as demand surges as a result of coronavirus.  - From 6 April 2020, the Government will pay 50% of the operating costs of Australia's 13,000 childcare and early learning centres, which will make childcare free in Australia for those who continue to need it. The payments will be made unt the end of the 2019-20 financial year and families will not be charged fees during this time  - The NSW Government announced a \$51 million package to ensure free preschool in NSW for up to the next 6 months.  - The Australian Government announced a Higher Education Relief package supporting displaced workers who are looking to upskill. Package guarantees Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding to Higher Education providers, irrespective of their enrolments. The cost to study short, online courses at universities and private providers will also be discounted considerably.  - The Australian Government has announced an additional \$3 million to support to the training of frontline health workers that are supporting those who have contracted coronavirus.	il	stage and may wait to mid May 2020 before considering any extensions. Australian market is dominated by June year end company's so further guidance is expected in due course.  In respect to non-listed companies with year ends between 31 December 2019 to 31 March 2020 ASIC has made an announcement granting a one month extension for lodgement.
		The Western Australia government has announced the Residential Tenancies Bill to support commercial and residentia tenants and landlords. The bill includes; a moratorium on evictions for 6 months, a prohibition on rent increases during	ıl	

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ustralia			the emergency period, any fixed term tenancies that are due to expire during the crisis period will continue as a periodic agreement, enabling a tenant to end a fixed term lease prior to the agreed upon end date without facing any break lease fees and allowing landlords to delay conduction of ordinary repairs if the reason they cannot do so relates to COVID-19 induced financial hardship.		
			The National Cabinet agreed to a nationally consistent approach to hardship support across the essential services (energy, water and rates) for households and small businesses. This approach includes adopting the following principles:  Offering flexible payment options to all households and small businesses in financial stress – including small businesses eligible for the JobKeeper Payment;  Not disconnecting restricting supply/services to those in financial stress;  Deferring debt recovery proceedings and credit default listing;  Waiving late fees and interest charges on debt; and  Minimising planned outages for critical works, and provide as much notice as possible to assist households and businesses during any outage.		

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Austria	- Working from home is strongly encouraged - All higher education (Gymnasiums, Colleges and Universities) are closed from 16 March until further notice.  - There are currently only four reasons to leave the house: (1) Work when necessary: Wherever possible, people should work from home by telework; all those who work in areas that ensure supply in our country are exempt. (2) Urgently needed purchases: This includes urgent matters, such as buying groceries or going to the pharmacy. (3) To help other people: Many people in Austria are currently dependent on help. In such cases, anyone who leaves their home to help others should be able to do so during this time. (4) In special exceptional cases: Whoever wants to go outside in an urgent case should only do this alone or with the people with whom they live together in the apartment.	- Worldwide travel warning - Foreign ministry advises against travel - Borders are largely closed off - Austrian Airlines to suspend all operations	the amount of 80% to secure new bridging loans, up to EUR 100 million for domestic tourism industry (SMEs), max. EUR 400 thousand per entity, loan term 36 months (4) Further measures (i.e. credit lines for large companies) are announced but details still need to be worked out - Up to EUR 38 billion aid package (introduced on March 18): (1) EUR 4 billion, which is to serve all possible aids, from short-time work to entrepreneurial aids to the purchase of instruments for the health care sector. (2) EUR 15 billion as emergency aid for industries that are particularly affected (to be "paid directly"). (3) EUR 10 billion in tax deferrals (4) EUR 9 billion guarantees and liabilities for loans	application: https://www.ams.at/unternehmen/personal sicherung-und- fruehwarnsystem/informationen- unternehmen-coronavirus-  - Further economic measures (introduced on March 16): (1) Applications for this are made through the exporter's house bank (added on March 24). (2) The application is submitted by the financing bank to aws. Required documents: Bank promises (i.e. a brief information from the financing bank that it is ready to carry out the financing) Bank rating in the form of the one-year probability of default Confirmation from the bank that the applicant company did not meet the URG criteria in the marketing year preceding the application URG criteria (3) Only for Austrian SMEs in the domestic tourism industry via: https://portal.oeht.at/ (4) tba  - EUR 38 billion aid package (1) tba (2) tba (3) Requirement: Being affected by liquidity shortage resulting from Covid 19: Form from: https://www.bmf.gv.at/public/informatione n/coronavirus-hilfe.html must either be	issued guidance highlighting importance for the performance of ongoing audits. 27 March, ESMA issued public statement to promote coordinated action by NCAs. In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk- based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports  https://www.wko.at/ser vice/haertefall-fonds- epu- kleinunternehmen.html

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ustria			health sector).  - Phase 1 emergency aid (applications can be submitted from March 27th, 5:00 pm and will be distributed next week): Individuals with a net income of less than 6,000 euros p.a.: subsidy of 500 euros Individuals with a net income from 6,000 euros p.a.: subsidy of 1,000 euros Applicants who do not have a tax assessment will receive a grant of 500 euros.  - Phase 2 (exact criteria and timing are still being worked out by the government): The grant is max. 2,000 euros per month for a maximum of 3 months. The grant will be based on the amount of income lost.  - Research financing: EUR 23 million for research into medicines for the coronavirus, especially clinical trials to test drugs and drugs against Covid 19 disease and research projects to keep hospitals sterile Republic credit guarantees: for loans through the newly established COFAG (Covid-19 Finanzierungsagentur) (1) Max. 90% Republic guarantees for loans (highest security that the Republic of Austria can award), for SMEs: 100% Republic guarantees for max. EURt 500, beyond that: max. 90% Republic guarantees for loans - Republic credit grants through the newly established COFAG (Covid-19 Finanzierungsagentur) (1) Progressive grants to cover fixed costs: if fixed costs exceed 2,000 euros within 3 months, the federal government will pay: (i) In case of 40-60% financial loss: 25% replacement (ii) 60 - 80% financial loss: 50% EL (iii) 80-100% financial loss: 75% EL (2) Upper limit of grants per company: maximum EURm 90	- Hardship Fund - The funding guidelines are currently being drawn up together with the Vice Chancellery, the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Finance (Source:  https://www.wko.at/service/haertefall-fonds-epu-kleinunternehmen.html)  - Research financing: Applications can now be submitted at www.ffg.at/corona  - Republic guarantees (applications can be submitted from April 8): (1) Requirements: Location and business activities must be in Austria and there must be a liquidity requirement for the domestic location.  For public limited companies: bonuses may only be paid to members of the Management Board up to 50% of last year's bonuses and no dividend payments may be made from this liquidity support from 16.3.2020 - 16.3.2021. (2) Application process: Single point of contact: house bank (house bank fills out the application). The application is then forwarded to the OeKB (large companies), to AWS (small and medium-sized enterprises) or to ÖHT (tourism companies).  - Republic grants (applications can be submitted from April 15): (1) Requirements: Non-banks, non-insurance companies with loss of revenue through Covid-19 ≥40% in 2020. Registered office, operations and fixed costs in Austria Economic health of the company before	

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Austria				Covid-19 outbreak. Implementation of all reasonable measures to reduce fixed costs and maintain jobs in Austria. (2) Application process: The application for a fixed cost grant must be submitted to the AWS online tool Payment is made via the house bank in coordination with AWS	

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Bahrain	All commercial and industrial businesses providing goods and services directly to customers are to open and resume work provided certain measures are in place:  a) Employees have to wear face masks  b) The number of employees in any facility is reduced and overcrowding in stores is actively prevented to ensure sufficient social distancing measures are maintained at all times.  c) Stores must ensure continuous sterilization, including external premises, in accordance to guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health  d) Queuing and line-ups outside stores must be arranged in accordance to the social distancing measures issued by the Ministry of Health	Ministry of Interior (MOI), foreign residents, diplomats, military	Central Bank of Bahrain Measures: - Providing retail banks with a concessionary repo arrangement up to 6 months at zero percent, assessed on a case by case basis Offering 6 months deferral of installments at no fees, no increase in interest unless the customer agrees for a shorter period to all impacted borrowers Reducing Cash Reserve Ratio from 5% to 3% - Reducing the CBB's key policy interest rate on the one-week deposit facility from 1.75% to 1.00% - Reducing the overnight deposit rate from 1.50% to 0.75%, - Reducing the one-month deposit rate from 2.20% to 1.45% - Reducing the CBB lending rate from 2.45% to 1.70% Relaxing Loans to Value ratio for new residential mortgages for Bahrainis - Capping merchant fees on debit card transactions imposed by local acquirers at 0.8%  Government measures (4.3bn stimulus package) - Exemption from tourism levies and municipal fees for three months - Payment of salaries of all private sector employees for three months - Payment of individuals' and businesses' Electricity and Water Authority utility bills whilst also restructuring government administrative costs to offset additional costs incurred by the government Doubling the size of the Liquidity Support Fund to BHD 200 million - Redirection of all Tamkeen programs to support adversely affected companies, as well as the restructuring of all debts issued by Tamkeen - Increasing the Central Bank of Bahrain's loan facilities to BHD 3.7bn to allow debt instalments to be deferred and extra credit to be extended	Not specified	Audit regulatory developments: - Exempting locally incorporated banks from preparing reviewed Q1 financial statements - Exempting all public entities from preparin reviewed Q1 financial:  https://www.bna.bh/e/TheNationalTaskforcerCombatingtheCoronarusCOVID19highlightseasurestakentomitigahespreadofCOVID19.apx?cms=q8FmFJgiscLwIzON1%2bDnM%2fr31o5ALbqhfChd7oU09d  https://www.meed.co/latest-travel-restrictions-coronavirus-covid-19  https://www.cbb.gov.h/media-center/centrabank-of-bahrains-regulatory-measures-as-part-of-precautionary-efforts-to-contain-covid-19/

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Belgium	Working from home: Businesses - regardless of size - are obliged to organise working from home for every position where it is possible, without exception. If working from home is not possible for certain employees, social distancing will be strictly respected.  Containment measures are extended to 3 May 2020.	,	attributable to Covid-19.  The Federal Government is putting up to <b>EUR 50 billion in</b>	April (for VAT report from February), and 7 May (for VAT report from March and April).  Intercommunity report can be delayed following the same approach as VAT declarations.  VAT payments and withholding taxes payments are automatically delayed for 2 months. The withholding tax and VAT due in April must be paid by 15 and 20 July at the latest. An additional period of two months will be automatically granted, in addition to the normal period, for the payment of personal income tax, corporate income tax, legal entity tax, non-resident tax.  The payment of debts relating to personal or corporate income tax, including those established before 12 March 2020, is also subject to the announced aid measures and additional payment deadlines, exemption from interest on arrears and/or remission of fines for late payment, upon request.  Other conditions to government support will become more clear over the coming days / weeks	education. Reopening of DIY stores and garden centres is allowed. The tests will soon become widespread in rest homes. The federal government and the federated entities are also working on tracing those who test positive. The wearing of cloth masks by the population will be part of the deconfinement strategy and some municipalities are beginning to encourage

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# Global COVID-19 Government Response - Belgium

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Belgium			channeled through the regional investment vehicles (i.e. PMV, Sogepa,)	of the repayment of mortgage loans) and of social security contributions as well as the deferral of the receipt of tax returns. The government is also looking at bonuses and tax breaks for employees in critical sectors, more flexible work schedules and expanded rules for consecutive short-term contracts to put more people to work. Tax relief for overtime in essential sectors is also being discussed.  The meeting also authorised the "regularisation" and standardisation of communal administrative sanctions for those who do not comply with the containment rules decreed by the government.  Another royal decree relates to an extension of limitation periods for certain deadlines and the possibility of going to court, in order to relieve the judicial system in this period of pandemic.	Reports that the government is preparing new measures to help companies get throug the crisis: a bonus for carers, more flexible working hours, a bonufor essential workers, tax exemption for overtime, etc.  In addition, reports the several companies (ebanks - Belfius, BNP Paribas Fortis etc.) wi waive dividend

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Belgium					announced a suspension of dividend payments.
					Useful links: Part 1 (6 Mar'20) https://economie.fgov e/fr/themes/entreprise /coronavirus/informati ns-pour-les/reduction- des-pertes/coronavirus premier-volet-du Part 2 (20 Mar'20) https://economie.fgov e/fr/themes/entreprise /coronavirus/informati ns-pour-les/reduction- des-pertes/coronavirus deuxieme-volet-du https://www.belgium.l e/fr/actualites/2020/m sures_prises_par_le_c nseil_national_de_sect ite_du_27_mars_2020 http://www.droitbelge e/news_detail.asp?id= 013
					Audit regulatory developments:
					EU: ESMA: Recommendations for Financial Market Participants: Business Continuity Planning; Market disclosure; Financial Reporting; Fund Management.

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Belgium					Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. Accounting implications on the calculation of expected credit losses in accordance with IFRS Issued a statement on the application of IFRS 9 Financial Instrument in the specific context of the COVID-19 outbreak.  EBA: Published guidance on the application of accounting standards i the light of COVID-19.
					NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generall apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. CEAOB: Statement includes considering postponing issuance of audit opinion

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Belgium				Belgium: Institute of Company Auditors (IBR/IRE): Extensions likely although no formal announcement has been made by government yet. Communication published including risk assessment, ISA 600 compliance, going concern etc. (NL - FR).

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Bosnia and Herzegovina	of passengers in road and rail	transportation of goods by road in transit through Bosnia and Herzegovina.  The movement of persons under the age of 18 and over the age of 65 is prohibited. Movement between 20.00 and 05.00 hours is prohibited for all persons.	Deadlines for filing CIT and PIT returns and submission of forms for independent craftsmen have been extended to 30 April 2020 and 31 May 2020, respectively.  Banks and non-depository financial institutions may approve special measures for clients, such as: moratorium, introduction of a grace period of maximum 6 months, and approval of an additional amount of exposure.  From 16 March 2020 all products prescribed by Article 9 of the Law on Price Control, as well as other essential food products and basic hygiene items, may not have a price higher than that which they had on March 5, 2020.  On 22 March 2020 Canton Sarajevo established Economic Support Fund. Zenica-Doboj Canton initiated activities to develop an incentive program for spring sowing. The Tuzla Canton will secure an additional one million convertible marks from the Eskrow account to secure an additional BAM 27,000,000.00 in favorable credit for the economy of the Tuzla Canton. Business entities that lay off workers during this period will not be covered by the programs of the Government of Tuzla Canton.  The government has adopted a set of rules whereby it would cover minimum wages for employees on behalf of firms in the private sector and not for public and financial institutions.  On 10 April 2020, the President of Republika Srpska has adopted a Decree-Law on Tax Measures for Mitigation of Economic Consequences of COVID-19, which: Compiles earlier decisions on deferred filing and payment of tax liabilities; Postpones deadlines for payment of forestry fees, firefighting fees, and certain republic and local taxes; Defers the payment of the first installment of real estate transfer tax; Reduces lump sum of annual personal income tax from BAM 600 to BAM 240; For business entities whose performance of business activities	More detailed measures are expected with detailed conditions for application.	http://www.fucz.gov.b

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Bosnia and Herzegovina			is prohibited, the payment taxes and contributions on net salaries for March, and payment of the minimum salary, taxes and contributions for April from the Solidarity Fund is secured		

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Brazil



Main Federal restrictions: On 20 March 2020 was established State of Emergency by the Legislative Decree n. 6/2020. Thus far quarantine is not established in all Brazilian states. The Brazilian Supreme Court (STF) determined that all States and Municipalities are allowed to institute quarantine period to the extent of necessity. In 22 March 2020 was enacted the Provisional Measure n. 927/2020 providing several initiatives regarding flexibility of employment matters, such as home-office, granting of anticipated vacation, collective vacation to all employees, suspension of labor ancillary obligations related to medical examination and occupational training, deferral of the collection of Indemnity Severance Fund for Service Length (FGTS), among others.

Main restrictions in Sao Paulo: The Governor of Sao Paulo determined the suspension of several activities except for the ones classified as essential such as supermarkets, pharmacies, bakeries and gas stations. He also recommended the restriction of people circulation throughout the State, keeping circulation at a minimum, strictly for food, health care and essential activities purposes, which does not comprise labor activities that are capable to be performed remotely. When not possible to render activities under home-office regime, companies are allowed to anticipate employees' vacation by providing a simple notice with 48-hours in advance. This quarantine has been extended to 22 April.

Workers classified under the group risk of

Main Federal restrictions: From 30 March, only Brazilian citizens, immigrants with fixed residence in Brazil, immediate family members of BRL to each family. Brazilian citizens and foreign professionals acting on behalf of international bodies can enter the country.

#### Main restrictions in Sao Paulo:

Sao Paulo's Municipality announced a bus fleet reduction in 45% throughout quarantine - i.e. until April 7 - with possibility of extension. Secondary access to metro stations, CPTM trains and metropolitan bus terminals were closed on 24 March ticket windows will are also closed. All road access to Sao Paulo coast are now closed to prevent the outflow of citizens to areas with lesser medical structure. The borders remain closed, but still open for the Brazilians come back home.

#### Federal:

- The Government will provide aid of 600 BRL to each informa worker (i.e. without employment registry) capped to 1,200

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- Federal Government will create a line of credit of 40 billion BRL for the payment of salary of workers from small and midsized business for up to 2 months. Entrepreneurs will have to commit to not terminate their employees due to the pandemic economic crisis. The financing will be available in one or two weeks from now.
- The Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency (Aneel) suspended shutdown on energy supplies due to failure of payment for all residences and essential services (such as health units, hospitals, food delivery services, metro, among other) for 90 days
- The chemical laboratories of the Armed Forces will increase the production of gel alcohol and chloroguine.
- 2020. All bicycle stations and several The government reached an agreement with the pharmaceutical industry and retail to suspend the price readjustment of all medicines in Brazil. The measure is in effect for 60 days.
  - The job maintenance program will be allocated R \$ 51 billion. It provides for the granting of Emergency Employment and Income Preservation Benefit to workers who have a reduced working day or a suspended contract and also emergency aid for intermittent workers with formalized employment contracts.
  - Federal Government reduces IPI (Tax on Manufactured Products) rate of several products to zero from March 20 to September 30, 2020.
  - The federal government published a Provisional Measure which exempts basic education schools and higher education institutions for this year from complying with the minimum of 200 school days per year provided for in the Law of Directives and Bases of Education in the country. Food distribution purchases under the National School Meal Program for students' families is now authorized on an exceptional basis, at \* Decreto no 64.937 13 April 2020 the discretion of local government, and these resources should be used to guarantee food for basic education students.
  - Provisional Measure 936\* published in the Official Gazette on

Federal: The Provisional Measure n. 927/2020 had the purpose to adequate the new reality of labor market for as long as endures the State of Calamity. All decisions provided by the Supreme Court, House of Representatives and Senate in a daily basis are also focused on mitigating the risk for the virus to spread, promote medical care to most of the patients and minimize the impacts of the pandemic in local economy.

In Sao Paulo: Decree n. 64,881 of 22 March 2020 stated a guarantine period in the entire State aiming to prevent the virus to spread and avoid mass contamination mostly regarding people classified as risk group. The Decree started its effectiveness in 24 March and will have its period of validity until 7 April 2020, which may be extended by determination of the Ministry of Health.

- \*Provisional Measure number 946/2020 -Published: 04.07.2020 | Edition: 67-B | Section: 1 - Extra | Page: 9 http://www.in.gov.br/en/web/dou/-/medida-provisoria-n-946-de-7-de-abril-de- monitoring site of the 2020-251562794
- \*Medida Provisória (MP) nº 950, 8 April
- \* Resolução nº 2, 9 April 2020.
- \* Portaria nº 383, 9 April 2020.
- \* Decreto nº 64.936 13 April 2020

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20 here you can find the State Decrees 3) DO Cidade SP (Official Gazette of the Municipality of São Paulo) http://www.docidadesp. imprensaoficial.com.br/ Busca.aspx here you can find the Local Decrees

> https://covid.inteligov.c om.br/ - This is an automatic and parameterized Official Gazette of the Union and the Legislative (federal, state and municipal)

http://www.economia.g ov.br/noticias/2020/ma rco/confira-as-medidastomadas-peloministerio-daeconomia-em-funcaodo-covid-19-coronavirus

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Brazil	Covid-19 should have priority on the	April 3, 2020 which regulates the possibility of reducing		- This is the Ministry o
	vacation anticipation.	workers' hours, with cuts of 25%, 50% or 70% in wages. The		Economy website for
		Provisional Measure establishes the Emergency Employment		monitoring the
		and Income Maintenance Program, which authorizes		economic impacts of t
		employers, temporarily, to reduce wages and hours (for up to		Covid-19 pandemic
		90 days) or suspend employment contracts. The measure		6) TV Globo and TV
		provides for the payment of monthly compensatory aid to		Cultura - Brazilian TV
		employees by the government. The measure also includes a		channels with constar
		Normative Instruction for Revenue (IN 1.930 / 2020**) which		news
		extends the deadline for filing an individual income tax return		(https://globoplay.glo
		to June 30.		.com/agora-na-globo/
		- Government releases withdrawal of another R \$ 1,045 from		7)
		active and inactive FGTS (Time of Service Guarantee Fund)		https://t.me/spcorona
		accounts		rus - The Official
		Values will be available from June 15th. MP n.946/20* also		Telegram Group – Sta
		ends the Program of Social Integration (PIS) and for the		of São Paulo
		Program of Formation of the Patrimony of the Public Server		
		(PASEP).		Audit regulatory
		The federal government published on 8 April a provisional		developments:
		measure (MP) * to exempt low-income consumers from paying		Brazil:
		electricity bills.		CVM issued additional
		According to the MP:		45 days to file Q1
		1) consumers will have a 100% discount on the tariff between		interim financial
		April 1st and June 30th;		information, additiona
		2) the exemption will apply to units that consume up to 220		2 months to file annua
		kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month and that are included in the		financial statements for
		Social Tariff;		year ended 31,
		3) the Federal Government will allocate R \$ 900 million to pay		December 2019, and
		the bills, and the remaining costs will be paid by the Energy		additional 5 months to
		Development Account (CDE).		file annual financial
				statements for year
		<ul> <li>Federal Government launches a contingency plan with R\$ 4.7</li> </ul>		ended 31 March, 2020
		billion for traditional peoples and communities during the		or after.
		pandemic. This amount will be distributed among prevention		Released a statement
		and health care actions, income transfer for enrollment in the		recommending that
		"Bolsa Família" Program and basic baskets, hygiene kits and		affected companies
		food reinforcement. In total, more than 6.4 million people will		make information
		benefit.		regarding potential
		<ul> <li>Finep, a public company of the Ministry of Science,</li> </ul>		financial impacts of
		Technology, Innovations and Communications (MCTIC),		COVID-19 available to

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Brazil	work	Restrictions on travel	approved credit lines, in the total amount of R\$ 600 million, to face Covid-19. Three specific lines were stipulated, with special conditions, which will guarantee the development of technologies by companies.  - Ministry of Health will guarantee maintenance of 220 adult ICU beds exclusively for care of critically ill patients due to coronavirus infection, to states of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Rio Grande do Sul, Bahia and Piauí. R\$ 1.6 thousand per month will be paid for each bed.  Sao Paulo:  - The Municipality of Sao Paulo form commercial partnership with AMBEV (one of the biggest brewery companies in Brazil), Gerdau (steel company) and Albert Einstein Hospital to build a treatment center focused on coronavirus which should be concluded in 40 days. After the pandemic crisis, this medical unit should be part of the public health system of the municipality. There will be a total of 100 hospital beds which should be concluded until 30 April.  - Government announces more than R\$ 97 million in donations from private companies. SP expands the "Bom Prato" service (low-cost food program for people in extreme social vulnerability and homeless). The measure provides dinner and operation on weekends. The program will start serving 1.2 million more meals per month  - The government affirmed on March 31, 2020 the transfer of R \$ 25 million monthly to state and municipal hospitals  - Over R \$ 150 million in credit for microentrepreneurs announced on April 3, 2020. The purpose is to warm up the	support	
			state's economy and assist microentrepreneurs in addressing the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. These are economic measures to support microentrepreneurs in all sectors of our economy, services, commerce, industry, technology, education and all others that are within this level of microenterprises.  - The governor of São Paulo, announced the construction of another field hospital in the capital to treat cases of coronavirus. The new unit will be built in the Ibirapuera Gymnasium Complex (Sports Complex within the São Paulo Ibirapuera urban park). It is expected to start operating on		

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May 1st. There will be 268 beds and an investment of approximately R \$ 42 million.  - The government of São Paulo, announced the State will implement, the program "Alimento Solidario", which will distribute 1 million basic food baskets to 4 million paulistas in extreme poverty.  - Governor authorized the hiring of 1185 health professionals to reinforce the teams in state hospitals. It also determined the opening of a public tender for another 925 hires Governor announced that new expenses will be suspended and expenses with civil servants/social charges will reduced. There will also be a purchase of 1.3 million tests from South Korea, which 725 thousand tests have already arrived in the country. The investment was R\$ 85 million. The purchase of 18 million masks from China was also made with a total investment of R\$ 63 million.	ountry	Restrictions on physical attendance at work	t Restrictions on travel	Government support available/announced	Conditions around Government support	Additional information
		work	RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL	May 1st. There will be 268 beds and an investment of approximately R \$ 42 million.  - The government of São Paulo, announced the State will implement, the program "Alimento Solidário", which will distribute 1 million basic food baskets to 4 million paulistas in extreme poverty.  - Governor authorized the hiring of 1185 health professionals to reinforce the teams in state hospitals. It also determined the opening of a public tender for another 925 hires.  - Governor announced that new expenses will be suspended and expenses with civil servants/social charges will reduced. There will also be a purchase of 1.3 million tests from South Korea, which 725 thousand tests have already arrived in the country. The investment was R\$ 85 million. The purchase of 18 million masks from China was also made with a total		information

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#### Canada



In most provinces (including Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia) public libraries, gyms, schools, child care centres, bars, restaurants, theaters, concert venues are closed.

- see daily updates for province-specific restrictions

No specific restrictions on attending workplaces (but working from home is encouraged where possible)

#### **Updates:**

- The Ontario provincial government has pared down its list of essential services from 74 categories to 44 (includes closure of stores including cannabis shops, hardware retailers and others)
- Air Canada: The airline announced last month it would cut about 16,500 jobs as part of a cost reduction program due to the COVID-19 pandemic and imposition of global travel restrictions. Air Canada says it will apply for the emergency wage subsidy program and retain or return affected employees to its payroll for the program term
- WestJet to rehire nearly 6,400 workers with help of federal wage subsidy
- Non-essential services will be shut down in most provinces until at least the end of April. Event cancellations (including those in Alberta and Ottawa) will be in effect until June 30.

15 April 2020 Ontario:

#### Internal

- Effective Monday, March 30 at 12PM EST, boarding of domestic flights and trains will be denied to COVID19.

#### External

- Until June 30, 2020, travel to Canada will be restricted for all foreign nationals coming from any country other than the U.S.
- As of March 21, 2020, a temporary 30-day restriction on all nonessential travel at the Canada-U.S. border has been implemented (covers all travel of an optional or discretionary nature)
- All international passenger flight arrivals are redirected to 4 airports: Calgary International, Vancouver International, Toronto-Pearson International, Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International.
- Effective March 26 2020, travelers returning to Canada. Fines or arrests will be put in place for violations.
- COVID-19 Emergency Loan Program for Canadians Abroad: The emergency loan to Canadians in need of immediate financial assistance to return home or to temporarily cover their life-

Federal support measures:

Government support available/announced

- Wage subsidy for businesses (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, CEWS): The federal government has released - The assistance is being rolled out in two wage subsidy support measures (depending on eligibility). people showing symptoms related to Businesses of all sizes are eligible for a 75% wage subsidy provided they can prove a decline in revenue due to COVID19. and municipalities' responsibility Note that on 8 April 2020, the Federal government announced that the eligibility requirements have changed for the 75% wage subsidy program. To be eligible for the subsidy for the month of March, businesses are required to show a 15% or more decline in revenue (compared to March 2019 or, alternatively, compared to the average revenue in January and more details to come February 2020). For the months of April and May, businesses will need to demonstrate 30% losses (compared to April 2019 and May 2019, or, alternatively, compared to the average revenue in January and February 2020). Small businesses that do not meet the 15% revenue threshold subsidy for private sector employers from

are eligible for a 10% wage subsidy.

- El waiting period waived: For Canadians without paid sick leave who are sick, guarantined, or forced to stay home to care for children, the Employment Insurance (EI) one week waiting period has been waived
- Bank of Canada overnight rate: Effective March 27, Bank of Canada lowers overnight rate to 0.25%
- Bank of Canada's Provincial Money Market Purchase (PMMP) program: supports the liquidity and efficiency of provincial government funding markets.
- EI Work Sharing Program: provides EI benefits to workers mandatory isolation is required for all who agree to reduce their normal working hours as a result of Wage subsidy bill: developments beyond the control of their employers by extending the eligibility of such agreements to 76 weeks, easing eligibility requirements and streamlining the application automatically qualify for the next period process
- Insured Mortgage Purchase Program (IMPP): government will purchase up to \$150 billion of insured program will provide the option of an mortgage pools through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)
  - Deferral of Sales Tax Remittance and Customs Duty **Payments:** Businesses, including self-employed individuals, permitted to defer until June 30, 2020 payments of the Goods

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance:

- collaboration with the provinces and territories as rent policy is largely provinces n/business/covid-
- The program will provide loans, including some forgivable loans, to commercial property owners who are then to either lower or forgo the rent for small businesses update (Resources for during these months, with a promise of

Prince Edwards Island (P.E.I) support for students:

- The province will be increasing the 50 to 75 per cent of the hired students' salaries
- Extending the jobs for youth application deadlines and a one-time amount of \$750 for eligible students waiting on federal money to come through
- Students who work in the seafood sector will be eligible for a bursary of \$1,000 for high school students and \$2,000 for university students

- Proposing once an employer is eligible based on one month's revenue, they would and those going forward;
- Implementing unspecified measures " without delay to address gaps in the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, or other programs, existing or proposed" such as students, part-time workers, and essential workers; and
- Bringing in "in the short-term" further

Canada: Canada Emergency **Business Account:** 

https://www.cibc.com/e 19/emergencybusiness-account.html

Government of Canada Canadian Businesses): https://www.canada.ca/ en/services/business/m aintaingrowimprovebusi ness/resources-forcanadianbusinesses.html

#### Daily updates in Canada:

https://www.cbc.ca/ne ws/canada/coronaviruscovid19-april1-canadaworld-1.5516328

Federal Wage Subsidy https://www.canada.ca/ en/departmentfinance/economicresponse-plan/wagesubsidy.html https://www.thestar.co m/politics/federal/2020/ 04/01/justin-trudeausays-canadiansimpacted-by-covid-19will-be-able-to-applyfor-emergencyfinancial-help-onmonday.html

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Canada		sustaining needs while they work toward their return.	and Services Tax / Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST), as well as customs duties owing on their imports  - Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP): Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and Export Development Canada (EDC) to provide more than \$10 billion of additional support, largely targeted to small and medium-sized businesses. This program includes the Canada Emergency Business Account, which will provide interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits.  - Support for farmers: Farm Credit Canada (FCC) has received an enhancement to its capital base that will allow for an additional \$5 billion in lending capacity  - Income tax deferral: Businesses can defer payment of any income tax amounts until after August 31, 2020  - Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB): Income support for up to 16 weeks to those who do not qualify for EI and who lose their jobs, get sick, go into quarantine or have to stay home because of school closures. The benefit amounts to about \$2,000 a month.  - Support for the air transportation sector: The government is waiving of ground lease rents from Mar- Dec 2020 for the 21 airport authorities paying rent to the federal government. Comparable treatment for Ports Toronto is provided.  - The Canadian Business Resilience Network: program between the Government of Canada and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce  - Banking sector: Canada's Big Six banks all said they will reduce interest rates on credit cards to provide relief to customers affected by COVID-19 pandemic  - Financial Statements: Temporary blanket relief published providing extension of 45 days for annual and interim audited financial statements that were otherwise due on or before June 1.  - Refund for certain payroll contributions: 100 per cent refund for certain employer-paid contributions to Employment	support measures for Canadian small- and medium-sized businesses, which will be partially non-refundable, with the aim of of keeping jobs and reducing debt related to fixed costs.  Emergency Wage Subsidy - 75% subsidy - The program is estimated to cost \$73 billion for the 12 weeks it will be in effect, backdated to March 15 - Subsidy for employees is 75% of the first \$58,700 of earnings, up to a maximum of \$847/week. There is no cap on the total subsidy amount an employer can claim Applicable to businesses of all sizes (small, medium, large) and includes non-profits & charities - The subsidy is available to all types of corporations in Canada, with the exception of non-taxable corporations and public sector entities like municipalities, public schools and hospitals The Canadian subsidiaries of foreign-controlled companies are eligible.  Wage subsidy - 10% subsidy (For businesses that do not meet the 30% revenue decrease threshold) - provided for 3 months and equal to 10% of remuneration paid during that period, up to a maximum subsidy of \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer - Businesses will be able to benefit immediately by reducing their remittances of income tax withheld on/their employees' remuneration.	information  Additional wage subsidy information: https://www.thestar.co m/politics/federal/2020/04/01/justin-trudeau-says-canadians-impacted-by-covid-19-will-be-able-to-apply-for-emergency-financial-help-on-monday.html https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/03/331/latest-coronavirus-news-canada-post-union-asks-canadians-to-disinfect-their-mall-boxes-federal-wage-subsidy-details-to-come-today-india-works-to-fight-spread.html https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-the-latest-on-the-coronavirus-ottawa-to-give-more-details-including/
			Insurance (EI), the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), the Quebec Pension Plan (QPP), and the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP)	- Eligible businesses: corporations eligible for small business deduction, non-profit organizations and charities	https://globalnews.ca/news/6750050/justin-trudeau-coronavirus-

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Canada		Employers who hire summer students can apply for a subsidy	Bank of Canada's Provincial Money Market	Wage subsidy bill:
		of up to 100 per cent of the provincial or territorial hourly	Purchase (PMMP) program:	https://www.ctvnews
		minimum wage		
		<ul> <li>Support for broadcasters: The Canadian Radio-television</li> </ul>	provincial treasury bills and/or promissory	passes-73b-covid-19-
		and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) will not issue	notes. This program acquires provincially-	wage-subsidy-bill-
		letters requesting payment for Part I licence fees by	issued money market securities through the	<u>1.4892201</u>
		broadcasters for the 2020–21 fiscal year.	primary issuance market to support a liquid	
		- Support for northern communities: \$130 million to help	and well-functioning market for short-term	
		Canada's northern communities, with \$72.6 million of the	provincial borrowings.	https://www.cbc.ca/
		money going towards health services and community	- Under the PMMP, the Bank will purchase	ws/canada/calgary/v
		preparedness within the country's three territories	up to 40 percent of each offering of	jet-airline-layoffs-jol
		- Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance: Help	directly-issued provincial money market	cut-covid-calgary-
		small businesses cover their rents for April, May, and June	securities with terms to maturity of 12	1.5527291
			months or less. This includes treasury bills	
		The federal bailout package to date is now valued at more than		CERB:
		\$200-billion, including \$52-billion in direct spending, \$85-billion		https://www.canada
		in tax deferrals for individuals and businesses, and \$65-billion	may be adjusted if market conditions	en/department-
		in loans.	warrant.	finance/economic-
			- The central bank said in a release that it	response-plan/covid
		Updates:	considers the current level of its rate to be	individuals.html#ne
		- On 10 April 2020, Canada announced it lost 1 million	its "effective lower bound." That means the	anada_emergency_
		positions in March and the unemployment rate climbed to 7.8	bank doesn't have any plans to cut the rate	onse_benefit
		per cent, reflecting the first wave of layoffs resulting from the	to zero or into negative territory	A
		COVID-19 pandemic	- Buy up to \$50 billion worth of provincial	Air transportation
		- On 11 April 2020, the wage subsidy bill passed	debt and up to \$10 billion worth of	sector support:
		- Nearly 6 million people have applied for COVID-19	corporate debt in order to ensure there is	https://www.canada
		emergency benefits	enough liquidity	en/department-
		- According to Alberta's premier, the province is on track to hit	DOAD li-f f lifi-d	finance/economic-
		25 percent unemployment rate due to the pandemic	BCAP relief measures for qualified	response-plan/covid
		- On 15 April 2020, Federal government announced \$130	businesses include:	businesses.html#wa
		million to help Canada's northern communities	- Working capital loans of up to \$2 million	g_ground_lease_rer
		- On 15 April 2020, the P.E.I provincial government announced	with flexible repayment terms such as	httms://www.comode
		a number of supports for post-secondary students	principal postponements for qualifying	https://www.canada
		- On 15 April 2020, the federal government announced	businesses;	en/department-
		changes to the emergency benefit	- Flexible repayment terms, such as	finance/economic-
		- On 15 April 2020, Bank of Canada holds rate steady at	postponement of principal payments for up	response-plan/wage
		0.25%	to 6 months, for existing BDC clients with	subsidy.html
		- On 15 April 2020, Canadian Real Estate Association	total BDC loan commitment of \$1 million or	
		announced home sales fell 14% in March as COVID-19 settled	less;	
		in	- Reduced rates on new eligible loans	

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Canada			<ul> <li>On 16 April 2020, the Federal government announced the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (help small businesses cover their rents for April, May, and June)</li> <li>On 16 April 2020, the Federal government announced changes to eligibility for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA), which provides interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small and medium sized businesses. Previously, only companies that paid \$50K-\$1M in payroll in 2019 would be eligible. Now, companies that paid \$20K-\$1.5M in 2019 payroll are eligible.</li> <li>On 16 April 2020, the B.C. government announced more relief measures including tax payment delays, debt-borrowing initiatives and a 25% commercial property tax cut. Also, in order to give businesses and landlords more time to pay commercial property taxes, the late payment date has been extended to October 1 from July.</li> <li>See daily updates for province-specific information and support measures, including province-specific action plans.</li> </ul>	- Up to \$40,000 interest-free loan for businesses that cannot defer operating costs due to COVID19 - \$10,000 (25%) is eligible for complete forgiveness if the remaining \$30,000 is fully repaid before December 31, 2022 - If the loan cannot be repaid by December 31, 2022, it can be converted into a 3-year term loan charging an interest rate of 5% - Businesses or not-for-profits eligible if they have: an operating company in Canada; an annual payroll of between \$50,000 and \$1 million, based on their 2019 T4SUM Summary of Remuneration Paid - This loan will become available beginning	en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html  https://www.bankofc.ada.ca/markets/mark-operations-liquidity-provision/covid-19-actions-support-economy-financial-system/?mt_page=2

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anada				Customs Duty Payments:	
				<ul> <li>The deferral will apply to GST/HST</li> </ul>	
4				remittances for the February, March and	
				April 2020 reporting periods for monthly	
				filers; the January 1, 2020 through March	
				31, 2020 reporting period for quarterly	
				filers; and for annual filers, the amounts	
				collected and owing for their previous fiscal	
				year and instalments of GST/HST in respec	t
				of the filer's current fiscal year.	
				- For GST and customs duty payments for	
				imported goods, deferral will include	
				amounts owing for March, April and May These amounts were normally due to be	
				submitted to the Canada Revenue Agency	
				and the Canada Border Services Agency as	
				early as the end of this month.	
				earry as the end of this month.	
				Financial impact of federal support	
				measures:	
				- Measures announced so far to support	
				businesses and individuals will cost \$105	
				billion	
				- Government is allowing individuals and	
				businesses to defer about \$55 billion of	<b>-</b>
				taxes and postpone some \$30 billion in GS <sup>-</sup> and customs remittances.	I
				- This is an extreme amount compared to	
				the \$28.1 billion deficit projected for 2020- 21 in December's fiscal update	
				21 iii December 5 fiscar update	
				Canada's big 6 banks credit card interest	
				rate reduction:	
				<ul> <li>Bank of Montreal and Bank of Nova Scotia</li> </ul>	
				said they will temporarily reduce credit care	
				interest rates to 10.99 per cent for persona	al
				and small business customers receiving	
				payment deferrals due to the outbreak	
				<ul> <li>TD Bank said it will cut credit card interes</li> </ul>	st .
				rates by 50 per cent for customers	

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nada			experiencing hardship - Royal Bank said it will reduce the charges by 50 per cent for clients receiving minimum payment deferrals - National Bank will reduce annual interest rates to 10.9 per cent for clients receiving three-month payment deferrals - CIBC too will lower interest rates to 10.99 per cent on personal credit cards for users who request to skip a payment - Most of the banks' credit cards charge interest between 19.99 per cent and 20.99 per cent on purchases	

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China	Central government level - Lunar New Year holiday was extended from 30 January 2020 to 2 February, 2020.	All international passenger flights		support	information
	3		Enterprise income tax ("EIT")	EIT	https://www.nia.gov.cr
	January 2020 to 2 Fabruary 2020	bound for Beijing will be diverted to	1) Effective 1 January, 2020, qualifying enterprises can take	1) Qualified enterprises refer to enterprises	/n741440/n741542/c1:
	January 2020 to 2 rebruary, 2020.	the following twelve designated first	immediate deductions of qualifying equipment costs used for	manufacturing key supplies for epidemic	67259/content.html
		points of entry: Tianjin,	expanding their manufacturing capacity, instead of allowances	prevention and control purposes. As	(26 March 2020 travel
	Local government level - different dates	Shijiazhuang, Taiyuan, Hohhot,	being granted of the asset's use life.	indicated on relevant EIT returns.	update)
	released for when businesses could ask	Shanghai Pudong, Jinan, Qingdao,	2) Carry-forward period of tax losses incurred in 2020 for	2) The relevant taxpayers need to submit a	
	their employees to return to work. e.g. in	Nanjing, Shenyang, Dalian,	enterprises in industries severely affected by the coronavirus		Audit regulatory
	Beijing, from 3 February to 9 February,	Zhengzhou and Xi'an. The	outbreak has been extended from five to eight years.	to qualify for the loss carry-forward	developments:
	where it was possible, employers should	designated first points of entry for	Value-added tax ("VAT")	treatment.	
	arrange employees to work from home	the specific flights operated by	1) Effective 1 January, 2020, Certain services are exempt from		China:
	and allow for flexible working time and	airlines can be found on the official	VAT where the services are provided to residents.	Certain services include services to	Issuers can apply to
	other social distancing measures. In	website of CAAC and the websites of	2) Effective 1 January, 2020, manufacturing enterprises		stock exchanges to
	Shanahai husinossos evaludina essential	airlines.	producing key supplies for epidemic prevention and control		postpone 2019 annual
	services, were not allowed to resume	2. Passengers on the international	may claim refunds of any incremental unutilized input VAT on a		report and 2020 Q1
	earlier than 9 February.	flights shall go through quarantine	monthly basis.	services of daily necessities.	reporting deadlines.
	, and the second	inspection and customs clearance	3) Effective 20 March, 2020, the export refund rate of 1084		Maximum extension is
		formalities and claim baggage at the	products will be increased to 13%; some of these products are		currently to 30 April
		first points of entry. Passengers who	related to the combat of COVID-19.	1) The cash and goods must be donated	2020; however,
		passed quarantine inspection can fly	Small scale VAT vendors: Up to May 2020, VAT is exempt for		government is
		to Beijing on the original flight.	small-scale VAT taxpayers in Hubei province, and the VAT		discussing providing
		Customs clearance for belly-held	collection rate decreases from 3% to 1% for small-scale VAT	3	additional relief and
		cargo shall be conducted in Beijing.	payers in non-Hubei regions.	hospitals.	extensions.
		3. Timely adjustment to the	Individual income tax ("IIT")	2) Corporate and individual taxpayers need	
		designated first points of entry for	1) Effective 1 January, 2020, relevant medical personnel and	to keep documentary evidence to support	Hong Kong:
		international flights bound for Beijing	other staffs involved in epidemic prevention and control are	their tax deductions for donations	If a listed company
		and relevant measures will be made	exempt from IIT for the special subsidies and bonuses they	(acceptance letters issued by the	meets certain
		based on the epidemic development.	receive according to the government standards.	J ,	conditions (i.e.
		(4) 11	2) Effective 1 January, 2020, employees are exempt from IIT		publishing unaudited
		(1) Hong Kong	for medicines, medical and prevention supplies received from	relief on donations:	financial information b
			their employers for virus prevention purposes.	1) Tax relief is only available to goods	31 March), the annual
			Tax policies to support donations		reports for 2019 mayb
		air will be barred from entrance and	1) Effective 1 January, 2020, cash and goods donations for	social organizations or governments, or	deferred by 60 days
		transit services at the airport	the purposes of epidemic prevention and relevant medical	directly donated to the designated	from 16 March.
		suspended in the bid to reduce the	treatment can be fully deducted from the income tax	hospitals.	http://www.pochroc.go
		number of imported cases. Other	perspective if certain conditions can be met.	Import taxes relief on donations:  1) The tax relief is available up to 21	http://www.mohrss.go
			2) Effective 1 January, 2020, donations of goods for the	1) The tax relief is available up to 31	.cn/SYrlzyhshbzb/zcfg Yzhengcejiedu/
		identification of asymptomatic	purposes of epidemic prevention and relevant medical	March, 2020.	
		travelers, stringent enforcement of	treatment can exempt from VAT, consumption tax, city	Social security	(Ministry of Human
		quarantine orders and tightened practice of social distancing. For	construction and maintenance tax, national and local education surcharges.	Entities must qualify as SMEs (Gongxinbulianqiye (2011) No. 300).	Resources and Social Security of the PRC)

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China		28 march 2020 Entry by foreign nationals with APEC Business Travel Cards will be suspended as well Policies including port visas, 24/72/144-hour visa-free transit policy, Hainan 30-day visa-free policy, 15-day visa-free policy specified for foreign cruise-grouptour through Shanghai Port, Guangdong 144-hour visa-free policy	3) Donation of import materials used for epidemic prevention and control can be exempt from import taxes.  Social security Employer portion of pension/ unemployment/work injury insurance  1) Local governments (other than that in Hubei province) would exempt the contributions for SMEs from February to June, 2020, and reduce the contributions by 50% for large enterprise from February to April, 2020.  2) The local government in Hubei province would exempt the contributions for all businesses from February to June, 2020. Medical insurance  1) From February to June, 2020, local governments would reduce the medical insurance contributions by 50% for all businesses.  Payment time  • Businesses affected by coronavirus outbreak could apply for extension of time for payment of social securities, with the extension time not exceeding 6 months.  Housing funds  • Enterprises may apply for extension of time for payment of housing funds by the end of June, 2020.  Extension of tax filing deadline  • The statutory tax filing deadline in April, 2020 is extended from 20 April to 24 April, and may be extended further for Hubei. Taxpayers experiencing financial difficulty as a result of COVID-19 could apply for further extension regarding the tax filing and tax payment.  Foreign trade and investment  - China will establish 46 new pilot zones for cross-border ecommerce in addition to the existing 59, to support the processing of trade and host an online Canton Fair to stabilize foreign trade and investment amid the pandemic, according to an executive meeting of the State Council.  The meeting, presided over by Premier Li Keqiang, also decided to continue preferential tax policies for inclusive financial service and micro-loan companies in a bid to help small- and micro-businesses, self-employed individuals and farmers tide over.	Extension of tax filing deadline - for districts in first level response status to epidemic situation on 23 March, 2020, the tax filing deadline for March could be further extended.	http://www.chinatax.gv.cn/chinatax/n810341 n810755/c5145868/cortent.html (State Taxation Administration) https://www.nia.gov.cr/n741440/n741542/incex.html (National Immigration Administration)

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nina		specified for foreign tour groups of ASEAN countries will also be temporarily suspended.  Outbound out of China On 2 April, 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs updated the list of high-risk countries, 11 more countries including Portugal, Australia, Brazil, Turkey, Malaysia, Canada, Israel, Czech Republic, Ireland, the Philippines and Thailand are added to the high-risk countries list. In addition to the 15 countries announced on 17 March, there are 26 high-risk countries in total up till now.	<ul> <li>Selective levying of Custom Duties for domestic sales is expended to all the comprehensive bonded zones as of 15 April 2020.</li> <li>Interest on deferred import taxes is temporarily exempted for domestic sales made by the enterprises that engaged in processing trade and the valid period is from 15 April 2020 to 31 Dec 2020.</li> </ul>		

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Croatia	Workplaces: - see Internal Travel alongside	Internal Limited travel within Croatia - need a special pass to leave place of	The Government previously announced price controls for certain foods, medicine and materials.	Financial measures: Conducting reprogramming by credit institutions to designated clients in an expedited manner	Audit regulatory developments - EU: ESMA - Guidance				
<b>*</b>	Schools, kindergartens and universities all remain suspended and teaching personnel are not coming to school. Classes continue to be provided solely online/via TV.	permanent residence, or for professional reasons for work which cannot be performed from home.	<b>Tax measures:</b> Taxpayers are granted a deferment on paying taxes or tax debts (income tax, profit tax, pension contributions, health insurance) for 3 months plus an additional 3 months, if need be;	without reclassification to default; Introducing through the Amendments to the Investment Encouraging Act, the extension of deadlines for the	on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2				
		External Temporary prohibition restricting the transfer of persons through all Croatian border crossings.	Personal income tax refunds for 2019 will be paid out in June 2020 as opposed to August 2020; Grants to self-employed individuals and companies used to alleviate the effect of the crisis will be exempt from personal income tax and corporate income tax respectively.	implementation of investment projects and the introduction of an additional grace period of three years for preserving jobs; Loans for liquidity and working capital (salaries and working capital excluding	months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-				
	a) Temporary limits on opening hours to maximum 5 p.m. for food retailers;	Croatian citizens are allowed to return to Croatia, with isolation measures.	<ul> <li>companies that see a decline in their revenue by 20% to 50% are entitled to delaying tax liabilities,</li> <li>a complete write off of tax liabilities for companies with</li> </ul>	liabilities towards financial institutions) with maturity of up to three years; Interim measure of suspension of self-	concerning publication deadline of financial				
	b) Temporary closure of non-food related retailers, shopping centers, restaurants and cafes, and other establishments such as cinemas, hair-dressers, gyms, exhibitions and night clubs.	EU citizens allowed to return to their home countries, but EU citizens can only enter Croatia in exceptional circumstances (e.g. healthcare workers, transportation etc. Freight truck delivery exempt from	revenue of up to 1m EUR that have seen more than 50% decline in their revenue, for companies with more than 1m EUR revenue and more than 50% decline in revenue tax liability write off is proportionate to revenue decrease, - cash collection becomes VAT payment trigger instead of invoicing for all companies, - Financial reporting deadline moved to 30 June.	employment and employment grants with aim of securing additional funding for job retention in coronavirus-affected sectors; Ensuring payment of minimum wages for persons with disabilities with aim of employment retention, and deferral of payment of financial compensation for all	reports 1. Government of the Republic of Croatia: https://vlada.gov.hr/cor onavirus-protection- measures/28950#reco mmendations				
	The restriction regarding restaurants, cafes and non-food retailers is in force not only for the capital of Zagreb, but also for the rest of the country where they remain closed until further notice.	the above.  F  F  G  G  I  E  E  E  E  E  E  E  E  E  E  E  E	the above.		employers of the quota for employment of persons with disabilities; Deferral of payment of tourist membership fees for business entities and private renters; Aid for programs of financing working	2. Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs: http://www.mvep.hr/en /info-servis/press- releases/coronavirus-			
	The restriction regarding closure of retailers was lifted with effect from 2 April for building material retailers to facilitate the earthquake recovery in Zagreb but also other spring works in the country. The						F Q i E C	Re gr in Ba co	instalments was granted; Reprogramming of existing loans (with the introduction of a grace period in repayment of the loan principal) and introduction of a moratorium on credit obligations of Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBOR) clients and commercial banks under existing placements;
	same 8am to 5pm working hours restriction is valid for them as for other retailers that are currently allowed to work.		Approval of new liquidity loans to economic operators for financing salaries and other basic operating expenses, in cooperation with commercial banks; Granting guarantees (insurance policies) to commercial banks of exporters and to HBOR under the export guarantee fund	intervention grants to entrepreneurs (national grant)  To be eligible for the job preservation financial aid companies must fit the	3. https://www.croatiawee k.com/croatian- government-to-price- cap-food-and-medical-				
	Open markets are allowed to re-open with		with the aim of granting new loans for working capital –	following criteria:	products/				

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Croatia	strict distancing measures applied.		liquidity; Increasing the scope of the export guarantee fund by including the tourism sector with the aim of enabling the issuance of guarantees (insurance policies) for loans to banks and HBOR, for additional liquidity funds to exporters and the tourism sector; Introduction of the Stand still, i.e. suspension of execution of all enforcement against all debtors (legal or natural persons) for a period of three months  Job preservation measures: Employers of Industries at high risk due to the coronavirus such as hospitality and manufacturing are entitled to financial aid of HRK 4,000 + contributions payable per month per full-time worker, HRK 2,000 + contributions payable per month per part-time worker and the proportionate portion of HRK 4,000 or HRK 2,000 per employee + contributions payable for time not worked under the decision of the civil protection headquarters of the Republic of Croatia.	<ul> <li>Loss of turnover of more than 20%</li> <li>Has had to cancel events, reservations, contracts or orders</li> <li>Unable to deliver finished products but have paid for raw materials</li> <li>Unable to take on new orders</li> <li>Has a list of activities they have put in place to preserve jobs</li> <li>Employers that have experienced a drop in employment rate from 20 March to date of application will not be eligible for the financial aid (40% drop for employers employing up to 10 workers, 20% drop for small businesses, 15% drop for SMEs and 10% drop for large businesses).</li> </ul>	
			Domestic production protection measures: - prioritisation of domestic agricultural producers in the public tenders, - the state will purchase surplus production from small dairy producers temporarily, - measures for the hospitality industry will be introduced, details to follow soon.		

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Czech Republic





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Country		Restrictions on physical attendance at work	Restrictions on travel	
	Czech Republic	- Working from home is encouraged where possible but no specific restrictions on attending workplaces within the private sector	With effect from 14 April 2020, from 00:00 to 30 April 2020, the ban on entry into the territory of the Czech Republic has been prolonged on all foreigners; the ban does not apply:	
		- The Government prohibited non- business related movement of people throughout the Czech Republic effective until 30th April. This prohibition does not apply to: 1) travel in relation to work and	i) to foreigners staying temporarily over 90 days or permanently residing in the Czech Republic and minor children of the Czech citizens who were outside the Czech Republic prior to the issuing of a ban on repatriation.	

veterinary care.

- ior to the issuing of a ban on repatriation, business or other similar activity. ii) to citizens of the European Union 2) travel by professionals ensuring and foreigners with a residence safety, internal state order and crisis permit in the European Union, who management, health protection, the transit through the Czech Republic provision of health or social care, for the purpose of traveling home including volunteering, individual and who have a note issued by the spiritual care and services, public embassy (transit and repatriation) transport and other infrastructure, iii) to citizens of the European Union services to the population, including who are married to citizens of the supply and distribution services,
  - Czech Republic, iv) if the entry of these foreigners is v) to cross-border workers who cross the national border with Germany and Austria for more than 14 days in order to work, and at least 14 days have elapsed since their last entry into the Czech Republic,
  - vi) to cross-border healthcare, social guarantine or childcare services and integrated rescue workers who regularly cross the border with Germany, Austria, purpose of work, vii) to cross-border workers who
  - regularly cross the border with Poland or the Slovak Republic for

#### Government support available/announced

- The government has decided to allocate CZK 100 billion for direct support of the economy and indirectly another CZK 900 billion in the form of guarantees. The overall impulse should thus reach up to 18% of GDP
- COVID Loan program by Czech-Moravian Guarantee and er 90 days or permanently residing Development Bank (CMGDB (for businesses affected by coronavirus) would provide interest free, fee free, deferred repayment of the loans. This program has already exhausted.
  - Planned COVID II program provides guarantees for commercial bank loans and also provides interest subsidies.
  - CMGDB also provides support to companies through the Expanze (interest-free loan for business development), Mzáruka (commercial loan guarantees for SMEs) and Expanze- -employees: the nursing care will concern záruky (business development guarantee) programs
  - Nursing allowance for employees (and financial contribution for self-employed) who have to take care of their children because of the closure of schools, for as long as the schools are closed

#### in the interest of the Czech Republic, Employment support program (cost compensation) - 5 schemes (A,B,C,D,E) - compensation will be paid by **Employment Office**

A: in the event that employees are ordered to guarantine B: where workers cannot be allocated work due to government A: wage compensation for an employee: emergency measures

C: the government will subsidize employment for companies where at least 30% of employees cannot work because of

D: covers firms that are under-sourced due to government measures

- E: firms that are confronted with a reduction in demand for Poland or the Slovak Republic for the services or products as a result of a pandemic measure can apply for support
  - +minimum mandatory social security and health insurance payments for the self-employed forgiven for the period of 6 months, possibility to use Exceptional Immediate Help

#### **Conditions around Government** support

#### COVID II:

- should support up to ten thousands of business projects, available CZK 5bn, that should facilitate CZK 30 bn. of commercial
- to guarantee loans from CZK 10k. to CZK Nursing allowance: 15 mln., guarantee max up to 80 % of the loan, guarantee period 3 years -financial contribution to pay interest up to
- CZK 1 mln.
- purpose: to finance operation costs of businesses
- opening for applications 2.4.2020

#### Nursing allowance:

- parents caring for children under 13 years (previously only applies to parents of children under 10)
- -the self-employed: a financial contribution of CZK 424 per day for all self-employed who take care of children aged 6 to 13, provided that the second member of the family is not receiving the nursing allowance

#### Employment support programme:

60% of average reduced wage. Government will contribute 100% of wage compensation paid to an employee B: wage compensation for an employee: 100% of average wage. Government will contribute 80% of wage compensation paid to an employee

C: wage compensation for an employee: 100% of average wage. Government will contribute 80% of wage compensation paid to an employee

D: wage compensation for an employee:

#### Additional information

#### COVID II:

https://www.cmzrb.cz/ podnikatele/zaruky/zar uka-covid-ii/

https://www.vlada.cz/c z/mediacentrum/aktualne/vlada -schvalila-navrh-naprodlouzeni-vyplaceniosetrovneho-po-dobunouzoveho-stavu-penize-dostanou-i-osvc-180482/

#### **Employment Support** Programme:

https://www.uradprace. cz/web/cz/mimoradnaokamzita-pomoc-jak-oni-zadat

Minimum mandatory social security payments for the self-employed forgiven:

https://www.mpsv.cz/w eb/cz/osvc-info

#### Minimum mandatory health insurance for the self-employed forgiven:

https://www.vzp.cz/onas/aktuality/zmeny-uplateb-na-zdravotnipojisteni-v-souvislostis-epidemii-covid-19

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Czech Republic		work, viii) to international transport workers, ix) to critical infrastructure service personnel, x) to diplomats and officials of international organizations based in the Czech Republic, xi) in emergencies, xii) to traveling for a shorter period than 24 hours - this applies only in necessary cases without the obligation to undergo quarantine. This option is given to: - Integrated rescue system workers when they intervene in a different country, - workers in agriculture who need to leave the country to be able to perform their work, - all citizens who have to go abroad to see a doctor, a veterinarian, a funeral, a court, an office or a short- term care for their family. They will have to prove the reason for the exit at the border. xiii) to traveling for a longer period than 24 hours - in this case, a 14 days quarantine after return is obligatory. Apart from the above- mentioned cases when a citizen fails to settle them within 24 hours, this is possible only in necessary and justified cases that cannot be dealt with in the Czech Republic. For example, it is possible to travel to work or to a business trip. It is sufficient for a citizen to show an employment contract at the border, whereas the Ministry of the Interior	redeemable in the tax returns for 2019 and 2018.  Compensation bonus for Self-employed  - The Government (pending approval from Czech Chamber of Deputies to become effective) approved the draft of the Act on a compensation bonus for self-employed persons.  - The compensation bonus is a financial contribution of CZK	contribute 50% of wage compensation paid to an employee  Compensation bonus for Self-employed self-employed person ("SEP") is entitled to claim a compensation bonus if they are not able to perform their business activity in whole or in part as a result of state measures defined in the Act. This fact needs to be stated in an affidavit made by the SEP. The compensation bonus is CZK 500 per day for each calendar day in a bonus period (March 12 2020 to April 30 2020)  The application for the compensation bonus can be submitted no later than 60 days after the end of the bonus period. In case the application will not be submitted within this period, the self-employment person is no longer entitled to the compensation bonus.  The application form can be found here: https://www.financnisprava.cz/cs/financnisprava/media-a-verejnost/nouzovy-stav/kompenzace-osvc	verejnost/nouzovy- stav/danove- informace/Handbook_for_taxpayers  Compensation bonus https://www.vlada.cz/oz/media- centrum/aktualne/vlada- schvalila-25-000- korun-pro-osvc

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on the website, lay down the other conditions and particulars required for crossing the national border.  With effect from 21 March 2020 from 20:00 to 30 April 2020, a ban on leaving the territory of the Czech Republic is ordered, this does not apply to:  I) Foreigners who want to leave the Czech Republic is ordered, this does not apply to:  I) Foreigners who want to leave the Czech Republic for one-time travel, ii) for Czech Republic for one-time travel, iii) for Czech Republic for one-time travel, iii) for Czech citizens who are holders of a residence permit in another country and want to leave the Czech Republic for a one-time travel to that country.  Which is a country in the country in a country in the residence permit in another country.  Which is a country in the country in the residence permit in another country.  Which is a country in the country in the country in the country.  Which is a country in the country in the country in the national border with Germany or Austria for more than 14 days in order to work;  Which is a country in the health or social services in order to work;  Which is a country in the proposed of the purpose of work, and the purpose of work.	Country	Restrictions on physical attendance at work	Restrictions on travel	Government support available/announced	Conditions around Government support	Additional information
regularly cross the border with the Poland or the Slovak Republic for work, vi) for international transport  regularly cross the border with the https://www.mfcr /aktualne/tiskove- zpravy/2020/ulev			may, by means of a communication on the website, lay down the other conditions and particulars required for crossing the national border.  With effect from 31 March 2020 from 00:00 to 30 April 2020, a ban on leaving the territory of the Czech Republic is ordered, this does not apply to: i) foreigners who want to leave the Czech Republic for one-time travel, ii) for Czech citizens who are holders of a residence permit in another country and want to leave the Czech Republic for a one-time travel to that country, iii) for cross-border workers crossing the national border with Germany or Austria for more than 14 days in order to work; iv) for cross-border workers who work in the health or social services or integrated rescue systems who regularly cross the border with Germany, Austria, Poland or the Slovak Republic for the purpose of work, v) for cross-border workers who regularly cross the border with the Poland or the Slovak Republic for work, vi) for international transport workers, vii) for critical Infrastructure service personnel; viii) for diplomats and other state		support	public statement to promote coordinated action by NCAs. In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports.  Czech Republic: Ministry of Finance issued statement that audit and tax advise are allowed to continue. The executive Committee of Chanber of Auditors issued recommendations on how to react on COVID-19. 31 December 2019 is non adjusting since 12 March 2020 certainly adjusting event.  https://www.cmzrb.cz/cmzrb-rozdeli-dalsich-5-miliard-na-covid-ii/  https://www.mfcr.cz/cs/aktualne/tiskove-zpravy/2020/ulevy-v-danove-oblasti-se-

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Czech Republic		x) to traveling for a shorter period			
		than 24 hours - this applies only in			
		necessary cases without the			
		obligation to undergo quarantine.			
		This option is given to: - Integrated rescue system workers			
		when they intervene in a different			
		country,			
		- workers in agriculture who need to			
		leave the country to be able to			
		perform their work,			
		p,			
		- all citizens who have to go abroad			
		to see a doctor, a veterinarian, a			
		funeral, a court, an office or a short-			
		term care for their family. They will			
		have to prove the reason for the exit			
		at the border.			
		xi) to traveling for a longer period			
		than 24 hours - in this case, a 14			
		days quarantine after return is			
		obligatory. Apart from the above- mentioned cases when a citizen fails			
		to settle them within 24 hours, this is			
		possible only in necessary and	3		
		justified cases that cannot be dealt			
		with in the Czech Republic. For			
		example, it is possible to travel to			
		work or to a business trip. It is			
		sufficient for a citizen to show an			
		employment contract at the border,			
		whereas the Ministry of the Interior			
		may, by means of a communication			
		on the website, lay down further			
		conditions and particulars required			
		for crossing the national border;			
		With effect from 31 March 2020 from	1		
		00.00 to 30 April 2020, all persons			
		entering the Czech Republic shall be			

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Czech Republic		notified immediately upon their entry into the Czech Republic, by telephone or other remote access, to their health service providers in the field of general practitioner or general practitioner for children and adolescents, or, if they do not have a registered provider, any provider in the field of general practitioner or general practitioner for children and adolescents, this does not apply to: i) persons who are EU citizens transiting through the Czech Republic and cross-border workers; ii) persons obliged to arrive by way of derogation for international transport workers, critical infrastructure, diplomats, etc., shall be subject to this obligation if their intended stay in the Czech Republic is longer than 21 calendar days; iii) for persons who have traveled from the territory of the Czech Republic on the basis of an exception for international transport workers, critical infrastructure, diplomats, etc., this obligation applies if their travel time lasted more than 21 calendar days;  With effect from 31 March 2020 from 00.00 to 30 April 2020, all health service providers in the field of general practitioner or general practitioner for children and adolescents are ordered to order the Quarantine pursuant to Section 2 para 7 (a) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., for 14 days to people who notify entry into the Czech Republic;			

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zech Republic	With effect from 31 March 2020 from 00.00 to 30 April 2020, all persons for whom there is no obligation to report automatically to their health service provider and to take up a quarantine period of 14 days shall ordered i) in the event of any symptoms of influenza disease, promptly report this fact, by telephone or other remote access, to their general health service provider or, if they do not have a registered provider, to any general practitioner; ii) endure the control of infectious disease symptoms when crossing to national border and, if symptoms of infectious disease are found, provide the necessary assistance to healthcare professionals in the collection of a biological sample to detect the presence of COVID-19, iii) in case of travel, limit as much possible direct contact with local strin foreign territory;	be  do  he of de		

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Denmark





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#### Country

#### Restrictions on physical attendance at work

#### Restrictions on travel

#### Government support available/announced

#### Additional

#### Denmark



The current restrictions have been prolonged until 10 May 2020. However, a slow reopening of some functions are starting in week 16 (14 April).

No specific restrictions on attending workplaces within the private sector, but working from home is encouraged where possible. Non-essential public sector employees have been working from home since 13 March.

All public and private educational institutions (schools, universities etc.) have been closed since 13 March. Kindergardens and daycare are starting to open again in week 16 (14 April), as well as schools below 5th grade. All exams in Danish state schools are cancelled.

No more than 10 persons allowed together for public and private events. Not applicable for work spaces or public transport. Fines can be introduced if recommendation is not followed. For larger events, festivals etc. this has been extended until August.

From 20 April, some business are allowed to slowly open again: Hairdressers, physiotherapists, beauty salons, tattoo shops, therapists etc. Public institutions such as prisons and court houses are also slowly opening again. The following are still closed: shopping mails, restaurants, cafes, bars, nightclubs, gyms, cinemas, and similar close contacts stores. Takeaway form restaurants and similar are

Advise against all non-essential travel to all countries worldwide, and and payroll tax all travel to red areas:

- China: Hubei Province
- Italy: the regions of Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, the Aosta Valley, Veneto and Marche
- South Korea: the city of Daegu and have been extended for 4 months. the province of Gyeongbuk
- Austria: the state of Tyrol

The Danish foreign ministry as orange.

Danish citizens can still enter and leave the country and all Danes abroad are recommended to return ASAP, however only foreigners with a **Salary compensation** "commendable purpose" are allowed to enter Denmark. Border shutdown and military

### Postponed payment of VAT, labor market contributions

VAT payments can be postponed from 30 days up to 6 months. No special conditions other than depending on the size of the company measured by revenue. For companies with revenue > DKK 50m, DKK 5-50m and < DKK 5m, VAT payments can be postponed for 30 days, 3 months and 6 months respectively. Payment terms for labor market contributions and payroll tax for April, May and June

#### **Government-guaranteed loans**

Larger companies (> 250 employees, DKK 372m in revenue and DKK 320 in assets) have access to government considers all but the above red areas quaranteed loans. The Danish government will provide a guarantee of 70% of the loan amount. Establishment fee of 0.25% and an annual guarantee commission between 2.0-All Danish borders have been closed. 4.5% depending on risk assessment. For companies not defined as large companies, establishment fee of DKK 2,500 and an annual guarantee commission of 1.0%.

Aimed at companies that face a shortage of orders and fewer customers. All private companies are eligible, but have to started 14 March, enforced by police prove they are warning of layoffs of more than 30% or 50 employees. Up to 75% in salary compensation, maximum of DKK 30.000 DKK per month per employee (90% and DKK 30.000 for hourly workers).

#### Compensation for fixed costs

All companies are applicable. 25-80% of fixed costs related to irrevocable contracts (e.g. rent, leasing, etc.) can be compensated.

#### Business owners not covered by salary compensation

Business owners in small business (less than 10 employee) are minimum 25% of the business and work not covered by the above mentioned salary compensations package and can receive a compensation of to 75% of lost revenue, maximum 23.000 DKK per month per business owner.

#### Postponed payment of VAT, labor market contributions and payroll tax

postponement of VAT payments depending on size measured by revenue.

#### **Government-guaranteed loans** Revenue decline of minimum 30%.

**Conditions around Government** 

#### Salary compensation

support

Companies facing dismissal of more than 30% of the employees or 50 employees. The company shall pay normal/full salaries to the employees and cannot dismiss any employees during the period. The employees shall be employed before 9 March 2020, are not allowed to work during reports the period and shall use either 5 days of vacation or overtime.

#### Compensation for fixed costs

80% coverage of the fixed costs if the decline in revenue is between 80-100%, 50% if between 60-80% and 25% if between of 40-60%. Full coverage if the company is closed by the government. No coverage if the decline in revenue is below 40%. Maximum compensation of DKK 60m per company.

#### Business owners not covered by salary Reporting deadline compensation

Revenue decline of minimum 30%. Maximum of 10 employees. Shall own part time or full time in the business. Average monthly revenue of minimum DKK 10k in the previous period and a personal taxable income maximum of DKK 800k.

#### information

#### Audit regulatory developments:

EU: ESMA - Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a riskbased approach concerning publication deadline of financial

Denmark: The deadline to complete audits is extended by eight weeks subject to certain conditions and only applicable for very few issuers. Possible modification of the audit report and need to reconsider the publication date of the financial statements. extended by 3 months.

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Estonia





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Estonia	A national emergency situation was announced in Estonia on 12th March 2020 and special measures put in place including:  - public locations including museums, cinemas, gyms, etc. being closed  - regular classroom studies (schools, universities) being replaced with remote study  - employers are recommended to encforce remote working arrangements if possible  As of 27th March 2020:  - shopping centres will also be closed, with the exception of grocery stores, pharmacies, telecommunications outlets, bank branches, parcel terminals and shops that rent/sell medical devices.  - restaurants are only allowed to sell via take-away or delivery service  - all other entertainment venues such as billiards, bowling, clubs, etc. will also be closed  Update provided such that, as of 28th March, all those living with the infected (even if asymptomatic) are forbidden to leave home, with the exception of buying vital supplies, or carrying out vital professional work such as healthcare.	people in all public places including venues that remain open, playgrounds, hiking trails, parks, etc up to two people are allowed to be together in public places at a time except for families living and moving together - restrictions are to be re-evaluated in two weeks  External  As of 17th March 2020: - only citizens of Estonia and holders of Estonian residency permit or right of residence, among them the so-called grey passport holders can enter Estonia, as well as foreign citizens whose family member lives in Estonia international cargo (also food and	Tax Measures  - Late payment interest calculation is suspended on all tax / arrears for the period of declared emergency: 1st March to 1st May 2020.  - Onwards from 1st May 2020 late payment interest on tax arrears is reduced by 50%, ie to 0,03% per day vs the previously applicable 0,06% per day.  - Deferred tax arrears are no longer subject to late payment interest at all (previously 50% late payment interest at 0,03% per day was collected).  - Self-employed persons are exempted from the advance social security contributions for the first quarter of the year whereas the State will be remitting the tax due on their behalf.  - Tax authorities have declared that they would be as flexible as possible in debt proceedings and will not initiate compulsory executions while in the state of emergency (currently until 1st May).  Financial Measures Kredex Foundation Collateral  - Loan collateral amounting to EUR 1 billion for bank loans already issued in order to allow for repayment schedule adjustments (maximum EUR 600 million for the surety collection), under the following conditions:  (1) if the bank relaxes the repayment schedule of the existing bank loan which has not been secured by KredEx Foundation, then KredEx foundation will secure the loan;  (2) the maximum guaranteed amount is EUR 5 million per company,  (3) if possible, fixed guarantee will be restored or the guarantee rate will be increased to cover more than 80% of the guaranteed liability.  Kredex Foundation Business Loan  - Business loan amounting to EUR 500 million, subject to the following conditions:  (1) KredEx Foundation issues a revolving business loan to a company in order to overcome liquidity problems caused by the coronavirus, including, where necessary, the payment of bank loans;	See beside - conditions subject to specific support applied for.	Tax measures – https://www.emta.ee/e t/eriolukord  Finance measures – https://www.kredex.ee/ et/koroona  Employment measures – https://www.tootukassa.ee/content/tootasu- huvitis  Restrictions – https://www.kriis.ee/et  Audit regulatory developments:  EU: ESMA: Recommendations for Financial Market Participants: Business Continuity Planning; Market disclosure; Financial Reporting; Fund Management. Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk- based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. Accounting

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Estonia		- there are no restrictions for exiting	(2) the maximum loan amount is EUR 5 million per company		implications on the
		the country, although many air and	(3) the interest rate is approximately 4% per year.		calculation of expected
		sea connections have been cancelled			credit losses in
		until further notice.	Kredex Foundation Investment Loan		accordance with IFRS 9
		- the temporary restriction of border	- Investment loan amounting to EUR 50 million, under the		Issued a statement on
			following conditions:		the application of IFRS 9 Financial Instrument
		otherwise and the necessity will be	(1) KredEx Foundation grants an investment loan to the		
		reviewed every two weeks.	company so it would be possible to take advantages of the business opportunities created by the coronavirus, and other		in the specific context of the COVID-19
		Update provided on travel	new business opportunities		outbreak.
		restrictions such that foreigners	(2) the maximum loan amount is EUR 5 million per company		EBA: Published
		showing no symptoms are allowed to	(3) the interest rate is approximately 4% per year.		guidance on the
		enter Estonia if they are directly	(b) the interestrate is approximately 176 per year.		application of
			Other		accounting standards in
		transportation and loading.	- The State compensates for the direct costs of cultural and		the light of COVID-19.
		,	sporting events cancelled due to coronavirus in March to April		NCAs, ESMA
			2020 up to EUR 3 million.		encouraged to general
			- Rural companies can apply to the Rural Development		apply a risk-based
			Foundation for guarantees (up to EUR 50 million), business		approach concerning
			loans (up to EUR 100 million) or land capital financing (up to		publication deadline of
			EUR 50 million).		financial reports.
					CEAOB: Statement
			Employment Measures		includes considering
			- For the period of March to May 2020, the state will		postponing issuance of
			compensate the first three days of sick leave for all employees		audit opinion
			(previously the first 3 days were not compensated at all).		Fatania
			- Partial compensation of wages if the employer meets at least two of the following criteria:		Estonia: General quidance issue
			(1) turnover of the company has decreased at least 30%		that Covid-19 should be
			compared to the same period last year;		treated as non-
			(2) wages have been cut at least 30% for at least 30% of		adjusting post balance
			employees;		sheet event for 2019 Y
			(3) it is impossible to provide work to at least 30% of		and general reminders
			employees.		communicated
			- If two of the three abovementioned criteria are met, 70% of		regarding potential
			the employees' average wages are compensated. However, the		impact/audit response
			compensation is capped at 1000 EUR per month and the		on going concern.
			employer is obligated to pay at least 150 EUR on top of the		
			state's compensation. The compensation mechanism is		https://www.riigiteataja
			available for use during any two months in the period of three		.ee/en/

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Estonia			months 1st March to 31st May Foreigners with work permits expiring will be given an extension to their right to continue working in the country due to the restrictions on travel.		

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Ethiopia	The government orders civil servants to work from home as from the 25th of March;  Working from home for corporations and/or private entities strongly encouraged  Addis Ababa City Administration to temporarily relocate the Atikilit Tera market to an open space with the aim of combating the pandemic	- All land border crossings be closed except for "essential goods" as of March 23; - All schools closed - Night clubs and entertainment outlets closed; - All air passengers arriving in Ethiopia as their destination will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period at a designated hotel or quarantine center at their own expense; - All air passengers planning to transit through Addis Ababa must have onward tickets in hand upon arrival at Bole International Airport or they risk being placed in extended quarantine in a designated hotel at their own expense; - Transit passengers are also strongly advised to have their onward ticket be for a same-day connecting flight. Bole International Airport authorities are not allowing passengers to stay overnight in the airport. Transit passengers who do not have same-day connecting flight: will be required to spend the night in a designated hotel at their own expense; - Flights to countries with reported Covid-19 cases completely banned	s		https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19#E  https://et.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/  https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/covid-19-ethiopia-premier-seeks-debt-relief-for-africa/1777564  https://www.theeastafrcan.co.ke/news/africa/Ethiopia-orders-civil-servants-to-work-from-home/4552902-5503388-hhdrsuz/index.html  https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/death-toll-york-state-passes-1000-live-updates-200329234257896.htm  https://www.ethiopianarlines.com/aa/home/updates-and-health-advisory-on-the-covid-19-virus  - 56 confirmed cases as of 09/04/2020 - 4 recoveries as of

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Ethiopia					09/04/2020 - 2 death cases as of 09/04/2020 - Northern Tigray region becomes the first regional state in Ethiopia to have a COVID-19 testing lab-01/04/2020 - Ethiopia says it is developing a cure- "a domestic treatment drug" being developed by the traditional medicine experts of the country National Elections postponed amid corona virus fears with the electoral board sighting challenges in procuring printed items necessary to conduct polls - Religious bodies order closure of places of worship - Schools shut down - Sporting events have been banned - Ethiopian Premier seeks USD 150bn emergency aid package for Africa, sighting that it should be in the form of supplementary budgetary support and private sector financing, support from G20 nations to the World Health Organization

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Centers for Disc. Control and Prev (CDC) to streng public health del and emergency preparedness on continent and su from G20 countr implementing de reduction and restructuring pla - Ethiopal to the s through the larg contribution of transportation to exports: the nath Airlanes, which h alargest fleet in A announced the suspension of fits 30 countries harp it Flower exports the Flower export	Country	Restrictions on physical attendance at work	Restrictions on travel	Government support available/announced	Conditions around Government support	Additional information
due to lack of de and closure of ai	Ethiopia					(WHO) and Africa Centers for Disease Control and Preventic (CDC) to strengthen public health delivery and emergency preparedness on the continent and suppor from G20 countries ir implementing debt reduction and restructuring plans Ethiopia is highly exposed to the shock through the large contribution of air transportation to exports: the national carrier, Ethiopian Airlines, which has th largest fleet in Africa.

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Finland	The Government has declared a state of emergency in the country.  Measures include: - Closure of schools, educational institutions and universitiesRestrictions to public meetings and gatherings, mobility and visits to health care unitsIncreases to social welfare and health care capacity.  These measures will remain in force until 13 May 2020.	Finns and permanent residents of Finland returning from abroad are advised to live in conditions that correspond to quarantine for a period of two weeks after their return.  Prime Minister Sanna Marin announced plans to severely restrict movement in and out of the southern	On 20 March, Finland agreed a 15bn euros aid package ranging from loan guarantees to labour market support.  The most significant amount of financial aid agreed on Friday was an extra 10bn euros to guarantee companies' loans through Finnvera, the state's financing and export credit company.  The government compensation to Finnvera for its credit and liability losses will increase to 80% from 50% "to enable riskier lending". Finnvera is also therefore increasing their corporate loan portfolio.  The aid package also includes new energy funding instruments for SMEs and midcap companies in danger due to COVID19 outbreak.  The Government has also planned to support Finnair with a 600m euro guarantee to suport the airline's financing needs.  Banks have said they would be ready to offer private customers repayment holidays, during which only interest would be paid on mortgages.	loan of maximum 150k euros. (This guarantee is for companies which have been in operation for more than three years).  Finnvera's SME Guarantee, which does not require a countersecurity, can now, as an exception, be used for working capital	https://thl.fi/en/web/inf ectious-diseases/what- s-new/coronavirus- covid-19-latest-updates  https://yle.fi/uutiset/os asto/news/finland_close s_schools_declares_stat e_of_emergency_over_ coronavirus/11260062  https://www.finnvera.fi /eng/products/guarante es/finnvera-guarantee  https://www.businessfi nland.fi/en/for-finnish- customers/coronavirus/  Audit regulatory developments - EU: The general guidance from ESMA is for issuers to provide transparency on impact of COVID-19. The timing of filings is under local regulators' authority. CEAOB also issued guidance highlighting importance for the performance of ongoing audits. 27 March, ESMA issued public statement to promote coordinated action by NCAs. In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Finland



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Finland					based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports.

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France	Containment policy introduced from 12.00, 17 March, until 11 May:  Only essential movement allowed (e.g. to buy food, visit the doctor, etc.), government applies controls and severe penalties;  Working from home enforced, except where not possible;  Gatherings of more than 100 people are forbidden;  Closure of all public places except those essential to life, and until further notice;  Closure of all schools until at least 11 May;  Closure of indoor and outdoor food markets except those with exemption.	Internal Travel The government cautions against using public transport.  External Travel Within the Schengen area: the French border is not closed but the government suggests delaying travel; Outside Schengen: no prohibition on leaving France (except for the confinement rules above) the schengen external border (including the border with the UK) is closed for entry from 12:00 17 March for minimum of 30 days. French citizens have the right to re-enter France.	Tax payments — deferrals  Corporate Income Tax: A three-month postponement of the payment deadline without any penalties or interest for late payment may be granted. Where payment has already been made, a refund can be claimed. The postponement facility relates to corporate income tax (CIT) payments due in March 2020 and April 2020.  VAT/GST: On 6 April 2020, the French administration published on its website information on practical solutions for the filing of the next VAT returns for companies facing two types of difficulty owing to the COVID-19 outbreak. First, for businesses that may face critical issues in gathering all the relevant supporting documentation, the French administration specifies that they are allowed to apply the so-called "tolerance applicable during holidays." This tolerance makes it possible to pay only 80% of the full amount due, since the acceptable margin of error is of 20% of the VAT actually due.  For businesses that have experienced a decrease in their turnover as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, it is exceptionally accepted, during the confinement period, to pay only a portion of the VAT (see Deloitte Global site for rules).  Employment/personal tax: The March 2020 deadline for of the payment of tax on wages and payroll tax (social security contributions) is postponed for three months.  Property taxes: For business tax (CFE/CVAE) or property tax withheld on a monthly basis, payments may be suspended with the remaining amount withheld with the balance, without penalty.  Other (e.g. local, municipal taxes): Contribution to public broadcasting: For entities in the accommodation and catering sector experiencing difficulties in paying the contribution to public broadcasting: (CAP) (declared on the appendix to the VAT return. Form 3310-A) as a consequence of COVID-19, filing and payment of the tax may be postponed for three months from the original due date of April 2020. These entities may file and pay the amount of their CAP when filing their VAT return in July 2020.	to distribute dividends. On 2 April 2020, the government clarified the scope of the measure via an update on their official website:  • General principle: Large companies or groups of companies that intend to defer payments of tax or social security contributions, or which seek the state guarantee for new bank loans, may not distribute dividends.  • Definition of large companies or groups of companies: Those with more than 5,000 employees or with revenue in excess of EUR 1.5 billion in the previous financial year. For a group of companies, the figures are calculated using the same principles as for French fiscal unity or business tax (CVAE) purposes.  • Deferral of payments, state guarantee: These are the only measures that are contingent upon a commitment not to pay dividends. It still is possible to apply for partial activity status (chômage partiel) or to seek early repayment of tax credits, even without committing to a no dividend distribution policy. In the case of a group of companies, the commitment applies to all members of the group, even if only some group members take advantage of payment deferrals.  • Dividends: The commitment not to pay dividends covers not only cash dividends, but also dividends-in-kind (paid-up	Audit regulatory developments:  EU: ESMA - Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports  France: Extensions are likely although no formal announcement has been made by the government yet.  https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus#xtor=SEC-3-GOO-[{adgroup}]-[425081976928]-search-[gouv

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France			Corporate Income Tax: Companies that encounter difficulties extending beyond simple cash flow issues may already apply for a discount (remittance or reduction) in respect of interest and late payment penalties. The discount is granted on a case-by-case basis, and applies only to direct taxes.  VAT/GST: No discounts are available for interest and penalties on indirect tax payments.  Property taxes: Companies that encounter difficulties extending beyond simple cash flow issues may already apply for a discount (remittance or reduction) in respect of interest and late payment penalties. The discount is granted on a case-by-case basis, and applies only to direct taxes.  Tax payments – debt payment plans/debt suspension Corporate Income Tax: Companies that encounter difficulties extending beyond simple cash flow issues may already apply for a discount (remittance or reduction) in respect of interest and late payment penalties. The discount is granted on a case-by-case basis, and applies only to direct taxes.  VAT/GST: No tax payment plans, suspensions, or discounts are available for indirect taxes.  Property taxes: Companies that encounter difficulties	year. • Exceptions: there are few exceptions, including: o Decisions taken by governance bodies before 27 March 2020; o Intragroup distributions aimed at providing cash support to the French recipient; and o Share buy-back operations undertaken for the benefit of employees, or in the execution of a legal obligation assumed before 27 March 2020. • Consequence of paying a dividend: Taxes	
			extending beyond simple cash flow issues may already apply for a discount (remittance or reduction) in respect of interest and late payment penalties. The discount is granted on a case-by-case basis, and applies only to direct taxes.  Tax payments – acceleration of refunds		
			Corporate Income Tax: Early refunds of tax credits with a legal refund deadline in 2020 may be obtained by filing the appropriate refund form as soon as possible, and before the standard date in April or May 2020. This applies to unused prior employment tax credit (CICE) R&D tax credit, and sectorial tax credits.  VAT/GST: The Secretary of State attached to the Minister of Economy has announced that the tax administration has been instructed to issue VAT refunds within 30 days. This acceleration of VAT credit refunds will be facilitated by an		

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France		500,000.		
		Tax filings – deferrals Corporate Income Tax: There is no extension to the tax filing deadline for a company with a calendar financial year. The corporate income tax return still must be filed by 5 May 2020 (20 May 2020 in the case of e-filing). An exception is granted for companies that face difficulties in filing the return on time, for whom the deadline is extended until 31 May 2020  Job Support Part-time unemployment: As a result of COVID-19, employers may implement a part-time unemployment system and submit a request for retroactive authorization to the administration within 30 days of implementation. This scheme enables the firm to collectively reduce the number of working		
		hours normally performed at the establishment to below the statutory working time, or to temporarily close an establishment (or part of an establishment). The employees are entitled to a special allowance paid by their employer for any unworked hours, and the employer is reimbursed by the state (crisis response measure). The employment contract of the employees concerned is suspended during the unworked hours, but not terminated. The amount of the compensatory allowance paid by the employer to the employees must correspond to a minimum of 70% of their previous gross monthly basic compensation calculated on the basis of the legal working time (i.e. 35 hours per week); workers receiving the minimum legal wage (SMIC) receive 100% of their compensation. The employer receives a lump sum allocation financed jointly by the state and the Unedic (French Unemployment Insurance Fund). The lump sum corresponds to 70% of up to 4.5 times the SMIC. The authorization granted by the French authorities is for a maximum of 12 months and is		
		renewable.  Medical leave: Benefits are available to employees placed on medical leave as a result of COVID-19, in particular (i) those who are subject to quarantine, eviction, or home care measures, and (ii) those who have children under the age of		

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France		16 who are themselves subject to such measures, and who are, for any of the foregoing reasons, unable to continue working (even if they are teleworking), are entitled to medical leave. The period of delay before the payment of both daily social security benefits and any additional allowance paid by the employer is waived. In addition, with respect to any additional allowance paid by the employer, salary maintenance is no longer subject to providing justification for the medical leave within 48 hours, or to the principle of territoriality or seniority requirements (Ordinance no. 2020-322 of 25 March 2020). A daily social security benefits (IJSS) of 50% of the gross daily salary is payable, up to a maximum salary of 1.8 times the monthly minimum wage (i.e., EUR 2,770.96).  Loans, Grants and Banking  The government launched an exceptional EUR 300 billion warranty to support corporation bank-funding. The measure aims to ease the granting of cash flow loans to companies of al sizes, from banks, so that companies will have enough cash flow to support their activities and maintain employment. The measure covers new cash flow loans granted as from 16 March 2020 to 31 December 2020, and cannot be combined with other warranties/securities.  Bank loans mediation is available to companies who seek to negotiate with their banks a bank loan rescheduling. The state and the regions have created a solidarity fund to help very small businesses most affected by COVID-19. The measure is open for very small companies (TPE), microentrepreneurs, and the self-employed, with a turnover below EUR 1 million, and that either (i) undergo administrative closure, or (ii) experience a turnover loss of 50% in March 2020 compared to March 2019. The aid amounts to EUR 1,500 and is available as from 31 March 2020 by a simple filling requirement on the FTA website. For the most difficult situations, additional support of EUR 2,000 can be provided to prevent bankruptcy, on a case by case basis (Ordinance No. 2020-317). Supplementary measures (i.e.,		
		Ordinance No. 2020-319 provides no enforcement of late fees for public procurement contracts. The government recognized		

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France		COVID-19 as a case of "force majeure" for procurement contracts; as a result, penalties for late payment will not be enforced for all state and local authorities' procurement contracts.  Ordinance No. 2020-341 adapts the rules relating to the difficulties of enterprises and agricultural undertakings due to the health crisis emergency response and provides different measures:		
		Petition for bankruptcy: The insolvency situation is assessed taking into account the situation of the debtor as at 12 March 2020, this freezes the financial situation for three months, in order to avoid a significant increase in the number of bankruptcy procedures being launched.  Conciliation proceedings: The four-month legal duration is extended to 24 August 2020. The automatic termination of the conciliator's mission in the absence of a request for the acknowledgment, or the court approval of the conciliation agreement within the legal time limit does not apply until 24 August 2020. The three-month waiting period that prohibits the opening of new conciliation proceedings does not apply.  Conciliation proceedings for agricultural or maritime businesses: A deterioration of the situation after 12 March 2020 cannot be taken into account by the President of the Court to refuse opening the conciliation.  Duration of reorganization and safeguard plans: An automatic extension is planned until 24 August 2020. Ordinance No. 2020-316 dated 25 March 2020 suspends payments under contracts with energy suppliers (gas, electricity, water) entered into by small companies (microenterprises) until the end of the state of emergency (currently scheduled to end on 24 May 2020, but this date may be modified). Ordinance No. 2020-316 also suspends the payment of rent for premises leased by such enterprises until two months after the end of the state of emergency.		

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Germany	- Schools and daycares closed, but schools will gradually be reopened starting on 4 May (depending on federal state) Shops, restaurants except grocery stores are closed until 4 May Public meetings of more than 2 persons are prohibited until 4 May Starting on April 20th retailers with store area up to 800sqm are allowed to reopen. Large public events cancelled until 31 August.	Internal No restrictions specified.  External Restrictions on cross-border travel to/from France, Austria, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Denmark. Transportation of goods and work-related travel are exempt. No details of wider restrictions.		(1) Acceleration and simplification of access to short-shift (i.e. reduced hours) subsidies: - short-shift must affect at least 10% of employees (previously 30%); - applies to temporary employees as well as permanent employees.  (3) - To suspend the obligation to file for insolvency, the reason for insolvency must be due to the effects of the corona epidemic; and - There must be reasonable prospects of a successful restructuring based on an application for public support, financing or reorganisation negotiations.  (5) Bailout fund: - The government can secure companies that are in an existential predicament, but the company would have to cede capital shares to the federal government When the crisis is over, these holdings should be privatised again.	Audit regulatory developments:  EU: ESMA: Recommendations for Financial Market Participants: Business Continuity Planning; Market disclosure; Financial Reporting; Fund Management. Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCA ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. Accounting implications on the calculation of expecte credit losses in accordance with IFRS Issued a statement or the application of IFR! 9 Financial Instrumen in the specific context of the COVID-19 outbreak. EBA: Published guidance on the application of accounting standards

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Germany		existential predicament, the German government can secure them - but the company would have to cede capital shares to the federal government. When the crisis is over, these holdings should be privatised again.  - Additional 100bn euros will be provided for special loans from the state-owned KFW Bank.  (6) Small entities and self employed persons:  - Small companies and solo self-employed persons such as artists and carers are to receive direct grants of up to 15,000 euros over three months.		the light of COVID-19. NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. CEAOB: Statement includes considering postponing issuance of audit opinion
		<ul> <li>(7) Social security contributions <ul> <li>Companies can postpone the payment of their social security contributions until May. Otherwise, contributions to health, unemployment, pension and nursing care insurance would be due this Friday 27 March.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(8) Further State level support (including): <ul> <li>Bavaria: Implementation of bailout fund ("Bayernfond") for medium sized companies, which are not covered by the bailout fund of the federal government.</li> <li>Accelerated access to promotional loans for small and medium-sized entities from federal state owned banks (e.g. Bavaria: LfA Förderbank, NRW: NRW.Bank, BW: L-Bank, Hesse: WIBank)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Germany: Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW): Guidance for auditors (in English) on consequences for business, going concern, changing audit opinion after reporting period.  Effects of COVID-19 under IFRS 9.  Currently no deferrals for inspections by audit regulators.  www.Bundesregierung. de

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Ghana	- Both private and public sectors working remotely with the exception of Essential services	-Borders are closed until further noticeThere is a 14-day mandatory	Coronavirus Alleviation Programme - GH¢1 billion support package for businesses and individuals negatively impacted by the virus	Food distribution to be halted in electoral areas where social distancing is not observed	* The Electoral Commission suspended its planned compilation		
	Containment measures will be in place until at least April 26 and potentially until	quarantine for any persons allowed into the Ghanaian jurisdiction - Parts of Greater Accra and Greater	Possible Cash Transfers - Transfers will be targeted at providing relief for the poorest in society		of new voters' register because of the novel coronavirus pandemic,		
	May 3.	Kumasi are on partial lockdown.	<b>Heritage Fund</b> - Finance Minister still in talks with parliament concerning the amendment of the Petroleum Revenue		previously scheduled for 18 April 2020, no new date has been		
	- Essential businesses continue to operate (e.g. health care, food stores, pharmacies,		Management Act (PRMA) to allow government to utilize portions of the Heritage Fund to combat the Coronavirus		announced.		
	bookstores, gas stations and fuel suppliers) and only essential workers are permitted to be physically present at		outbreak.  New Budget - Proposal of new budget to be presented to		* Parliament to resume sitting on Friday		
	places of work.		parliament in July to cover deficit caused by the pandemic.		* BOST donates items to support fight against		
			The Government initially earmarked USD 100 million to enhance Ghana's coronavirus preparedness and response plan.		COVID-19		
			Government will roll out a soft loan scheme up to a total of six		* NIB Board of Directors, staff donate		
			hundred million cedis (GH¢600 million), which will have a one- year moratorium and two-year repayment period for micro, small and medium scale businesses.		¢185K to Covid-19 Trust Fund		
			Special packages announced for frontline health workers;		* Ghana case count reach 636 infected		
			including an insurance package with the sum of GH¢350,000 for each health personnel and allied professional, tax		persons with 17 recorded recoveries.		
				allowances pegged a	exemptions on emoluments for 3 months, additional allowances pegged at 50% of basic salary from March to June and daily allowance of GH¢150 to be paid to contact tracers.		* IMF approves US\$1 billion loan to Ghana for
			Distribution of food to the vulnerable in areas affected by the		COVID-19 fight		
			lockdown.		* The Vice President, or April 13, 2020, launched the GH COVID-19 Tracker App to help boost government's fight against the novel		

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Ghana					* Ghana's Ambassador to China, along with a group of African ambassadors in talks with Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs over eviction of African nationals
					* Ban on public gathering extended for two weeks effective Monday, 13 April 2020. Ban is, however, applicable to the whole country.
					* The period for mandatory quarantine for travelers who arrived 21-22 March 2020 has ended. A total 1,030 travelers were quarantined during the period. Twenty-six (26) among those that were initially negative were found to have converted to be positive at the exit screening.
					SSNIT donates     GHS500,000 to     COVID-19 National     Trust Fund      *Kasoa Old and New     markets closed for     breaching social     distancing protocol

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Ghana					* Finance Minister seeks approval to spend GHS 1.2bn from Contingency Fund
					African Development Bank (AfDB) has raised US\$3 billion in a three- year bond to help alleviate the economic and social impact the
					Covid-19 pandemic https://www.ghanaweb. com/GhanaHomePage/b usiness/AfDB-launches- record-breaking-US-3- billion-Fight-COVID-19- social-bond-907000
					https://ghanahealthser vice.org/covid19/
					https://www.ghanaweb. com/GhanaHomePage/b usiness/Govt- announces-coronavirus- alleviation-programme- 906667
					https://www.bbc.co.uk/ news/topics/cnx753jejjl t/ghana
					https://newsghana.com .gh/ghana-closes- borders-sunday-to- curb-coronavirus- spread/

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Ghana *					https://citinewsroom.cm/2020/03/governme -wants-petroleum-act amended-to-allow- usage-of-heritage-fun for-covid-19- fight/?utm_source=rs: utm_medium=rss&utr _campaign=governme t-wants-petroleum-act amended-to-allow- usage-of-heritage-fun for-covid-19-fight  Major disinfection
					exercise ongoing for a markets across the country as part of moves by government to manage the spread of the coronavirus.
					Government makes moves to distribute PPEs to health worker across the nation. Cor 19 Trust Fund accru GH¢ 8.75 million from donations
					Government takes delivery of COVID-19 medical supplies for Ghana given by the Chinese government. Number of cases rise 287
					Ghana Institute of Surveyors has

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Ghana					developed software to detect and trace all persons who have tested positive for the novel Coronavirus

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Greece	Work  Kindergardens, Elementary Schools & Universities have been closed since 11 March and distance learning options have been applied where possible for students.  Shops are also closed with the exceptions of those deemed as essential shops i.e. pharmacies, supermarkets, banks, courier services, and the ones that support the food chain. For closed shops, home delivery (with contactless payment) is allowed.  Generally, contactless options for interaction are strongly promoted, including remote working for employees of	Internal: General rule for the whole country since 13 March is self isolation at home (some exemptions apply). Restriction of movement has been extended until 27 April. A fine of €150 is applied when this is not respected.  Citizens are allowed to leave home for the following reasons, and subject to making a request to leave their home by sending an SMS message to a national number:  1. Doctor or pharmacy visit; 2. Shopping food or needed products;	In theory, to protect workers, layoffs are banned across-the-board. The aim is to strike a delicate balance between the rights and needs of both labour and business within the extremely tight fiscal framework that is the legacy of Greece's bailout memorandums  There will be EU relief on various levels and most importantly the suspension of the 3.5 percent primary surplus target which Greece had agreed upon with creditors long before the pandemic.  A large number of businesses were obliged to suspend their operation in order to support the quarantine in place. Employees of those businesses whose activity was suspended by the state will receive a one-off 800-euro stipend. As long as businesses remain closed, employers will not pay insurance		Citizens are provided with a dedicated service center for support, including a call center & information website with instructions, practical tips & guidelines, psychological support line and pandemic related updates on a global & country level. Additionally a dedicated call center at the Ministry of Health was formed in order to call
	companies that are still operating.  Private sector employees have the option to work remotely but not all companies	<ul><li>3. Help a person in need;</li><li>4. light exercise outdoors; and</li><li>5. Pet care/ walk.</li><li>Elderly citizens, and people that have long term health issues, are strongly</li></ul>	contributions and there will be a three- month extension on payment of businesses' February contributions. Additionally, flexible labour relations that were previously limited in duration will be allowed in order to facilitate the continued operation of businesses.		for anything related to Covid -19, such as questions or to report symptoms and get advice on next steps.
	were prepared to do so for their entire employee population. Gradually this capability is increasing week by week. The Public Sector had less capability to serve the public from a distance but, under the circumstances, builds up on online services options to minimise physical attendance of large groups at their premises. The banking sector is also increasing contactless services offered to clients along with special relief measures like expansion of segmented payments			The Ministry of Health has proceeded urgently to 4000 new hires of doctors & nurses to support the public health system during the coming period,	
		Since mid-March, travelling is not			along with an additional 200 million Euro support on top of 2020 budget.
	contactless card payments.	are allowed to enter Greece and are submitted to 14 days obligatory quarantine no matter the country			Audit regulatory developments:
		they come from. They are placed in specific hotels booked for that reason only, and all are tested. Should			Extension by 2 months of publication of FY19 financial statements

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Hungary	Working schedules can be modified by the	Temporary restoration of the border	Establishment of an action group for restarting the economy.	See left	Establishment of an
	employer, including home working.	with Slovenia and Austria.	Establishment of an action group to ensure communications		action group for
			between the governmental and private entities.		identifying main
	Visiting universities is prohibited. Higher	Mandatory testing for COVID-19 and			governmental and
	education institutions shall not be visited	(and possibility of quarantine) in	No lease agreement can be terminated and no lease fees can		private entities
	by students.	case of Hungarian citizens arrived	be raised by 30 June in certain sectors i.e. tourism,		necessary to the
	-5/		restaurants, entertainment, film, event organizing, sport;		operation of the
		commercial or passenger	In the above sectors the employer shall be released from taxes		country, furthermore
	Schools closed from 16 March, with digital	transportation. Foreigners are not	and dues to be paid in respect of salaries, with tax and dues of		preparing to take ove
	learning schedule from home introduced.	allowed to enter Hungary (in certain	employers reduced and limited;		control; Government
	Closure of kindergartens at discretion of	circumstances - tested for COVID-19,	Obligations in subject of tourism development are suspended		Decision 1101/2020.
	local mayor.	no infection, registration, entering	between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020;		(III. 14.)
		for humanitarian purposes - police	Small business are released from tax obligations in relation to		Announcing state of
		officers are entitled to allow	passenger transportation for March, April, June and July;		danger (special legal
		exceptions). No entry to Hungary for			order); Government
		non-citizens via means of	performed outside the business premises and for mail-order		Decree No. 40/2020.
		international passenger	services performed in order to serve the population;		(III. 11.)
		transportation (with certain exceptions i.e. for humanitarian	Certain benefits in respect of tax and other social security contributions for the most affected businesses (e.g. tourism,		Judicial break; Government Decree N
		purposes).	taxi, restaurants, hotels, sport, etc.):		45/2020. (III. 14.)
		purposes).	- exemption from social contribution and benefits (4% but		Attendance at any
		Mandatory quarantine for citizens	max. HUF 7710 is payable) in connection with in-kind social		events is prohibited;
		arriving from Italy, China, Israel and	security contributions for employers, sole traders and business		Government Decree N
		Iran. Passenger transportation	partners in March-June 2020;		46/2020. (III. 16.)
		vehicles from Italy, China, Israel and			Restrictions in subject
		Iran are not allowed to enter	June 2020;		of the opening hours
		Hungary (in certain circumstances -	- amount of rehabilitation contribution is reduced by 1/3;		restaurants and certa
		examination, no infection,	- personal payments shall not part of tax base for subjects of		stores; Government
		registration - police officers are	small business tax in March-June 2020;		Decree No. 46/2020.
		entitled to allow exceptions).	- exemption from fixed rate tax of low tax-bracket enterprises		(III. 16.)
		ermined to disent exceptiones,	(in the most affected fields) in March-June 2020;		Additional time until 3
		Restrictions on leaving the place of	- extra deadline and payment in installments is possible for tax		December for paymer
		residence:	debts in connection with fixed rate tax of low tax-bracket		obligations from loan
		- at least 1.5 m distance at social	enterprises;		and credit facility
		interactions (except members of the	- tourism development contributions is not payable for March-		agreements provided
		same household)	June 2020.		commercial
		- eating in restaurants is prohibited	Modification of Labour Code regarding the extension of		circumstances;
		(take aways allowed)	allocated cumulative working hours, Government support of		Government Decree N
		- leaving place of residence is	part-time employment and R&D employment		47/2020. (III. 18.)
		allowed only with good (i.e. work,			UPDATE: Details can b

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lungary		placing children at day-care centres, health care, sport, shopping at grocery stores, markets and pharmacies, administration, religion etc.)  - For persons older than 65, shopping at grocery stores, markets and pharmacies is allowed only between 9-12  - For persons younger than 65 shopping at grocery stores, markets and pharmacies is prohibited between 9-12  - Fines for infringement between HUF 5,000 and 500,000			found in Government Decree No. 62/2020. (III. 24.) Public procurements is connection with controlling COVID-19 can be exempted fror the general rules of public procurement; Government Decree I 48/2020. (III. 19.) Certain minor modifications (e.g. ru of delivery, deadlines etc.) in connection wi judicial enforcement; Government Decree I 57/2020. (III. 23.) Enforcement proceedings implemented by the Authority shall be interrupted until 15 days from the termination of the sta of danger; Governmen Decree No. 57/2020. (III. 23.) Payment service providers shall not apply strong authentication below HUF 15.000; Government Decree I 60/2020. (III. 23.) The government may issue decrees empowered - above the Act CXXVIII of 2011 (emergency)

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Hungary					management - to suspend the application of certain laws or derogating from the provisions of laws, and to take other extraordinary measures in order the control of COVID-19; Act XII of 2020  The government may extend the term of the Government Decrees issued in connection with the state of danger until the termination of state of danger; Act XII of 2020  No interim elections or referendums shall be held until the termination of state of danger; Act XII of 2020  Addition to the Crimina Code: Hindrance of epidemiological protection; Act XII of 2020  Specific taxes imposed on the bank sector and retail sector Modifications on withdrawal of certain Elfunds Modifications of companie related to passing resolutions. Specific tax imposed on the bank

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Hungary					sector.
					Link: https://koronavirus.c
					Audit regulatory developments:
					EU: CEAOB: Statement includes considering postponing issuance audit opinion ESMA: Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). Ir coordination with NC ESMA encouraged to generally apply a rist based approach concerning publicatic deadline of financial reports. EBA: Published guidance on the application of accounting standards the light of COVID-1
					Hungary: Extensions (extend t deadline to 31 May fi listed companies and June for all others) a

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Hungary					formal announcement has been made by the government yet.

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Iceland	The government has announced the relaxation of bans on May 4th:  - Ban on gatherings will be relaxed from 20 people to 50  - Kindergartens and elementary schools will open  - High schools and universities can open with the restriction of only 50 persons in the same room  - Salons, museums, physiotherapy, dental care can be reopened  Working from home is encouraged but not enforced	Foreign nationals - except EU/EEA, EFTA or UK nationals - are not allowed to enter Iceland. This advice is valid until 17 April 2020  EU/EEA-wide Travel restrictions will continue until 15th of May  All residents in Iceland that enter the country are required to go into 14 days of quarantine regardless of where they came from	The Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Iceland lowered the Bank's interest rates by 0.50 percentage points on 18 March. The Bank's key interest rate – the rate on sevenday term deposits – will therefore be 1.75%. The Financial Stability Committee of the Central Bank of Iceland has decided to reduce the counter-cyclical capital buffer on financial institutions from 2% to 0%.  First phase response from the Government was announced on March 21st - the package is equivalent to ISK 230 bn (USD 1.6 bn) or just under 8% of Icelandic GDP  1. Icelandic Government will take on up to 75 percent of salaries  2. State-backed bridging loans for companies  3. Deferral of tax payments. Companies will be given the opportunity to postpone the payment of taxes until next year to improve liquidity in business operations. Hotel taxes will be abolished until the end of 2021.  4. Financial support for tourism sector  5. One-off child benefit payment  6. Access to third-pillar pension savings (private pension savings). During the next 15 months, people can withdraw a monthly sum from their voluntary pension savings, to a maximum of ISK 800,000  7. Refund of VAT for construction projects. VAT reimbursement for construction and maintenance work will increase from 60% to 100%. VAT reimbursement provision will be extended to the third sector organisations including charities and sports associations.  8. Public projects accelerated – investment in technical infrastructure  IcelandAir Example: The Government has made an agreement with the airline Icelandair to continue flying to Europe and the United states two days a week. In return, the Icelandic State promises to cover losses incurred for those flights.  Actions specific to the city of Reykjavik:  1. Deferral, decreasing and waiving of fees for individual and businesses and increased flexibility for payment deadlines	Those who are under threat of losing their jobs will become eligible for unemployment benefits which allow them to move to part time hours for their employer and claim additional support from the Government. The benefit package allows those who cut back to as low as 25% of their previous employment hours or salary to boost the earnings they receive from their employer with Government support up to a combined level of ISK 700,000 per month.  One-off child benefit payment will be made on June 1, 2020 to all families with children under the age of 18. Parents with an average monthly income below ISK 927,000 in 2019 will receive ISK 40,000 per child and those with higher income will receive ISK 20,000 per child.	An app intended to he trace the origin of COVID-19 transmissions is being launched by the healt authorities  https://www.covid.is/glish  https://www.governmnt.is/news/article/20203/21/Icelandic-Government-announces-1.6bn-USI response-package-to-the-COVID-19-crisis/

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celand		<ol> <li>Reduction in property taxes for commercial properties</li> <li>Public projects accelerated - investment in innovation</li> <li>Marketing campaign launched to raise awareness of Iceland and Reykjavik as a holiday destination</li> </ol>		
		7 April 2020: Government increases equity of Isavia, operator of Icelandic airports, of 4BN ISK (25M EUR) and specifically expedites expansion of Keflavik Airport.		

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - India





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India	The current lockdown has been extended	The Delhi government (National	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the following	All regulatory relaxations applicable on an	The Civil Aviation
	to 3 May 2020.	Capital) has sealed 20 Covid-19	liquidity measures (second wave):	automatic basis to all organizations /	Ministry on Thursday
(a)		hotspots in the capital to combat the	1- A TLTRO (Targeted Long-Term REPO Operation) 2.0 of Rs	beneficiaries	said the passengers
	1. Entire nation on lockdown following PM's		50,000 crore (around \$7 billion) specifically targeted at NBFCs		who had booked flight
	address on 24th March, 2020. All offices	The Country I by descripting Constituting	(Non-Bank Financial Institution), with around 50% of it going	The government may approve proposal on	tickets during the first
	and factories closed with many companies	The Central Industrial Security Force	towards the investment grade papers of smaller NBFCs.	EPFO contribution (Employees Provident	phase of lockdown for
	adopting work from home.	(CISF), which guards 63 Indian	Investments should be made within one month.	Fund), withdrawals - the proposal to allow	travel up to May 3 mu
	Government and other establishments	airports, has recommended	2- Reverse REPO cut: Amount under reverse repo window is at	subscribers to withdraw 75 per cent of their EPF contribution or three months wages	get a full refund from
	providing essential services like water,	staggered flight schedules and closure of check-in counters two	Rs 6.9 lakh crore (around \$96 billion) as on April 15. To encourage banks to deploy these funds for lending purposes,	whichever is lower as contingency	the airlines without an cancellation charges.
	electricity, banks / ATMs, medicine shops,	hours prior to departure to avoid	the RBI reduced reverse repo by 25 bps from 4% to 3.75%.	expenditure non-refundable advance would	cancellation charges.
	hospitals, telecom are the only ones which	crowding and maintaining social	Policy reportate remains unchanged at 4.4%.	need an amendment to EPFO regulation.	Commerce Dept.
	are allowed to remain open.	distancing.	3- More money for states - The RBI has increased the limit	need an amendment to Erro regulation.	pitches for limited
		distanting.	under Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for states to avail		restarting of
	IT companies can function with 50% staff -	- All international, domestic flights s	short-term funds to 60 per cent of the existing limit.		manufacturing - the
	The Union government today said IT				commerce and industr
	companies can start functioning after 20	services will also remain suspended.	Ratio has been brought down to 80 per cent from 100 per cent		ministry has pitched for
	April with 50 per cent staff. It said	Inter-state, inter-district movement	earlier. This will be restored in phases by April 2021. Banks		resumption of
	electricians, plumbers can also start	of people prohibited till May 3	shall not make any dividend payments until further orders. The		manufacturing activity
	working after 20 April. The consolidated		RBI also announced measures to boost liquidity of financial		especially for exports,
	guidelines released by the Ministry of	Government says no ban on inter-	institutions like NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and		in a limited manner,
	Home Affairs also said that all agricultural	state movement of trucks - A day	Rural Development), SIDBI (Small Industries Development		with companies
	and horticultural activities will remain fully		Bank of India) and NHB (National Housing Bank). A special		following safety and
	functional.	end, the Ministry of Home Affairs	refinance facility of Rs 50,000 crores (around \$7 billion) to		other norms.
		clarified that all trucks are allowed to			1.7.5
	Additional information:	move within and outside states.	them. This will include Rs 25,000 crore to NABARD (around		I-T Dept. to release al
	Reports that Government likely to		\$3.5 billion) for refinancing RRBs (Regional Rural Banks), co-		pending tax refunds up to Rs 5 lakh (\$6500)
	launch Covid path-tracing app.		operative banks and micro-finance institutions, Rs 15,000 crore to SIDBI (\$2 billion) and Rs 10,000 crore (\$1.4 billion) to		immediately - the mov
	2. State governments start home delivery		National Housing Bank (NHB) for supporting Housing Finance		is expected to benefit
	of milk, fruits, vegetables and groceries.		Companies (HFCs).		1.4 million taxpayers.
			5- NPA classification - In respect to accounts granted		1.4 million taxpayers.
	3. In a big relief to Indian travelers stuck in the US in the wake of the COVID-19		moratorium, NPA norms of 90 days relaxed. The period of		The Finance Ministry
	travel restrictions, the US dept of state		moratorium will be excluded from the 90 day classification		has announced - no
	has announced that in view of numerous		norms of NPAs for those accounts which have availed the		penalty, revival fees for
	international flights that have been		moratorium facility. NBFCs have flexibility to give such relief to		PPF (Public Provident
	cancelled, travelers can apply to United		their borrowers.		Fund), RD (Recurring
	States Citizenship and Immigration				Deposit) and other
	Services for extensions to those visas.		Government announces three schemes worth Rs 48,000 crore		small savings scheme
			(\$15 billion) for electronic makers - companies that make		

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India	4. Indian Army starts process to set up		phones priced at Rs 15,000 (\$200) and above and which make		All Govt. departments
	quarantine centres in each station for its		a cumulative investment of Rs 1,000 crore (\$130 million) over		told to cut expenses by
	personnel.		four years, starting with Rs 250 crore (\$33 million) in the first		60% amid coronavirus
			year, will qualify for an incentive of 6% for the first two years,		outbreak, days after
			followed by 5% for the next two and 4% in the fifth year.		cutting the salaries and
					other allowances of MPs
			1- Government extends foreign trade policy by one year - As		and ministers.
			per the notification, the validity of various import-linked export		
			schemes such as Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) and		- The Central
			Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) have been extended		Government is working
			by one year.		on a plan to provide
			2 - RBI announces more measures: Enhancement of state		insurance cover to
			government's short-term liquidity needs; Relaxation of export		roughly 400,000 truck
			repatriation limits from nine months to 15 months; Capital conservation buffer may not be activated for a year.		drivers. The centre had recently announced a
			Extension of realisation period of export proceeds made up to		medical insurance cover
			or on July 31, 2020 to 15 months from the date of export.		plan of Rs. 5m (c.
			3 - The government has decided to enhance the "Ways and		\$66,000) for healthcare
			means advances" (WMA)- a temporary facility to meet revenue		and sanitation workers.
			mismatches- limits to states and union territories ahead of the		- Reserve Bank of India
			recommendations of a committee it constituted for the		(RBI) increases
			purpose.		overdraft period for
			F		States, to tide over
			1 - Govt extends validity of lower withholding tax orders by 3		cashflow mismatches.
			months till June due to COVID-19. The Central Board of Direct		- Central government
			Taxes (CBDT) in its order gave a major relief to taxpayers		set to release Rs
			whose application for lower or nil deduction of TDS/TCS is		20,000 crore (c.
			pending for disposal saying that cases where the application is		\$2.7bn) of pending
			pending and where such certificates were issued for fiscal		Goods and Services Tax
			2019-20, the validity of the certificates would get extended to		(GST) to States soon.
			June 30, 2020.		<ul> <li>Key government</li> </ul>
			2 - The Govt's national insurance regulator IRDAI (Insurance		officials have taken a
			Regulatory and Development Authority) has, in COVID 19		30% pay cut for a year
			related instructions issued to insurance companies, said that		to boost govt's Covid-
			they "may allow travel insurance policyholders to extend the		19 efforts - MPLADS
			start/end dates of policies valid between March 22, 2020, and		fund (Members of
			April 30, 2020.		Parliament Local Area
			3 - Government clarification that there is no extension of the		Development Schemes)
			financial year. New tax rules to come in from April 2020 were		has been suspended for
			also clarified.		two years, and the

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India		Finance Ministry announces a welfare package of Rs. 1.7		money — amounting to
		trillion: The package includes food security, cash transfers and		approximately Rs 7,900
		welfare schemes for low-income people. Other initiatives		cr (around \$1 billion) —
		covered by the package include in-cash farmer subsidies, wage		will be given to the
		increases, pensions benefits, increases in loans and medical		Consolidated Fund of
		benefit assistance		India.
				- The government has
		Reserve Bank of India cuts key policy rates and announces		started working out the
		measures amounting to liquidity injection of c. 3.4% of GDP		possible post-lockdown
		(Rs 3.74 trillion, USD 92.3 billion). In addition, banks and		scenarios and is
		financial institutions to put a moratorium on term loans for 3 months (see 27 March 2020) The government also relaxed		considering another booster shot to
		the compliance norms to be met by units, developers and co-		minimize the impact of
		developers of special economic zones (SEZs). The Ministry of		coronavirus and revive
		Finance announced a seris of measures to defer tax reporting		the economy.
		and reduce interest payable on delayed payments/returns.		- India will allow some
		Other compliance deadlines also extended (income permits,		exports of anti-malaria
		National ID, tax disputes, Corporate Affairs registry, Board		drug
		Director Meeting requirements, Director residency		Hydroxycholoroquine
		requirements). For Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, threshold		after Trump appeal. The
		of default increased from Rs. 100 thousand to Rs. 10 million for	-	Indian government had
		triggering initiation of proceedings.		earlier put a hold on
				exports of
		Life insurance cover of up to Rs 35 lakh (\$ 46000) per person		hydroxychloroquine.:
		to over 1 lakh (100 thousand) Food Corporation of India (FCI)		- Indian Govt. launches
		officials and labourers in case they succumb to COVID-19 after		mobile app
		six months of performing duty from the day of lockdown.		AarogyaSetu to track
		Finance Ministry, has appeared that if the augment situation		spread of Covid 19
		Finance Ministry has announced that if the current situation -		- The Prime Minister
		the nationwide shutdown to slow the spread of coronavirus - continued beyond April 30, the government would consider		called for a "staggered re-emergence" from the
		suspending certain sections of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy		Covid-19 lockdown
		Code for six months, so that creditors and promoters cannot		that's scheduled to end
		start insolvency proceedings against companies.		on April 14.
		start maniferity proceedings against companies.		- The World Bank's
		Packaging companies cleared to work during lockdown.		Board of Executive
		companies sistance to them during lookdown.		Directors has approved
		Exporters struggling to cope with the negative fallout of the		a fast-track \$1 billion
		COVID-19 outbreak are in for relief, as the government is		India COVID-19
		considering a raft of proposals — including extending a 2-4%		Emergency Response

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India		interest subsidy on soft loans to them, expanding the interest equalisation scheme and allowing large companies and those in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to resume manufacturing in a staggered manner.  Government to buy stakes in MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) going public from soon-to-be cleared Fund of Funds - Credit and Finance for MSMEs: Rs 10,000-crore (around\$ 1.3 billion) proposed by the MSME Ministry (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) has been approved by the Finance Ministry and will be placed before the Cabinet soon for clearance.		and Health Systems Preparedness Project t help India prevent, detect, and respond to the COVID-19 pandem and strengthen its public health preparedness.  - Key government officials have taken a 30% pay cut for a year to boost govt's Covid- 19 efforts - MPLADS fund (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Schemes has been suspended for two years, and the money — amounting tr approximately Rs 7,90 cr (around \$1 billion) - will be given to the Consolidated Fund of India.  - The government has started working out the possible post-lockdown scenarios and is considering another booster shot to minimize the impact of coronavirus and revive the economy.  - India will allow some exports of anti-malaria drug Hydroxycholoroquine after Trump appeal. Th Indian government had

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India					earlier put a hold on exports of hydroxychloroquine.
					Govt. of India Covid-19 portal: https://www.mygov.in.covid-19
					Press Briefing on the actions taken, preparedness and updates on COVID-19 Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pCIHIJVI08
					Press Information Bureau update (PIB) - GOM (Group of Ministry's) reviews current status, and actions for managemer of COVID-19: https://pib.gov.in/new- te/pmreleases.aspx?m ncode=31
					PIB update (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare): Vaccine Research on Coronavirus - As per index of average overa global health security score 2019, India has been classified as "mor prepared".

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India					https://pib.gov.in/newsi te/pmreleases.aspx?mi ncode=31 PIB update (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare): High level Group of Ministers reviews current status, and actions for prevention and management of COVID-19 https://pib.gov.in/newsi te/pmreleases.aspx?mi ncode=31 WHO's Statement - India has tremendous capacity to combat Covid-19:
					https://www.livemint.co m/news/india/india- has-tremendous- capacity-to-combat- covid-19-who- 11585022167540.html
					Audit regulatory developments:
					India: Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI): Time period extended for mandatory filing of quarterly and annual financial results for listed entities - by 45 more days to file

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India					financial results for the quarter ending 31 March 2020 and 30 more days for filing to results for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. List entities can now decl both quarterly and yearly results by 30 June 2020. Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ICAI: Issued COVID-accounting and audit advisory guidance Ministry of Corporate Affairs: The new forn of statutory audit reports of companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 (CARO 2020) shall be made applicable from the financial year 2020 2021 instead of being applicable from finan year 2019-2020.

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Ireland	The government has requested that everyone stays at home from midnight on Friday 27 March until 5 May. Exclusions apply for workers in services considered essential, these include: farmers, certain manufacturers, utility maintenance, COVID-19 and critical infrastructure related construction, wholesale and retail trade, transport storage and communication, accommodation and food services, information and communication, public administration and defense, human health and social work activities. Anyone, including essential workers, who can work from home, should work from home.	Nationwide restriction on travel outside of a 2km radius from your place of residence unless providing/using an essential service. Individual exercise within a 2km radius is permitted. You cannot arrange a social gathering with anyone you don't live with. Police now have the power to arrest and detain those not obeying social distancing and other COVID-19 related restrictions. Those who are convicted face a maximum of six months in prison and a fine of €2,500  Avoid all non-essential travel to other countries  Restrict movements for 14 days if returning from any other country, excluding Northern Ireland or if an	Enterprise - A Credit Guarantee Scheme has been announced to support loans up to €1 million for periods of up to 7 years. The purpose of the SME Credit Guarantee Scheme is to encourage additional lending to SMEs by offering a partial Government guarantee (currently 80%) to banks against losses on qualifying loans to eligible SMEs.  - Microenterprises can access COVID-19 loans of up to €50,000 from MicroFinance Ireland, with no repayments required and no interest charged for 6 months. The level of funding has been expanded by €13m to €20m for COVID-19 loans with interest rates being dropped from 7.8% to 4.5%. The new rate for direct applications (non-LEO) to MFI will also be reduced to 5.5%.  - Total Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) COVID-19 lending capacity is now €650m. The initial €200m SBCI COVID-19 Working Capital Loan Scheme will increase by €250m to €450m. Loans can be between €25,000 and €1.5m at a maximum interest rate of 4%. Loan terms range from one year to three years and loans can be unsecured up to €500,000. Interest-only repayments may be available at the start of the loans. An additional €200m in COVID-19 funding for the Future Growth Loan Scheme, which will be released in tranches, to provide longer-term loans to COVID-19 impacted businesses. Loan amounts will range €100,000 to a maximum of €3,000,000 per applicant. Loan terms range from 8 to 10 years and loans of up to €500,000 can be unsecured. Interest-only repayments may be available at the start of the loans. The maximum interest rate will be 4.5%.  - A new Sustaining Enterprise Fund of up to €180m for firms in the manufacturing and international services sector has been announced.  - The Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) €2,500 Trading Online Voucher is a Government grant scheme, designed to assist small businesses. It offers financial assistance of up to €2,500 along with training and advice to help your business trade online.  - The €5,000 COVID-19 Business Financial Planning Grant will help companies to develop the Busines	All Enterprise support programmes are subject to eligibility criteria.  To be eligible for the illness payment a person must be confined to their home or a medical facility.  Tax authorities have arranged that employers who keep employees on payroll and pay the Pandemic payment will be refunded the €350. Self-employed who qualify will be paid the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment of €350 rather than through the Revenue scheme. They will be eligible on a similar basis as the Revenue scheme for employee  The income subsidy scheme will provide support on incomes up to €76,000 or twice average earnings. It will be capped at net €350 for incomes between €38,000 and €76,000. The employer is expected to make best efforts to maintain as close to 100% of normal income as possible for the subsidised period. Employers must self-declare to Revenue that they have experienced significant negative economic disruption due to COVID-19, with a	1. https://enterprise- ireland.com/en/About- Us/Services/Covid- 19/Supports/Covid-19- Guide.pdf  2. https://www.gov.ie/en/ service/be74d3-covid-
			The new €750,000 Competitive Start Fund is aimed at start-	during the COVID-19 pandemic, income	support-individ/

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Ireland	WOTK		ups and the call for proposals is open for three weeks through Enterprise Ireland closing on 14 April, 2020. This fund is open to early stage companies in all sectors in manufacturing and internationally traded services. The maximum support available is €50,000 for a 10% ordinary equity stake in the start-up company.  - A €200m Package for Enterprise Supports including a Rescue and Restructuring Scheme is available through Enterprise Ireland for vulnerable but viable firms that need to restructure or transform their business. Enterprise Ireland are also offering a grant of €7,200 to clients for finance review consultancy support. Enterprise Ireland have released a COVID-19 Response Report.  - The deferral of Business Rates: the government has agreed with local authorities that they should defer rates payments due from the most immediately affected businesses, primarily in the retail, hospitality, leisure and childcare sectors, until the end of May. Taxation Measures to alleviate short-term difficulties: interest on late payments is suspended for January/February VAT and both February and March PAYE (Employers) liabilities; all debt enforcement activity is suspended until further notice; current tax clearance status will remain in place for all businesses over the coming months; the Relevant Contract Tax (RCT) rate review scheduled to take place this month (March) is suspended; critical pharmaceutical products and medicines will be given a Customs 'green routing' to facilitate uninterrupted importation and supply.  'The COVID-19 Wage Subsidy is a scheme which allows employers to pay their employees during the current pandemic, changes announced on 15th of April will take effect from the 4th of May. For those employees with previous	supports and Rent Supplement are available if they are struggling to pay. These supports are provided by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. Any rent arrears built up will be payable, but landlords have been asked to show understanding and reach local arrangements in these circumstances.	emergency-measures-protect-tenants  7. https://www.gov.ie/en/prs-release/a6d8fa-government-announced-new-covid-19-incomesupport-scheme  8. https://www.gov.ie/en/seice/578596-covid-19-wagsubsidy/  9. https://www.revenue.ie/e/corporate/press-releases/2020/pr-130320 revenue-announcemeasures-to-assist-smesexperiencing-cashflow-difficulties-arising-from-covid-19.aspx
			average net pay up to €412 per week (equivalent to almost €24,400 p.a) the subsidy will be increased from 70% to 85% of their previous net weekly pay; For those employees with previous average net pay between €412 and €500 per week (equivalent to €24,400-€31,000 p.a), the subsidy will be up to €350 per week; For employees with previous net pay in excess of €586 per week, a tiered approach will apply subject to a maximum subsidy payable remaining at €350.		10. https://www.housing.gov/local-government/covid- 19-coronavirus/support- businesses-impacted-covi 19-through-commercial- rates

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		increase from €203). If an employee's working hours are reduced to 3 days or less per week they can apply for Short Time Work Support which will be paid pro-rata to Jobseekers Benefit allowance (currently €203).		/covid19/compliance-with- certain-reporting-and- filing-obligations.aspx
		If a worker is diagnosed with COVID-19 or they are medically		12. https://www.gov.ie/en/pub
		required to self-isolate, they can get enhanced Illness Benefit or Supplementary Welfare Allowance. They will not have to		lication/cf9b0d-new-public-health-measures-effective-
		wait 6 days before they can apply for Illness Benefit. This means Illness Benefit can cover the first week of a COVID-19 diagnosis (or medically-required self-isolation) and any		now-to-prevent-further- spread-o/
		subsequent weeks. The COVID-19 illness payment has been increased to €350 per week		Audit regulatory developments:
		Utilities - The following measures have been put in place to help customers remain connected to their electricity and gas supplies during this period:		<b>EU:</b> ESMA - Guidance on financial reporting
		<ul> <li>Moratorium on domestic utility disconnections</li> <li>Emergency credit levels for prepaid (Pay As You Go) gas meters will increase from €10 to €100</li> </ul>		deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2
		Banking - On 18 March 2020 the 5 retail banks (AIB, Bank of Ireland, KBC, Permanent tsb and Ulster Bank), along with thei representative body Banking & Payments Federation Ireland	r	months (1 month for half- year reports). In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to
		(BPFI) announced a series of measures to support people and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These include:		generally apply a risk- based approach concerning publication deadline of
		<ul> <li>An optional payment break of up to 3 months for businesses and personal customers.</li> </ul>		financial reports
		<ul> <li>A solution to ensure that COVID-19 applications for a payment break will not affect credit ratings.</li> <li>Deferral of court proceedings for 3 months.</li> </ul>		1. https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Wha t-We-Do/Supports-for-
		<ul> <li>In order to support public health policy, the Minister for Finance is requesting that industry increase the limit on contactless payments to €50.</li> </ul>		SMEs/COVID-19- supports/Credit- Guarantee-Scheme-
		The Minister for Finance has decided to defer the collection of stamp duty on credit cards to July, which is normally levied		COVID-19-FAQ.html

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Ireland



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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Israel





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Israel	As of 5 p.m. on March 25, 2020 new regulations further restrict freedom of movement.	People are not permitted to leave their residence unless for specified criteria and travel is restricted to or from an approved place of work or to	Reduction of costs for business and special assistance to the self-employed: Advance of payments to small and medium government suppliers	A dedicated fund of 4B NIS has been established. Any business that has incurred damage directly from Covid-19 can receive a loan:	There is a total ban on international conferences in Israel.
	People can go to work as long as the guidelines are followed (e.g., maintaining distance of at least two meters between employees).	the grocery store, pharmacy or a medical appointment. Public transportation will be drastically reduced (by 75%). Private taxis will be available, but	Extension of deadline for VAT payments to state treasury for all businesses Postponement of National Insurance payments for the month of April, and allowing payments in instalments Postponement of self-employed, small and medium business		Directives to further restrict public gatherings: No more than two people who are not
	Employers must check the temperature of all those arriving and anyone with a temperature of more than 38 degrees Celsius or above must be refused.	only one passenger and the driver can be in the car at a time. Another companion is permitted if needed for medical treatment while the two passengers sit in the back seat and	mandatory payments Postponement of council tax (municipal tax) payments and provision of financial assistance to weak local government Special aid grant for self-employed - intended for self- employed with small businesses in anticipation of projected	welfare, health) - Have a contract in place with the government that covers at least 120% of the requested loan. Term of the contract is	from the same nuclear family may gather. The Israeli public is asked to celebrate Passover, Easter and
	Essential businesses are permitted to operate, including various food stores and food delivery, pharmacies, optical stores, hygiene or telecommunications products, electrical appliances or medical accessories.	the windows are open.  31 March 2020:  Non Israeli citizens or permanent residents are not allowed to enter Israel.	losses due to the decline in economic activity.  Provision of access to credit for businesses: State guaranteed loan fund Facilitation of loans and increase of access to credit Relief of credit restrictions to credit limit for the real estate	request; No more than 50% of the income in the past two years come from support according to section 3a.  Cash flow gaps  - Maximum loan amount up to NIS 500k or 8% of annual revenue; Maximum deposit	Ramadan alone, withou their extended families and friends. Prayers are not allowed in synagogues, public, or open areas and
	Online sale with shipping is allowed for all types of products. When deliveries are sent to private homes, the shipment will be placed outside the residence.	for all are suspension of all flights at least until April 4.  All passengers arriving from abroad	comprehensive economic assistance plan: NIS 80 billion rescue	payments up to 6 months Starting a new business - Maximum loan amount up to NIS 500k;	restricted. People must stay within 100 meters from home for short periods of
	Essential services will remain open, including supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations and banks, which will operate as normal. However, stores must mark a two	categories artificante 30, 2020.	package for the next three months, which represents approximately 6% of Israel's GDP.  1. NIS 10 billion will be provided to the health care system  2. NIS 20 billion will go towards the social security network for employees, self-employed and the elderly	Maximum deposit up to 10% of the loan, up to NIS 300k and 25% of any other sum; Duration of the loan up to 5 years; Ability to postpone principle payments up to 6 months	approved and necessal purposes.  Audit regulatory
	meter distance between people at checkout lines and ensure that no more than four people are waiting to check out at each register at a time.	As of March 18, the borders with Egypt and <b>Jordan are closed</b> .	<ul> <li>3. NIS 32 billion aid package for small, medium-sized and large businesses and enterprises</li> <li>4. NIS 8 billion to stimulate the economy when it reopens</li> <li>NIS 3 billion is being allocated for the self-employed and small businesses who will receive up to a NIS 6,000 grant for March</li> </ul>	Investment in existing business - Maximum loan amount up to NIS 500k or 8% of annual revenue – the higher of the two; Maximum deposit up to 25% of the loan; Duration of the loan up to 5 years;	developments:  Israel: The due date for listed company annual financial
	Breaking the regulations constitutes a criminal offense.		and up to a NIS 8,000 grant for April.  NIS 3 billion will be given in tax refunds to the self-employed and small businesses.  NIS 3 billion has been allocated for municipal tax relief for	Ability to postpone principle payments up to 6 months; Minimum 20% of loan amount must be from personal equity Combined (bridge for cash flow gaps and	
	31 March 2020:		businesses that demonstrate that they have been hit by the	investment in the business)	General/corona_offic

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Israel	Essential businesses that are allowed to operate, must reduce their workforce to 15%.  Every effort will be made to give each employee their own equipment. If equipment is used by more than one person, it must be thoroughly disinfected before transfer.  No more than two people are allowed to use an elevator at the same time in the workplace.	crisis. Eligible borrowers can apply to postpone mortgage payments for up to 4 months.	- Maximum loan amount up to NIS 500k or 8% of annual revenue – the higher of the two; Maximum deposit up to 25% of the loan; Duration of the loan up to 5 years; Ability to postpone principle payments up to 6 months Investment in Industry - Maximum loan amount up to 90% of the investment needed and 15% of the annual revenue; Asset as collateral, if the loan is not for purchasing an asset maximum deposit up to 30% of the loan; Duration of the loan up to 12 months; Ability to postpone principle payments up to 6 months - At least 3 years of experience in the industry	
			Agriculture - Maximum loan amount up to NIS 750k - Maximum deposit up to 10% of the loan - Duration of the loan up to 10 years - Ability to postpone principle payments up to 6 months - For agriculturists in the vegetation industry with an annual revenue of up to NIS 5M, eligibility based on insurance for natural disasters	

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### Global COVID-19 Government Response - Italy





#### Daily summary of government response globally Restrictions on physical attendance at Country Restrictions on travel work Italy "Smart Work" introduced for 6 months Internal starting from 31/01/2020: Restrictions on any movement of Italians entering and exiting any - where possible, work from home or municipality other than the one in otherwise remotely; which they currently are, except - incentivising use of accrued vacation and where there is proven need, such as other paid leave; professional, health or extreme - it can also include suspension of emergency. The return to another

company departments that are not

and "social shock absorbers".

i) food:

anti-contamination security protocols,

sanitization operations of the workplace,

The Italian Government has ordered the

exception made for all those operating

services considered as strategic including:

shut-down of all the industrial and

commercial production businesses.

ii) production, transport and sale of

vi) continuous production cycle plants.

medical devices and drugs;

v) professional services;

iii) basic services;

iv) public utilities;

essential to production, implementation of

All the internal restrictions have been production and supply of **medical devices**. extended until 13 April 2020

residence or domicile is no longer

for violations of these measures.

#### External

No restrictions specified, but difficult 
Depositi e Prestiti group, in favour of banks providing loans to see how external travel is possible to businesses given internal restrictions.

State guarantees amounting to a total of EUR 200bn granted through the company SACE Simest, part of the Cassa

Creation of a €50 million aid scheme to support the

Incentive to transfer non-performing loans (NPL) by

converting deferred tax assets (DTA) into tax credits for

Government support available/announced

Introduction of mechanisms to allow expansion of credit to

Reinforcement of the collective credit guarantee consortia

medium-large businesses impacted by the crisis, up to 10bn

Export: a co-insurance system under which 90% of the commitments arising from SACE S.p.A. strategic export credit activity are borne by the State and the remaining 10% by the same SACE S.p.A. In such way, SACE is able to grant further resources amounting to 200bn euros to those requests that otherwise could not be satisfied by the financial capabilities of the sole SACE.

Suspension of VAT payments, withholdings and contributions for the months of April and May

#### SME specific:

euros (in total).

allowed. There are criminal sanctions financial and industrial companies.

("Confidi") for micro-businesses.

- (i) the suspension for up to six months of certain loans;
- (ii) impossibility for banks to revoke credit lines from 29/02/2020 to 30/09/2020;
- (iii) the financing the adoption of smart working business plans (Lombardy Region);
- (iv) the establishment of a Guarantee Fund for loans to support working capital and a fund for the granting of repayable loans;
- (v) funds for redundancy programmes.

#### Conditions around Government support Additional information

- Medium-large sized enterprises (i) Access to the 10 bn euros plafond available for those medium-large sized enterprises that:
- are not allowed to the aforementioned SMEs fund.
- have been impacted by the COVID-19
- are involved in certain sectors specifically

How to Apply: yet to be defined

Medical devices scheme:

Available to companies of all sizes which:

- set up new facilities for the production of medical devices and personal protection equipment
- expand the production of their existing structures producing such equipment
- convert their production line in the production of such equipment The support will not exceed 800,000.00

euros per company and will take the form of for Financial Market direct grants or repayable advances How to Apply: submit a digitally signed request on Invitalia's website attaching the mandatory documentation

State guarantees amounting to a total of EUR 200bn granted through the company SACE Simest in favour of banks providing loans to businesses

- the guarantee will cover between 70% and 90% of the amount financed, depending on the size of the business
- subject to a series of conditions, inter alia, the impossibility for the beneficiary company to distribute dividends for the following twelve months and the necessary allocation of the financing to support

Links for additional information:

http://www.governo.it/it/ approfondimento/coronavi rus/13968

http://www.salute.gov.it/ nuovocoronavirus

http://www.governo.it/it/ articolo/decretoiorestoacasa-domandefrequenti-sulle-misureadottate-dalgoverno/14278

#### Audit regulatory developments:

#### EU:

ESMA: Recommendations Participants: Business Continuity Planning; Market disclosure: Financial Reporting; Fund Management. Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial

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Italy				90% of the commitments arising from SACE S.p.A. strategic export credit activity are	implications on the calculation of expected credit losses in accordance with IFRS 9. Issued a statement on the application of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments in the specific context of the COVID-19 outbreak. EBA: Published guidance on the application of accounting standards in the light of COVID-19. NCAs, ESMA
				Suspension of VAT payments, withholdings and contributions for the months of April and May - for entities with a decrease in turnover of at least 33% in case of revenues/revenues under 50 million euros - for entities with a decrease in turnover of at least 50% in case of revenues/revenues above the threshold of 50 million euros - in any case, such payments shall be suspended for persons who started operating from 1 April 2019 - the payment of the suspended	Italy: Government: Deadline to publish draft financial statements and auditors' opinion for listed entities remains unchanged (four months from year-end).  Decree providing more flexibility for limited liability companies (PIEs

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Italy				contributions will resume on 30 June 2020, with the possibility for businesses to choose whether to pay in one instalment or defer such payment in 5 instalments.  SME  (i) Suspension of loans and non-revocation of credit lines granted to SMEs: - with performing debt exposures (in bonus) as at 17 March 2020 - based in Italy - which provide banks and financial intermediaries with a self-certification in which they declare liquidity problems due to COVID-19  (ii) Access to the Guarantee Fund will be available free of charge: - for 9 months (17/03/2020 - 17/12/2020) - for deals up to a maximum amount of 5 million euros.	of 2019 financial statements at AGM (i deadline for every company within 180 days of year end deferred until 31 July 2020).  Decree provides some flexibility for managin AGMs by using new

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Japan





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Japan	All schools were asked by the government to close from 2 March 2020 (now practically closed due to usual spring break). Schools are to reopen in April or early May under the guideline announced on 24 March.  Working from home, avoiding rush hours when commuting, etc are encouraged by the government.  The government will declare a nationwide state of emergency, expanding the areas covered to all 47 prefectures from the 7 prefectures initially stipulated in the declaration made on 7 April. The renewed state of emergency is set to expire on 6 May.	No restrictions  External Restrictions for Japanese citizens; -Recommendation to avoid unnecessary and non-urgent travelling (Level2): all over the world -Travel Suspension Advice	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) is taking the following measures for mitigating the impacts on companies of coronavirus (COVID-19) and for supporting such companies:  - Supporting companies in financing (loans and guarantees);  - Conducting a subsidy project for companies taking countermeasures against the novel coronavirus disease;  - Opening consultation counters for SMEs and small enterprises;  - Releasing information on the current situations of Japanese companies developing business overseas, information on overseas countries, and consultation counters (JETRO);  - Deregulatory measures in import and export procedures as a response to the novel coronavirus disease;  - Requesting that for main contracting companies take appropriate care in trading with their subcontractors;  - Requesting that ordering companies take appropriate care in trading with individual business operators and freelancers affected by the coronavirus;  - Requesting that related associations take care in recruiting activities and for students given an informal promise of employment based on government responses to coronavirus;  - Website for online class services provided by Ed Tech companies for students during school closure;  - The Project for Navigation of Information on Private Support Services;  - Technical support provided by ICT companies to organizations which intend to introduce teleworking options.  The government will set aside an economic stimulus package of 108 trillion JPY. The package includes the following:  - 300,000 JPY cash handout per household for every household whose incomes have decreased as a result of covid-19. The government is considering revising its financial aid to households from the initial 300,000 JPY per low-income household to 100,000 JPY per person regardless of income.  - 2 million JPY in financial aid to SMEs and 1 million JPY to self-employed or freelance workers  - Expand employee retention assistance for both SMEs and large corporations, provided that they do not lay off their empl	Please see the link below: https://www.meti.go.jp/english/covid- 19/index.html  - Household eligible for cash handouts will be limited to those whose incomes have decreased since February 2020 to the extent that, at the end of the year, they would be exempt from paying residential taxes. Currently, households need to individually apply at regional government offices who will then assess their eligibility. Households whose incomes do not cross the exemption threshold but nonetheless experiences a 50% reduction in wages may also be eligible under certain circumstances. The government is considering making this available to all persons regardless of their income. Method of application and distribution as well as the timing of the handout are yet to be determined SMEs eligible for financial aid are those whose revenues have decreased by over 50% compared to the same month in the previous year - For hospitals and clinics that practice appropriate preventative measures, such as by rescheduling appointments when a patient with symptoms of covid-19 arrive for checkup	Tokyo Olympic Games was postponed by c. 1 year (starting on 23rd July, 2021).  Additional emergency economic measures will be decided and announced in early April, including reduction and exemption of property tax and postponement of tax payment to support corporate cash flow.  Governor of Tokyo asked people to stay at home for the weekend of 28-29 March. Also Governors of Capital areas (Kanagawa, Chiba, Saitama, Yamanashi) asked not to go to Tokyo, and to refrain from going out for nonessential and nonurgent event.  Audit regulatory developments

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Japan			of leave allowance while for large corporations, the coverage rate is 75%. The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has extended the duration of the furlough allowance intended for any parents or guardians who have taken leave between 1 April and 30 June in order to take care of their children.	corporations. METI is also deliberating on how to cover companies that were established in the previous year.	despite normal deadlines, so this could be longer than 45 days not restricted by a 45 day limit.
			Medical institutions on the frontline will receive additional assistance amounting to 3000 JPY from the government for all covid-19 related. Patients, who ordinarily pay between 10-30% of medical bills, will be charged a maximum additional fee of 900 JPY.  - Tax and social security contribution deadlines will also be delayed (further details to be announced)  The Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry announced a		The ten largest Japanese audit firms of April 8 asked the JICPA to engage with the relevant parties to ask for additional measure including delay of filing requirements and AGMs.
			new financial aid package aimed towards corporations that have been significantly impacted by covid-19. The amount to be compensated is to be determined using the following formula:  - Previous year total revenue - (current year monthly revenue during which revenue has decreased by 50% compared to the same month previous year x 12)  Maximum receivable: sole proprietors - 1 million JPY; legal entities: 2 million JPY  The amount to be paid will be the lower of the above - Companies may choose any one month between January 2020 and December 2020 for which revenue has decreased by 50% compared to the same month in the previous year. The package is pending the approval of the revised annual budget. Application will begin one week after the budget is approved		FSA announced the extension to file the annual securities report the first quarter report and the semi-annual report until the end of September. JICPA and other stakeholders are still talking to the ministry of justice about the possibility to delay the timing to hold the AGM.
			The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has extended the duration of the furlough allowance intended for any parents or guardians who have taken leave between 1 April and 30 June in order to take care of their children		JICPA published the second guidance on auditing under the coronavirus pandemic which included guidan on auditing accounting estimate and discussion going concern.

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Japan					http://www.moj.go.jp/content/001316999.pdf
					https://www.meti.go.jp /english/covid- 19/index.html

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#### Global COVID-19 Government Response - Kazakhstan





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Kazakhstan	An official state of emergency currently	Internal:	(i) VAT rate reduced to 8%;	(i) Until October 1, 2020, a VAT rate of	https://bestprofi.com/article
	applies until 1 May 2020.	(i) Limited movement (various	(i) Property tax exemption for legal entities and individual	8% is established for sales and import	s/item/2387494163;
		exceptions apply to restrictions e.g.	entrepreneurs;	of goods included in the list of socially	
	All enterprises and organizations	buying food, medical or	(i) Deferral of payment of all taxes and other mandatory	significant food products.	https://bestprofi.com/article
	regardless of the form of ownership, with	<ul><li>professional);</li><li>(i) Closing of crowded places (parks,</li></ul>	payments to the budget; (i) Minimum wage payment of 42.500 KZT for persons who	(i) For 2020, legal entities and individual entrepreneurs are exempted	s/item/2387494085;
	the exception of central government	squares, playgrounds, etc)	have lost income:	from property tax on objects of	https://bestprofi.com/article
	bodies, local executive bodies, law	squares, playgrounds, etc)		taxation used in the field of tourism,	s/item/2387953843;
	enforcement agencies, healthcare	External:	control is suspended;	catering and hotel services	3/1telli/2007/00010,
	organizations, the media, grocery stores,	From March 16:	(i) Initiation of tax audits carried out in a special order has	(i) Deferred payment deadline for all	https://365info.kz/2020/03
	pharmacies and life support organizations are to suspend operations from 30 March	A ban on travel to the following	been suspended;	taxes and other obligatory payments to	/komu-polagayutsya-42-
	until 13 April in Nur-Sultan and until 30	countries with coronavirus infection:	(i) Indexation of pensions and state benefits;	the budget, as well as social payments	500-tenge-iz-gosfonda-i-
	April in Almaty.	Category 1A: France, Iran, Italy,	(i) Expanded list of persons eligible for 42.500 KZT;	until June 1, 2020;	kak-ih-poluchit;
	April III Allinaty.	Spain, Germany.	(i) Extension of the right of uninsured citizens to receive	(i) Dismissed workers will receive	
	There are the half-read and leaving because	In category 1B at the moment -	medical care in the system of mandatory social health	benefits for job loss from one month to	https://bestprofi.com/docu
	There are limitations on leaving homes, and moving around the city. People are	China, South Korea and Schengen	insurance; (i) Every and of the list of estagaries of citizens who should be	six months, depending on the length of	ment/2385937297?12&isSc
	allowed to leave their homes to purchase	countries, except for countries included in the list 1A of the	(i) Expanded the list of categories of citizens who should be provided with free grocery sets;	service in the social insurance system over the past 24 months.	<u>roll=true</u>
	food and medicine only, as well as for	category. In the second category are	(i) Cancellation of accrual and payment of taxes and other	(i) Issuing of notifications of camera	https://bestprofi.com/article
	emergency medical care.	Philippines, Qatar, India, UAE, UK,	payments from the wage fund for small and medium sized	control is suspended (except for periods	
		Azerbaijan, Thailand, USA.	business in the most affected sectors of the economy;	for which the limitation period expires)	<u>5/11611// 2666617721</u>
	People must not gather in public places in	, <b>,</b>	(i) Moratorium on closure of bank accounts of individuals	until 15 April;	https://bestprofi.com/docu
	groups of more than three people, except	Also, all persons arriving from	during the period of emergency	(i) Initiation of tax audits carried out in	ment/2390434161?10
	for people from the same family. Also,	countries with registered coronavirus		a special order has been suspended	
	people shall not visit relatives and receive	infection cases are divided into 3		until 15 April;	https://bestprofi.com/article
	guests.	categories:		(i) Orders to suspend spending	s/item/2389351617
		Category 1A: Quarantine for 14 days		transactions on bank accounts and	
	All places where people congregate,	Category 1B: Isolation at home for 14 days		collection orders in the manual mode	https://bestprofi.com/articles/item/2388617721
	including parks, squares, playgrounds,	Category 2: Medical observation		are canceled by the territorial fiscal bodies	5/1tem/2366617721
	sports grounds and other places are	Category 2. Medical observation		bodies	https://bestprofi.com/docu
	closed.	(i) Starting April 1, Nur-Sultan and			ment/2385937297?12&isSc
		Almaty airports will not accept			roll=true
	Religious institutions are limited in their	international scheduled and			
	ability to hold mass religious events.	evacuation passenger flights. Fights			https://365info.kz/2020/03
	3	will be redirected to other cities of			/komu-polagayutsya-42-
	Public transport services reduced.	the country			500-tenge-iz-gosfonda-i-
	Occupancy rate of buses and subways				kak-ih-poluchit
	limited to be no more than 40% of the				

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### Global COVID-19 Government Response - Kazakhstan



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Kazakhstan	seats.				
	To ensure safety and reduce the risk of coronavirus infection, drivers are prohibited from opening the front doors of public transport. Disinfection of the city is in progress.				
	Schools and universities are on distance learning since March 16.				
	Introduction of quarantine regime in Shymkent. The president has signed a decree on conscription to special camps for the formation of the territorial forces of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan.				
	Introduction of quarantine regime in Taraz and Aktobe;				

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Kenya





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Kenya	- The Government has not enforced any specific restrictions on work place attendance for the private sector. Private companies are strongly advised to allow their staff to work from home Schools at all levels have been shut down indefinitely and learnings in some institutions is proceeding via skype calls Restaurants and food outlets continue to operate within Government advised guidelines. Some have opted to suspend operations temporarily while others are providing food delivery services Close contact points have shut down with few operating during the day time The Government has discouraged public gathering All golf clubs and club houses directed to shut down with immediate effect The Government has directed the immediate testing of all health workers and rapid response teams.	after agreeing to a mandatory quarantine.  - The Government enforced a dusk to dawn curfew that took effect on the 27th of March 2020 requiring all residents to be indoors between 7pm and 5am.  - Kenya Ferry Services (KFS) will	<ul> <li>b). Reduction of income tax rate (Pay-as-you-earn) from 30% to 25%.</li> <li>c). Reduction of residential income tax (Corporation tax) from 30% to 25%. Reduction of the turn-over tax from 3% to 1% for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises;</li> <li>d). An additional Ksh. 10 Billion (USD 100 Million) to the elderly, orphans and other vulnerable members through cashtransfers by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, to</li> </ul>		Government engages Kenya textile industry to locally produce personal protective equipment (PPE).  Residents directed to wear masks at all times while in public places effective immediately.  https://www.icrc.org/en/docment/kenya-red-cross-racesprevent-spread-covid-19-countrys-prisons  http://www.health.go.ke/cod-19/  https://www.nation.co.ke/nws/Coronavirus-in-Kenya-Uhuru-full-speech-/1056-5504094-80g9lqz/index.htm  https://www.aljazeera.com/jimpact/covid-19-kenyans-brace-tough-times-economishock-looms-200329053436760.html  https://www.nation.co.ke/nws/Cheaper-goods-expectedas-MPs-back-tax-bill/1056-5524224-yiltfm/index.html

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Kenya		The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Ethics and Anti-corruption commission has provided the National Treasury with KES 2 Billion to help fight the virus. These funds are proceeds of corruption.		https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Coronavirus-in-Kenya-Uhuru-full-speech-/1056-5504094-80g9lqz/index.html
				om/ajimpact/covid-19- kenyans-brace-tough- times-economic-shock- looms- 200329053436760.html

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Cuwait	Kuwaiti authorities have announced a nationwide 11 hour curfew starting 22 March 2020 between 5pm to 4am, until further notice.  Kuwaiti authorities have extended the closure of offices until 9 April 2020, as of 22 March 2020.	13 until further notice to all	Central Bank of Kuwait announced a USD 16.5bn package, Measures: (18th of March and continued on the 2nd of April) The Central Bank of Kuwait's Board of Directors has decided on 16 March 2020 to cut the discount rate by 1% (from 2.5% to 1.5%) effective from 17 March 2020 Establishment of a KWD 10m fund to support COVID-19 containment efforts Delaying collection of due payments on affected customers for three months without any penalty. Decreasing the LCR floor from 100% to 80% Decreasing the NSFR floor from 100% to 80% Decreasing the regulatory liquidity reserve ratio from 18% to 15% Releasing the Capital Conservation Buffer which is 2.5% of CET1 where the capital base requirements are decreased as follows:  1- Minimum Capital Requirements (CET1 +AT1+T2) are decreased from 13% to 10.5% 2- Minimum primary capital (CET1+AT1) is decreased from 11% to 8.5% 3- Minimum Shareholders' Equity (CET1) is decreased from 9.5% to 7.5% Decreasing the weighted risk of small and medium sized projects from 75% to 25% Funding granted for housing is increased as follows: Funding of empty land purchases is increased from 50% to 60% Funding of an existing property is increased from 60% to 70% Funding of construction is increased from 70% to 80%  The Kuwait Banking Association KBA announced the following: Allowing payment delays of credit card instalments along with waiving interests as a result of payment delay Providing a grace period on loan principal and interest payments at no charge Delaying the payment of loans and interest for SMEs, with no additional fines or interest due to this postponement.	Not specified	Audit regulatory requirements:  Limited extension provided to some entities (10 days that typically falls in early April).  Banks are exempted from preparing the reviewed financial statements for Q1 2020.  https://www.kuna.new/ArticleDetails.aspx=2881126&Languagen

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Kyrgyzstan		Restrictions on travel  Restrictions on all scheduled international flights to/out of the Kyrgyz Republic for the period from March 20, 2020.  Suspension the issuance of entry visas for all categories of foreign citizens and stateless persons.	State regulation of prices for socially significant food products was introduced	support  The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic decided: - to provide deferrals and installments plans for the payment of the amounts of tax debt and social security debt arising from the declaration of the state of emergency from March 22, 2020; - not to apply tax sanctions and penalties for untimely fulfillment of tax obligations until July 1, 2020; - to recommend local governments to provide a deferral of payments for rent of municipal property for 3 months from April 1, 2020; - to extend the terms for the widespread introduction of components of the electronic system of fiscalization of tax procedures until July 1, 2020; - to extend the deadline for submitting a single tax return for individuals and	information  http://antimonopolia.gc v.kg/index.php?act=ma terial&id=3578  https://www.gov.kg/ru/ npa/s/2337  http://kg.akipress.org/r ews:1604986/?from=pc rtal&place=nowread&b =1  http://kabar.kg/news/p rikaz-komendatury- bishkeka-o-dopolnitel- nykh-merakh-po- obespecheniiu-rezhima- chp/  http://antimonopolia.gc v.kg/index.php?act=ma terial&id=3578  https://www.gov.kg/ru/ npa/s/2337

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Kyrgyzstan				the tax authorities of documented	
				information testifying to the facts of	
				incorrect tax calculation by taxpayers after	
<b>Marie</b>				the completion of the state of emergency.	
				- to recommend the relevant organizations	
				within 3 months:	
				not to disconnect electricity, water, gas	
				and other utilities, communication services	
				and the Internet due to the presence of	
				debt;	
				not charge penalties, penalties for non-	
				payment of utility bills (for electricity,	
				water, gas, garbage collection,	
				communication services, Internet, etc)	
				- to provide a deferral of payments for the	
				rental of state property for 3 months, from	
				April 1, 2020;	
				- to introduce a temporary ban on	
				conducting bankruptcy proceedings until	
				January 1, 2021.	

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Latvia





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Latvia		Borders closed for all passenger travel (i.e. remain open for goods transport) Citizens and residents are allowed to enter the country once. Foreigners are not allowed to enter Latvian territory All Latvian nationals as well as admitted foreigners returning to Latvians from abroad will be subject to mandatory quarantine for 14 days Non residents unable to leave the	- Government has approved additional support for agriculture sector of EUR 45m The Government is an establishing equity fund that consists of EUR 75m of government funding and EUR 50m of private funding. Support is limited to EUR 10m per company. Support is aimed at businesses that experience temporary obstacles in operations, e.g. export decline, account receivable delays or supply issues Government will support businesses owned by municipality that experience decline of business by more than 50% because of COVID 19. Support will be in a form of additional capital for 12 months Donations that are made to fight COVID 19 will not be taxed this year Board members are eligible for the idleness support payment Also there is an additional payment of EUR 50 for each dependent person (up to age 24) Contractors and micro entities (assuming they have made social contributions) will have rights to receive unemployment support until 31 December 2020 EUR 14 m additional cash injection into hospitals Requirements on quality of medical equipment have been eased Police will have right to search for guaranteed individuals and force them to return to their home.	Support  Conditions around Government support: Businesses whose revenue from economic activity in March or April 2020, compared to the relevant month of 2019, has decreased by at least 30 per cent due to the distribution of Covid-19; Businesses whose revenue from economic activity in March or April 2020 compared to the relevant month of 2019 has decreased by 20 per cent due to the distribution of Covid-19, provided that they meet at least one of the following:  - the export volume of the company accounts for 10% of its total turnover in 2019 or is not less than EUR 500 000;  - the average monthly gross salary paid by the company in 2019 is not less than EUR 800;  - the long-term investment in fixed assets on 31 December 2019 is at least EUR 500 000  Support is not provided to businesses that has financial difficulties prior to 31.12.2019; business that had tax debt	information  Audit regulatory developments:  EU: ESMA: Recommendations for Financial Market Participants: Busines Continuity Planning; Market disclosure; Financial Reporting; Fund Management. Guidance on financia reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months month for half-year reports). In coordination with NC ESMA encouraged to generally apply a rist based approach concerning publication deadline of financial		
	6. Gambling and lotteries are prohibited     7. Spirits and tobacco are allowed to trade online	Э			temporary stop their policies by providing evidence that the vehicle is not in use.  - Student credit repayments term extended by 6 months.  - Municipalities can provide rent free periods for its tenants if the tenant does not use the premises because of COVID 19 measures. Tenant must have no tax debt (above EUR 1000) and revenue drop of 30% because COVID 19 situation.  services, tobacco trading, alcohol to arms trade and real estate Financial support cannot be used for covering debt that was originated to support cannot be channeled to an entities, including related entities.  Before receiving state support, bus	services, tobacco trading, alcohol trading, arms trade and real estate	reports. Accounting implications on the calculation of expect credit losses in
							- Municipalities can provide rent free periods for its tenants if the tenant does not use the premises because of COVID 19 measures. Tenant must have no tax debt (above EUR 1000) and revenue drop of 30% because COVID 19 situation.
			<ul> <li>EUR 1500 penalty introduced for entities or individuals providing false information to the Revenue service. Rights to operate can be terminated.</li> </ul>	should negotiate all options with its commercial bank.	of the COVID-19 outbreak. EBA: Published		
				Affected industries:	guidance on the		
			Financial support	- Passenger transportation	application of		
			State provides Credit line for working capital financing /	<ul><li>Tourism services</li><li>Hotels and accommodation</li></ul>	accounting standa		

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Latvia			liquidity from 1 to 3 years with credit holidays up to 12 month. Up to EUR 1m or not more than two times annual gross salary expenses. Reduced security requirements and interest rates.  2. State provides Guarantees 50% of the outstanding loan. Total amount cannot exceed 25% of revenue in 2019 with a ceiling of EUR 5m. Guarantee premium is 0,5% a year. Term is up to 6 years for leasing and loans and 3 years for working capital financing.  Both instruments are provided only to those businesses that are impacted by COVID-19.  3. Commercial banks have publicly expressed readiness to support clients adversary impacted by COVID 19 through extending loans, providing credit holidays or reviewing interest rates.  Tax support  1. Value added tax. State Revenue Service will hasten the repayments of overpaid VAT.  2. Income tax. Pre-payments of income tax are not required for 2020.  3. Tax reports submission deadline extended to 31 July 2020.  4. Extension of other tax payments if required.  5. Municipalities have right to introduce real estate tax reliefs.  Employee compensation support  1. Employees impacted by COVID 19 crises can receive temporary state support up to 75% of gross salary with upper limit of EUR 700 per month. There is no tax on this support.  2. Medical staff to receive 50% pay increase for next three	- Retail and shopping - Others	the light of COVID-19. NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generall apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. CEAOB: Statement includes considering postponing issuance of audit opinion.  Latvia: Statutory FS submission deadline extended by 3 months for non-PIEs. Possibilit of extension for PIEs not yet clear.  Government legislation - all companies can delay filing 2019 annuareports by 3 months.  Other information: Emergency situation is prolonged until 12 May 2020.
			month.		https://likumi.lv/ta/id/3 13373-par-valsts- apdraudejuma-un-ta- seku-noversanas-un- parvaresanas- pasakumiem-sakara-ar covid-19-izplatibu

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- Beauty services are prohibited.

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thuania	- Mandatory 14-day isolation for persons who have returned from foreign countries	Internal - The number of passengers on	Government approved measures for businesses facing liquidity and solvency problems, which will provide additional time and	Downtime compensation for employees	Audit regulatory developments:
	must be either on premises provided by municipalities or at home.	regular and long-distance passenger transport has been limited and	opportunities to overcome financial difficulties and maintain the company's solvency. Companies that have become insolvent	compensates 90% of salary, but not more	EU:
	·	passengers must be at least 1 meter	due to quarantine (after 16 March 2020) could use the	than EUR 607; 2) Government	ESMA:
	- Employees of public-sector institutions and state-owned companies should work	away from other passengers;	proposed measures:	compensates 70% of salary, but not more	Recommendations 1
	remotely, except when there is no	- 2-metre distance must be kept by	a. Company's CEO obligation to initiate bankruptcy or	than EUR 910.5.	Financial Market
	possibility to perform certain functions at	people in all public places and not	restructuring proceedings is temporary suspended for a period	Employer must inform the State Labor	Participants: Busin
	home.	larger than 2 individuals group	of up to 3 months after the end of the guarantine.	Inspectorate of the declaration of	Continuity Planning
	nome.	(exception for families) can visit	b. Creditors who have started insolvency process, will have	downtime; employer may not require the	Market disclosure;
		- Only one person from the family	extended terms (by adding a quarantine period) during which	employee to perform work functions;	Financial Reporting
	Other restrictions include:		creditors must seek to reach agreement with the company.	employer must maintain at least 50% of	Fund Management
	- Gyms, swimming pools, fitness clubs,	can visit grocery stores or other	c. Extended time limit (by adding a quarantine period) after	the jobs for at least 3 months after the	Guidance on finan
	museums, libraries, cinemas and other	shops related to primary needs.	which the court should terminate the company's restructuring	payment of the subsidy during an	reporting deadline
	cultural, leisure, entertainment and sports		case if the restructuring plan is not properly implemented or	emergency or quarantine.	includes postponi
	facilities are closed;	April 2020 8 pm travelling to cities	the legal entity fails to pay all or part of the fees.		deadline for annu
	- All events and gatherings are prohibited	and towns in other municipality will	Description of the state of the	Payouts for self-employed people	reports for 2 mon
	(both indoors and outdoors);	be restricted.	Previous measures include:	Eligible for support if those individuals paid	month for half-ye
	- The activities of health, recreation and	- From 10 April 2020 in all public places people must wear protective	- The government will promote the listing of small and	social security contributions for at least three months during the year and cannot	reports). In coordination with
	rehabilitation centres are prohibited		medium-sized enterprises on the stock exchange. The support	perform work due to the spread of the	ESMA encouraged
	(except for individual medical rehabilitation	masks		coronavirus. Compensation will not be paid	generally apply a
	services which are related to treatment);	External			based approach
	- Accommodation services (e.g. hotels) are	- Foreigners are forbidden from	limited up to EUR 100,000 for share listing and up to EUR	additionally employed under an	concerning public
	used to isolate individuals (by separate	entering the Republic of Lithuania	50,000 for bonds issuance. SME will be eligible for grant if it	employment contract.	deadline of finance
	agreements);	(there are some exceptions including	will be successfully included in Nasdag Vilnius stock exchange		reports. Accounting
	- Restaurants, cafés, bars, nightclubs are	international commercial carriers and	or in alternative First North platform and if the company will	Tax deferral for companies	implications on th
	closed, except for take-aways;	there is a possibility to cross the	raise at least EUR 500,000 in additional capital on the stock	All companies that have been directly	calculation of exp
	- Closure of all universities, schools, and	country with escort for the citizens of	exchange.	affected by the COVID-19 related	credit losses in
	kindergartens;	other countries returning home	-Supplier companies, whose invoices have not been paid or	restrictions and prohibitions are eligible.	accordance with I
	- Closure of all shops and other businesses	through the Republic of Lithuania);	have only been partially paid by the buyer company, can apply	Companies can defer tax payments until	Issued a stateme
	which are not related to primary needs	-Citizens of the Republic of Lithuania	for a loan covering the invoices. To be able to apply for loan	the end of extreme situation and for up to	the application of
	(e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, petrol	are prohibited from leaving the	supplier company must be SME; the buyer company must be	two months after that.	9 Financial Instru
	stations). E-commerce related activities	Republic of Lithuania;	included in the list of companies affected by quarantine; the	D 1 100MB 15	in the specific cor
	are not restricted;	-From 4th of April there will be no	loan amount may not exceed 85% of the value of the invoices	Business support fund COVID-19:	of the COVID-19
	- Financial services are not prohibited	flights and ferries for returning	and EUR 10,000 - EUR 100,000 (depending on the size of the	Investments from the fund should only be	outbreak.
	when they are provided in grocery stores,	citizens of the Republic of Lithuania	company).	used when there is no possibility to raise	EBA: Published
	shopping centers;	(exceptions are possible).	- From 6 April 2020 new businesses, which are receiving preferential loans under the financial instrument	necessary funds using other sources.	guidance on the
	- Beauty services are prohibited.		#Entrangal roans under the imandial instrument		application of

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Lithuania	-Trade in plants, seeds and fertilizers is		the European Social Fund" for compensation of wage costs, will		the light of COVID-19.
	allowed in outdoor trading venues;		be able to get compensation for 18 months period instead of		NCAs, ESMA
	- Electronic signature issuance service is		12 months period.		encouraged to generall
	not prohibited when it is provided in		- The Agricultural Loan Guarantee Fund, which support entities		apply a risk-based
	grocery stores, shopping centers.		in agriculture sector, will provide guarantees for loans intended		approach concerning
	3 *** 3 *** **, * *   1		to cover wage costs; interest and leasing guarantee		publication deadline of
	Commence to the control of		compensation has been increased to 100%; interest		financial reports.
	- Government allows shops to open if		compensation will reach entities on a monthly basis.		CEAOB: Statement
	which have a direct entrance from the		-The government approved more favorable conditions for new		includes considering
	outside and where the flow of customers		and innovative businesses to receive subsidies from EU		postponing issuance of
	will be limited (at least 10 sq. m of retail		investment instruments. Funding significantly increased (up to		audit opinion
	space per customer has to be ensured or		maximum 90% for innovative products development and up to		
	not more than one customer can be		maximum 95% for acquiring a patent), while coronavirus-		Lithuania:
	served at the same time).		related innovations will be funded 100%. In addition, funding		Chamber of Auditors:
	- Government allows operations of service		for mature innovators was increased by EUR 1 million.		Issued guidance to
	providers located in supermarkets (e.g.		<ul> <li>A business support fund, set up by the government, to</li> </ul>		auditors on their
	cleaning services, key production, repair		ensure liquidity in medium and large companies, provide		website, mostly geared
	services, etc). They are not required to		access to finance and allow quicker business recovery after		towards year-end 2019
	have a separate entrance from the		crisis. The fund will be launched on April 15. Initially EUR 100m		audits: A determination
	outside, but the flow of customers has to		will be allocated from the state budget to the fund. Fund		has to be made by
	be limited (at least 10 sq. m of space per		investments will be made directly using various financial		every company (and
	customer has to be ensured or not more		instruments such as loans, bonds, convertible bonds, stocks,		their auditors) on
	than one customer can be served at the		also funds will be raised from other investors.		whether COVID-19 is
	same time). There is an additional		- Tour operators experiencing difficulties due to COVID-19 are		adjusting event or not.
	restriction for service providers - direct		allowed to offer tourists an alternative, a voucher valid for 12		
	contact with the customer must not		months, which worth would be equal or higher than the		Other information:
	exceed 20 minutes.		amount of money paid for the canceled trip.		Quarantine period is
			<ul> <li>Proposal of new financial support measures (and</li> </ul>		extended until 27 April
			improvement of existing ones) by National development		2020.
			agency "INVEGA":		
			1) 100% compensation of interest payments for loans and		http://koronastop.lrv.lt/
			leasing contracts which are on "holiday" for 6 months from		It/
			March 16 or later;		<del></del>
			2) Provision of preferential loans from state funds through		
			banks, credit unions and crowdfunding platforms. Also, there		https://invega.lt/lt/
			will be preferential loans to businesses most affected by the		
			crisis for maintaining liquidity. There are additional funds for		
			SMEs loans through alternative loan providers.		https://invega.lt/lt/
			3) Guaranteeing loans provided by financial institutions.		
			Guarantees have extended terms of service, shortened		

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Lithuania		issuance deadlines, guarantees are adapted to finance turnover. Portfolio guarantees will be offered in the near future for such existing loans that, due to the unfavorable situation, will need to be restructured or deferred.  In addition to new measures, businesses can use existing tools, such as improved pooled funding loan "Avietė", which is issued through peer-to-peer financing platforms; entrepreneurship promotion or shared risk loans; SMEs can get up to EUR 0.6m preferential loan from Open Credit Fund 2. Over EUR 1.1bn state aid will be distributed through all INVEGA measures.  Previously, the government proposed a package of economic and financial measures of EUR 5bn to combat the COVID-19		
		<ul> <li>1. To preserve citizens jobs and income:</li> <li>Downtime compensation for employees;</li> <li>Guarantee payments of sickness benefits for those who have care for children and the elderly due to closure of respective institutions;</li> <li>Fixed payouts of EUR 257 per month for self-employed people;</li> <li>Unemployment insurance benefits payment period extended for up to 9 months;</li> <li>Possibility to defer mortgage and utility bills payments for households;</li> <li>Possibility to defer personal income tax payments;</li> <li>Temporary suspension of debt collection to the state budget from the wages of debtors and the equivalent income.</li> </ul>		
		2. To help businesses maintain liquidity:  -The government will grant tax credits by allowing tax payments to be deferred on an interest-free basis, suspend recovery actions of tax debts and exempt taxpayers from fines;  - Possibility to defer utility bills payments for companies;  - Increase guarantee limits and eligibility criteria for government loan guarantee funds. Compensate 50-100% of paid interest for SMEs.		

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3. To stimulate the economy: - Accelerating investment programs by accelerating payments and increasing the intensity of funding: - Simplification of EU funds administration. Changes include increasing maximum advance from 30% to 50%, possibility to make payment requests more frequently and reduce payment deadlines period twice, there will be no requirement to prepare or refine investment project in case of purchasing medical equipment; - Reallocate EU investment funds to health, employment and business areas; - Accelerate the use of public funds dedicated to climate change, road maintenance and development programs and accelerate the renovation of apartment buildings; - Recomendation to the Bank of Lithuania to take regulatory measures to increase banks' lending potential by EUR 2.5 bn: 1) reduce the capital adequacy requirements of credit institutions; 2) reduce liquidity reserves; 3) reduce other supervisory measures.  4. Bank of Lithuania The Bank of Lithuania has implemented monetary policy, financial stability and consumer protection measures, which facilitate lending to business and individuals, provide individuals and businesses possibility to defer credit payments. The Bank of Lithuania is also reducing the regulatory burden	Country Restrictions on physical attendance at work	t Restrictions on travel	Government support available/announced	Conditions around Government support	Additional information
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on financial institutions during this period by postponing planned inspections and providing more flexibility in reporting.			The Bank of Lithuania has implemented monetary policy, financial stability and consumer protection measures, which facilitate lending to business and individuals, provide individuals and businesses possibility to defer credit payments. The Bank of Lithuania is also reducing the regulatory burden on financial institutions during this period by postponing		

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		Any unnecessary travel must be cancelled or postponed.	Measures for short-time working in cases of force majeure related to the coronavirus In view of the scale of the COVID-19 threat and the tangible repercussions on the lives of companies and their employees  The Luxembourg government has decided on a "force majeure / coronavirus" short-time working scheme with an accelerated procedure for all Luxembourg companies impacted by the coronavirus.  An online system for claiming reimbursement for inactive hours in the context of short-time working is currently being developed and will be available in the coming days on the websites of ADEM and Guichet.lu.  The SNCI (Société Nationale de Crédit et d'Investissement) has put in place a "Special Anti-Crisis Financing – SACF", for a maximum total amount of EUR 400 million corresponding to a total leverage effect of nearly EUR 700 million, including bank financing.  In addition, concerning deadlines:  - Cancellation of quarterly tax advances  - Extended delays for tax deadlines  - Postponing the deadline for filing tax returns  - Administrative tolerance for VAT returns  Social contributions  - Temporary measures on social security contributions  - Advance for extraordinary family leave  Company management  - Measures on the holding of general meetings and meetings of corporations and corporations  State guarantee facilities for new banking credits:	The application for short-time work:  - Must be communicated to the staff representatives and, if possible, be signed by them;  - Can only apply to:  - employees on permanent or fixed-term contracts who do not receive any oldage or disability pension; are insured with the Joint Social Security Centre (CCSS);  - apprentices;  - persons benefiting from an employment programme (employment initiation contract or employment reintegration contract, etc)  - does not apply to temporary workers.  Payment of salaries and social contributions by the employer  During the period of short-time work, the employer pays each employee:  - The salary due for every hour worked as well as a compensatory allowance corresponding to at least 80 % of the worker's normal salary in respect of inactive hours.  Employers also have to continue to pay the following to the competent public administrations:  - Social contributions (the employer's and the employee's share) and withholding tax on salaries paid for hours worked;  - Social contributions (the employer's and the employee's share) and withholding tax	information  Audit regulatory developments:  EU: The general guidance from ESMA is for issuers to provide transparency on impact of COVID-19. The timing of filings is under local regulators' authority. CEAOB also issued guidance highlighting importance for the performance of ongoing audits. 27 March, ESMA issued public statement to promote coordinated action by NCAs. In coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports.  Audit regulatory developments: Luxembourg: Companies have an additional 4 months (for 2019 year ends) to file their financial
	example, an artisan repairman-repairer is allowed to leave his workshop to go to a customer who needs a troubleshooting or repair.  To ensure the supply of shops, heavy		New credit lines will be guaranteed by the State (85%) and by the participating banks (15%), for loans granted during the period from 18 March 2020 to 31 December 2020.  Reinforcement of export and international development aid measures (ODL)		statements with the RCS.

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Luxembourg	goods vehicles can circulate on Sundays and public holidays.		Luxembourg businesses (exporting companies) can benefit from a range of measures (see 27 March 2020 for more detail).	In the event of an employee on sick leave during the period of short-time work, the employer continues to pay the salary and compensatory allowances as in any case of incapacity for work.	https://guichet.public.lu /fr/support/coronavirus/ corona-virus-grandes- entreprises.html
					https://gouvernement.l u/en/dossiers.gouv_ms an%2Ben%2Bdossiers %2B2020%2Bcorona- virus.html#bloub-5

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Mexico	The Mexican General Health Council declared health emergency: - All non essential activities will be suspended from March 30 to April 30 in all	U.SMexico border is closed to all non-essential travels, following an initiative from the US Government.	a. Deputies approve special fund to mitigate effects of Covid- 19. The budget could be up to 180.73 billions Mexican pesos (=7.3 billions USD). The proposal is under review at the Senate.	The Nafin loans will be settled over a period of 3 years, with no payment in the first three months and further monthly payments of 1 000 MXN (42	https://www.gob.mx/cms/up oads/attachment/file/541687 Jornada Nacional de Sana I istancia.pdf
	sectors - In essential sectors, on a mandatory basis, meetings of more than 50 people	The Government of Mexico suggests that Mexican people avoid non-essential international travel.	b. The Bank of Mexico reduced the interest rate to 50% by 6.5 basis points on Friday citing the coronavirus risks of inflation, economic activity and markets.	year	https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/iniciativa-conjunta-de-
	will not take place - The entire population residing in Mexican	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs temporarily suspends issuing	c. The Ministry of Administration and Finance of Mexico City announced that until April 19, decentralized bodies, mayors, and entities of the public administration will suspend face-to-	More information on support measures TBC.	mexico-y-estados-unidos- para-combatir-la-pandemia- de-covid-19
	territory is encouraged to comply with the co-responsible voluntary limitation of mobility	passports.  People who travel internationally are encouraged to self-quarantine.	face procedures and the deadlines for payments of tax contributions will be extended. d. The Head of Government announced an investment of 800		https://lopezobrador.org.mx/temas/conferencia-
	- Stay at home is strictly applied to anyone over 60 years of age, pregnant women, or people with chronic or		million MXN to implement four measures in support of the economy of families and micro-enterprises in the face of the		presidente/
	autoimmune diseases  - After April 30, the Health Secretariats, in		coronavirus COVID-19 epidemic. e. The Economic Development Fund (Fondeso) will grant 50 thousand microcredits of 10 thousand pesos, without interest,		http://comunicacion.diputado s.gob.mx/sintesis/notas/wha s/resumenejecutivo.pdf
	coordination with the Labor and Economy Secretariats, will issue guidelines for the gradual resumption of activities	northern border ports and international airports in Mexico City, Monterrey, Cancun, and	to be paid within 2 years and with a 4 month period to start the first payment. f. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador announced that 1		https://www.banxico.org.mx.publicaciones-y-
	- All censuses and surveys in national territory will be postponed until further	Guadalajara.  Mexico and the United States agreed to restrict non-essential border crosses (including for tourism and	million of credits, without interest, with value a of \$6 thousand Mexican pesos will be granted for small businesses in order to get merchandise or equipment. These credits shall be paid		prensa/anuncios-de-las- decisiones-de-politica- monetaria/%7B7083B1E9-
	notice  The Mexican government announced that		within 3 months g. Some States are taking different actions to support SMEs in		31C2-67FE-BA71- A63B075075DD%7D.pdf
	as of April 1, all shopping centers and department stores in Mexico City will be	shopping purposes) through their common border, in order to keep bilateral trade flow during the	the formal and informal sectors: Discounts on payroll taxes for SMEs and credit lines for payment of payrolls or supply merchandise for SMEs, among others. Many loans will be		https://www.cdmx.gob.mx/portal/articulo/suspension-de-
	suspending operations. Those businesses related to health, food and essential services, such as gas stations and banks	sanitary crisis. Besides commercial exchanges, workers authorized to work on both sides of the border, as	settled over a period of 2 years, with no payment during the first three or four months and low interest rates. Financial support to self-employed, rural workers (corn producers),		ventanillas-y-ampliacion-de- plazo-para-contribuciones
	will remain active.	active. well as medical and emergency services are exempted from the	family businesses and vulnerable groups (e.g. women or indigenous people) has also been put in place		https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/sre-reitera-llamado-a-
	The Council of the Judiciary of Mexico City (CJCDMX) determined to expand the effects of the Contingency Plan in the	aforementioned restrictions On 17 March, Guatemala closed its	h. The National Institute for Workers' Housing (INFONAVIT) will cover up to 3 months of credit payments for workers who become unemployed. This extension will continue up to 6		evitar-viajes-no-esenciales- particularmente-entre- mexico-y-estados-unidos
	Judicial Power of Mexico City (PJCDMX), so the suspension of work and procedural deadlines runs until next May 5	border with Mexico for an initial period of 15 days and Belize limited all border crossing with Mexico on 21	months without additional charges i. The Federal Government, through the development bank Nacional Financiera (Nafin), will support SMEs up to 25 billion		http://www.oecd.org/coronavirus/es/

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Mexico		March, except for the freight-	(1 000 USD); 500 000 credits will go to formal economy and		https://coronavirus.gob.
		transport sector	500 000 to informal economy. The loans will be settled over a		<u>mx/#</u>
			period of 3 years, with no payment in the first three months		
			and further monthly payments of 1 000 MXN (42 USD), at an		https://www.gob.mx/sre
		the call to all Mexican people to avoid			prensa/la-sre-suspende-
		international travel, to and from	j. The National Banking and Securities Commission (CNBV)		temporalmente-la-
		Mexico, for non-essential reasons	issued provisions to support financial costumers. These		emision-de-
		such as recreational activities and	measures consist of partial or total deferral of capital and/or		pasaportes?idiom=es
		tourism, particularly during Easter.	interest payments for up to 4 months, with possibility to		
			extend this period for two additional months. Balances could be		https://www.cdmx.gob.r
		The Ministry of Foreign Affairs	frozen if the credit was considered a performing loan as of 28		x/portal/articulo/apoyo-
		foresees that in the coming weeks	February 2020. This measure will apply to consumption,		a-la-economia-familiar-y
		international air connectivity will be	housing and commercial loans.		microempresarial-por-
		reduced to minimum levels.	k. In collaboration with Ministry of Finance, Banco de México is		covid-19
		Numerous routes have been	strengthening the Market Makers Program for government		
		suspended until end of April as a	securities. Banco de México, acting as the Federal		https://www.cdmx.gob.
		result of containment measures	Government's financial agent, will 1) allow market makers to		x/portal/articulo/cierre-
		adopted worldwide.	unwind their short positions in Banco de México's government		de-centros-comerciales
			securities lending facility with other government securities		por-emergencia-sanitar
		As of 7 April, the Mexican	available in the market and 2) extend by one day the exercise		
		Government has not imposed any	period of the green-shoe option.		Audit regulatory
		restrictions on the entry, transit or	The Ministry of Economic Development with the General		developments:
		exit of foreign persons due to	Directorate of Business Opening and with the collaboration of		Mexico:
		COVID-19 outbreak, nevertheless	the Mexican startup Flight Academy developed an app called		National Banking and
			"Connect" to facilitate the purchase and exchange of products		Securities Commission
		migration filter, in addition to regular	and services in Mexico City without leaving home during		(CNBV): Announced
		migratory procedures, a	COVID-19.		both temporary
		questionnaire according to the	I. Banco de México and the US Federal Reserve established a		extraordinary measures
		specifications of the Ministry of	temporary US dollar swap line of USD 60 billion on 19 March.		and the suspension of
		Health. Finally, as provided by the	This swap line will fund US dollar auctions carried out by Banco		certain filing deadlines
		Mexican Law, all persons enjoy the	de México among credit institutions to increase the availability		for financial entities and
		Human Rights recognized in the	of USD funding for the private sector.		persons subject to
		Constitution, thereby foreigners who	m. As a response to worsening market conditions in the		supervision by the CNB
			Mexican peso, the Foreign Exchange Commission announced		due to COVID-19. Some
		who are subject to an administrative	on 9 March a USD 10 billion increase in the total amount		of these measures
			available of the Non-Deliverable Forward (NDF) program, from		include permission to
		State will be provided by medical	USD 20 billion to USD 30 billion.		submit filings
		assistance if needed.	n. Banco de México reduced by MXN 50 billion the amount of		electronically.
			the Monetary Regulation Deposit (DRM) to support active		-
			transactions of commercial and development banks, thus		

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Mexico		improving their liquidity and their capacity to grant credits and		https://www.banxico.or
		to maintain or expand their credit lines.		g.mx/publicaciones-y-
( a)		o. To strengthen commercial banks' financing alternatives and		prensa/anuncios-de-las-
		to ensure the necessary liquidity to perform their operations		decisiones-de-politica-
		adequately, Banco de México adjusted the Ordinary Additional		monetaria/%7B7083B1
		Liquidity Facility interest rate from a factor of 2 - 2.2 times to		E9-31C2-67FE-BA71-
		1.1 times Banco de México's target for the overnight interbank		A63B075075DD%7D.pd
		interest rate.		<u>f</u>
		p. The National Banking and Securities Commission (CNBV)		
		published temporary accounting criteria for banks, credit		
		unions and institutions related to popular finance so as to		https://www.cdmx.gob.
		facilitate the maintenance of credit lines.		mx/portal/articulo/susp
		q. In addition, CNBV issued a recommendation letter to banks		ension-de-ventanillas-y-
		to avoid share-buybacks or any other compensation measure		ampliacion-de-plazo-
		for shareholders, coupled with dividend distribution restriction		para-contribuciones
		for 2019 and 2020 tax years. The recommendation aims to		
		redirect resources and strengthen the institutions to be able to		
		support the economy.		https://www.gob.mx/sr
		r. The Secretariat of Labor and Social Welfare (STPS) launched		e/prensa/iniciativa-
		the "Together for Work" initiative, which represents a		<u>conjunta-de-mexico-y-</u>
		mechanism to preserve the sources of employment and the		estados-unidos-para-
		economic activity of the companies. "Together for Work"		combatir-la-pandemia-
		https://www.gob.mx/juntosporeltrabajo is web microsite		de-covid-19
		hosted on the agency official website, where workers,		
		employers and general public will find a series of tools, guides,		
		dissemination material, training courses and practical advice in		
		order to preserve the work.		
		s. The Head of Government in Mexico City, Claudia Sheinbaum		
		announced that between 30 and 40 million Mexican pesos are		
		expected to raise for the local health sector with donations		
		from the public servants of the capital 's Public Administration.		
		Also announced that she will donate two months of her salary		
		(\$156,728 Mexican pesos) to the recruitment of medical		
		personnel during the epidemic.		
		t. The Government of Mexico City will launch an electronic		
		platform where public servants with "trust positions" can		
		voluntary contribute with part of their income to COVID-19		
		prevention efforts. The Government emphasized that no one		
		will be forced to participate and that the platform will be		
		transparent in order to give certainty about the correct use of		

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xico	the amount raised.  u. Official statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs describes the consular assistance (including their intervention with local authorities and companies) for the benefit of Mexican people with COVID-19 in the US. Additional guidance will be provided for voluntary repatriation to Mexico for Mexican people in the US.  v. The Health sector signs agreement with 146 private hospitals in order to deal with COVID-19 pandemic. This agreement will allow the public service to free spaces and attend up to 12,500 more patients with coronavirus. During the agreement, which will be valid from 23 April to 23 May, private hospitals will provide second level services such as delivery care, pregnancy, postpartum care, appendix diseases, complicated hernias, gastric and duodenal ulcers, as well as endoscopies.  w. In order to guarantee the imports and exports required for the attention of the sanitary emergency, the Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, work to permanently maintain the issuance of import and export permits for all health supplies, active ingredients for the preparation of medicines, as well as food and other products for human consumption.  x. The Director of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) announced that starting from 16 March, all workers whose tasks are related to the care of people infected with COVID-19 will receive a bonus up to 20% of their salary as extraordinary payment.		

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Montenegro	The Government has imposed a curfew which applies Monday to Friday (7 PM to 5 AM), and over the weekend (Saturday 1 PM to Monday 5 AM).  Government bodies, companies, and other entities should establish working from home arrangements if possible.  Citizens who do not have essential work engagements should not leave their homes without good reason.	Travel from Montenegro to Italy, Spain, South Korea, Iran, and China - Hubei province is forbidden. It is forbidden for foreign nationals to enter Montenegro from these countries.  Montenegrin nationals cannot travel to Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, and Austria. Returnees from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria placed under medical supervision.  Foreign nationals prohibited from entering the country, except those with permanent or temporary residence.  Suspension of public transport of passengers in international road, rail and air traffic.  Suspension of public transport of passengers in interurban, suburban and urban rail, bus and van transport.  Suspension of crossing over individual border crossings. Closure of individual border crossings. Closure of individual border traffic. Suspension of international and intercity passenger traffic. Ban on all cruise ships and yachts from entering ports.	Within the overall emergency measures of the Government of Montenegro, the Investment and Development Fund has designed a new line of credit intended to support liquidity to businesses to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.  Loan amount - up to EUR 3m, Grace period - up to 2 years.  Interest rate on EIB funds - 1.5% (2% on other sources).	To be announced	No further information  http://www.gov.me/na lovna/mjere_i_preporu e/

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Netherland	Restrictions on working in offices: Everyone should work from home except for business critical functions; Only gatherings for business critical operations: less than 100 people and 1,5 meter social distancing observed;  1 April 2020: Schools to be closed until 28 April 2020 (exams are cancelled); All bars, restaurants, coffee shops, sports clubs are closed until 28 April 2020.	Internal Everyone should stay at home; travel only for critical matters (care, groceries, etc.). Only two people are allowed on the street and 1,5 meter distance observed (more allowed if from same household and/or kids) Public transport is running a "summer service".  External Restrictions for Dutch citizens to travel to all other countries outside Europe.  The country has closed its borders to non-Schengen people. The Netherlands border is closed for everyone traveling from Austria and Spain in addition to other high risk areas such as Italy, China, etc)	The Dutch government have announced a <b>temporary salary compensation programme</b> for employees for reduced businesses <b>up to 90%</b> of salary costs. All private companies are eligible, but have to prove they have a significant reduction in expected business of at least 20%.  For self-employed employees (ZZP) and 0-hour based contracts, a minimum 3-month allowance can be claimed. Small business can get a EUR 4,000 allowance directly.  All <b>tax payments</b> can be postponed by three months  Dutch banks are currently in discussions to provide 6 months' relief for interest and redemption payments (across all existing financing). Awaiting further details on the mechanics of this.	The temporary salary compensation programme (NOW arrangement) allowance depends on the drop in turnover: - if 100% drop, the allowance amounts to 90% of the employer's salary roll; - if 50% drop, the allowance amounts to 45% of the employer's salary roll; - if 25% drop, the allowance amounts to 22.5% of the employer's salary roll.  Tax payments: open for all companies	Audit regulatory developments:  EU: CEAOB: Statement includes considering postponing issuance of audit opinion ESMA: Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. EBA: Published guidance on the application of accounting standards in the light of COVID-19.  Netherlands: Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie var Accountants (NBA)): NBA published NBA Alert 42, Impact Coronavirus on accountancy work.  https://www.government.nl/

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Netherland					https://www.rivm.nl/er
					https://www.kvk.nl/en lish/

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - New Zealand





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		Domestic air travel  - While in Alert Level 4, air travel should only be used for the transport of people undertaking essential services and the transport of freight.  - Stranded foreign nationals with a confirmed international flight out of the country are allowed to travel domestically to get to port of departure, subject to requirements which will be set out on www.covid19.govt.nz.  International air travel  - Visitors and tourists are allowed to use international air services to travel out of the country but commercial flights have been advised not to go to the airport unless they have a ticket.  - Foreign governments will be allowed to organise charter flights to repatriate their citizens, but only if they can satisfy New Zealand health requirements  - Commercial capacity between New Zealand and Europe will be increased, by New Zealand approving a second daily flight between Doha to Auckland by Qatar Airways	Wage Subsidy On 17 March 2020 the New Zealand Government announced a Wage Subsidy scheme to enable organisations affected by COVID-19 to retain and remunerate employees for a 12 week period (roughly 17 March to 9 June). This economic support has subsequently been expanded and amended through announcements on 23, 27 and 28 March. Qualifying organisations can claim NZ\$7,029.60 for a full time employee and NZ\$4,200 for a part time employee (working less than 20 hours per week). The total amount in respect of all employees is paid out in a lump sum that covers a 12-week period.  Mortgage holiday and business finance support schemes On 24 March the New Zealand Government announced a major financial support package for home owners and businesses affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19. The package includes a six month principal and interest payment holiday for mortgage holders and SME customers whose incomes have been affected by the economic disruption from COVID-19. The Government and the banks will implement a \$6.25 billion Business Finance Guarantee Scheme for small and mediumsized businesses. Details of this scheme and how the funding will be allocated are still to be announced.  Interest Rates The Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) has lowered the Official Cash Rate to 0.25 percent and have committed to it remaining at this record low for at least the next 12 months. The RBNZ have also begun purchasing up to \$30 billion of government bonds in its new Large Scale Asset Purchase Programme, to help ensure interest rates remain low.	wage Subsidy eligibility - Businesses (employers, contractors, sole traders, self-employed people, registered charities, incorporated societies, nongovernmental organisations and post-settlement governance entities) operating in NZ (with employees legally employed in New Zealand) are able to apply. Organisations must: • Demonstrate a minimum 30% decline in actual or predicted revenue (due to COVID-19) over the period of a month when compared to the same month last year (any month between January and 9 June 2020); • Take active steps to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on its activities (including but not limited to engaging with your bank, drawing on your cash reserves as appropriate, making an insurance claim); and • Commit to taking "best efforts" to retain employees and remunerate them at least 80% of their ordinary wages for the 12 week period. Where this is not possible, the Government expects that, at a minimum, employers retain employees and pass on the full value (less taxes) of the subsidy to employees unless the employee is ordinarily paid less than these amounts This scheme does not affect employers' legal obligations under employment or other laws. Applicants must carefully read and agree to an accompanying declaration, including confirming employee consent to	information  Deloitte blog: COVID- 19: Update for businesses - 28 March 2020 - https://www2.deloitte.c om/nz/en/pages/tax/art icles/details-of-the- latest-government- announcements-for- new-zealand.html  Ministry of Social
		home. The transiting passengers must meet specific requirements.  Private vehicles - People are allowed to use a private vehicle to get food or medicine from	- The RBNZ has announced various liquidity facilities for banks to use if they need additional access to cash so they can meet demands from businesses, households and other parts of the financial sector. There are a range of tools banks can use to swap their assets for cash in order to keep lending. These include the usual overnight borrowing facilities, through to	include their details in the application. The Ministry of Social Development has created a stream-lined process for large employers (+100 staff).	Managed Departures -

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New Zealand		services operating (bus, rail) are 'fare free'. Some ferry services have been cancelled for passengers including the Interislander and Bluebridge ferries that operate between the North and South Islands (these remain open for freight and essential workers).  - The purpose of free access to public transport is to protect the health and safety of frontline public transport	- From 30 March, the RBNZ will hold a weekly open market operation (OMO) buying up to \$500 million of corporate and asset-backed securities for terms of up to three months. This enables banks to swap their holdings of Corporate Paper (big business debt issuances) and other Asset Backed Securities for RBNZ cash.	Advance Entitlement Payment (AEP): Will be available to contractors who currently have National Land Transport Programme funded projects in construction with the NZ Transport Agency.  Business Finance Guarantee Scheme - Businesses with annual revenue between \$250,000 and \$80 million can apply to their banks for loans up to \$500,000, for up to three years Banks are advising businesses to expect that application processes will likely take about 10 days and that they will take into account the way the covid-19 crisis is affecting their business, relative to their performance prior to the lockdown The loan can only be used to meet urgent liquidity or bridging financing needs due to COVID-19 disruption Loan proceeds can't be used to cover capital assets/projects, distribution of dividends, on-lending outside the borrower's group, or to refinance existing debt unless it was advanced on or after March 16, 2020.	https://www.beehive.gr vt.nz/release/managed: departure-plan- stranded-foreign- nationals-enables-safe- orderly-exit  See Government press release on Insolvency: https://www.beehive.gr vt.nz/release/further- measures-support- businesses  Pacific response package: https://www.beehive.gr vt.nz/release/government-helps-pacific- communities-fight-covice  Audit regulatory developments:  New Zealand: For all reporting entities and PIEs with year-ends from Dec 31 up to and including 31 July 2020, the term to file audited financial statements has been extended from four months to six months after year-end.  https://workandincomegovt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/covid-19- support.html#null

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New Zealand			(collected through their employer). This scheme is for struggling businesses and allows them to pay those workers who need to take leave due to the COVID-19 Public Health guidance at the same rates as the Wage Subsidy Scheme of: \$585.80 per week fulltime and \$350.00 per week for part time workers." The scheme will come into effect at 12PM NZT 6 April 2020.  Insolvency The Government will be introducing legislation to make changes to the Companies Act to help companies facing insolvency due to COVID-19 to remain viable and keep New Zealanders in jobs. The temporary changes include:  • Giving directors of companies facing significant liquidity problems because of COVID-19 a 'safe harbour' from insolvency duties under the Companies Act,  • enabling businesses affected by COVID-19 to place existing debts into hibernation until they are able to start trading normally again,  • allowing the use of electronic signatures where necessary due to COVID-19 restrictions,  • giving the Registrar of Companies the power to temporarily extend deadlines imposed on companies, incorporated societies, charitable trusts and other entities under legislation, and  • giving temporary relief for entities that are unable to comply with requirements in their constitutions or rules because of COVID-19.  Pacific Response Package  - The Government has announced \$17 million will be allocated to support a COVID-19 Pacific Response Package, mainly to support the health system.	(and potentially longer);  Those who have household members who are deemed at higher risk if they contract COVID-19, in accordance with public health and as such should self-isolate for the duration of the lockdown (and potentially longer) to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus to that household member. Employers will be able to claim a subsidy of NZ\$585.80 per week for full-time workers and NZ\$350.00 per week for part-time workers. Claims can be made for 4 weeks at a time (with multiple re-applications allowed).  Insolvency Parliament will be asked to make some of these changes retrospectively (this has not been finalised yet). The proposed move to place existing debts into hibernation, to be known as a Business Debt Hibernation (BDH), would only happen with the agreement of 50 per cent of a business's creditors.	services/covid- 19/declaration-wage- subsidy.html https://www.rbnz.gov

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Nigeria



Both private and public sectors working remotely with the exception of essential services.

### Federal

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) set up the Presidential Task Force on Coronavirus (PTF-COVID19). The PTF-COVID19 and the Nigerian Immigration Authority announced the suspension of Visa on Arrival (VoA) issuance to travellers from thirteen (13) countries, namely China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Japan, France, Germany, Norway, United States of America, United Kingdom, Netherlands and Switzerland. This list was later extended to include Austria and Sweden.

Subsequently, there was a blanket suspension of VoA and Temporary Work Permit (TWP) to all intending visitors to Nigeria.

The Federal Government has relaxed total lockdown it imposed on the Federal Capital Territory, Lagos and Ogun states to curb the spread of COVID-19. The Government, in the new guidelines stated that markets selling food items would open from 10am to 2pm everyday and supermarkets and pharmacies are to open from 10am to 4pm every day. The new guidelines also ban bus services during the lockdown. It adds that a mass gathering of more than 20 people is not allowed.

### **Entry Restriction:**

An entry restriction order applies to travellers from 15 countries (those first subject to the suspension of VoA) effective 21 March 2020.

### 'International travel Mandatory Self-Isolation: All

the restriction) would undergo supervised isolation for 14 days and be monitored by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and Port Health Services.

Closure of Airport: Effective Monday, were closed to international flights.

### Domestic travel: Intra-city/country movement

restriction: The Federal Government of Nigeria announced a restriction on intracity/country movement ("Lockdown"). The Lockdown is applicable in Lagos State the provisions of the Labour Act, 2004. The rebate, however, and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja) with effect from 11 pm, March 30 2020 . The Lockdown will become effective in Ogun State on 3 April 2020. The details of the Lockdown, which was initially for a period of 14 days but extended to at deferred for 180 days from 1 March 2020. least 28 days, include:

- Everyone in the locations covered by the restriction is mandated to stay in their homes;
- Travel to or from other States are restricted; and
- All businesses/offices (except

### Federal House of Representatives pass Economic Stimulus Bill 2020:

Government support available/announced

The House of Representatives recently passed the Emergency Economic Stimulus Bill 2020 (The Bill). The Bill is essentially aimed at providing certain reliefs for individuals and corporate bodies to cushion the adverse effect of the economic downturn caused by the Pandemic. The Bill seeks to, amongst others, cater for the general wellbeing of travellers returning to Nigeria (from Nigerians as well as provide temporary relief to companies the aforementioned countries (before and individuals to alleviate the adverse financial consequences of a slowdown in economic activities caused by COVID-19. It is also aimed at protecting the employment status of Nigerian, providing stimulus on mortgage repayment as well as eliminating bottlenecks surrounding the importation of medical equipment and materials Specifically, the Bill provides for the following reliefs to be 23 March 2020, all airports in Nigeria granted to corporate bodies and individuals in Nigeria: **Special tax rebate** - any Nigerian company which maintains the same employee status without retrenching any staff from 1 March to 31 December 2020, would be entitled to a 50% income tax rebate of the actual amount due, or paid as pay as you earn (PAYE) tax. It is instructive to note that this relief still applies where an employee dies from natural causes, voluntarily resigns (or has indicated intention to resign before 1 March 2020) or where the employee breaches **Extension of moratorium** - All Central Bank Government has also

> petroleum profits tax regime. **Deferral of residential mortgage obligations** – payment of mortgage obligations due to the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN), on residential mortgages obtained by individual contributors to the National Housing Fund, will be

would not apply to companies liable to tax under the

Import duty waiver on selected goods - there would be an import duty waiver on medical equipment, medicines, personal protection equipment and such other medical necessities (as may be determined by the Minister of Health) required for the treatment and management of the Pandemic in Nigeria. The import duty waiver would remain in force until 31 December 2020.

### Federal Government's welfare programmes

### 3-Month Moratorium on certain government loans - TraderMoni, MarketMoni Nigeria (CBN) to raise and FarmerMoni are small scale government loans which provide petty traders, farmers and COVID-19 has rallied small business with access to capital. The beneficiaries of these government loans, estimated to be about 2million, are to enjoy the loan repayment holiday of 3 months. Also, a similar moratorium extension is granted to loan facilities funded by the Federal Government and disbursed by the Bank of Industry, Bank of Agriculture and the Nigeria Export-Import Bank respectively. Conditional cash transfer scheme - The most vulnerable in the society would be paid a stipend for two months to enable them meet their basic needs. In addition, internally displaced persons would be granted two months' worth of food rations.

Economic and fiscal measures of Nigeria intervention facilities are granted a one-year extension on all principal repayments. New amortization schedules will be provided for all beneficiaries. This is effective 1 March 2020. Interest rate reduction - Interest rates on all applicable CBN intervention facilities are to be reduced from 9% to 5% per annum for 1 year with effect from 1 March 2020. Creation of a N50 Billion targeted credit facility - This will be administered through the NIRSAL Microfinance measures-to-provide-Bank for households, small and medium-sized relief.pdf enterprises that have been significantly impacted by COVID-19, including but not limited to hoteliers, airline

The private sector relief fund, championed by the Central Bank of funds to combat to N21.58 billion.

The Federal Government, as part of efforts to take advantage of twoweeks lockdown extension ordered by the President, aims to conduct 4,000 COVID-19 tests every day. Isolation centres will also be established at the country's land borders.

Kano State declared a total lockdown of the state.

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Nigeria		essential services) within the locations should be fully closed.	BCP is expected to mitigate the impact of the Pandemic on taxpayers, FIRS' staff, stakeholders, other visitors and the revenue generation aspirations of the FGN.  According to the FIRS public notice, FIRS has put in place the following measures to reduce the impact of the Pandemic on businesses and other economic activities of taxpayers:  i. The due date for filing Companies Income Tax (CIT) returns has been extended by one month.  ii. Taxpayers can file their CIT returns with FIRS without an audited account, provided that the audited accounts are filed within two months after the revised due date of filing.  iii. Timeline for payment of withholding tax and filing of value-added tax returns has been extended from the 21st of every month to the last working day of the month.  iv. To minimise contact with FIRS, taxpayers can either submit their returns on the FIRS e-portal or via designated emails based on the categorisation of such taxpayers by FIRS.  v. All meetings of FIRS' staff with taxpayers are to be limited to a maximum of 10 people at any time.  vi. For desk reviews and tax audits, FIRS will publish information requests on its website and create a portal where requested documents can be uploaded by the taxpayer.  Subsequently, the Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS) informed all taxable individuals resident in Lagos State of the extension of the deadline for filing individual income tax returns for 2019, from 31 March 2020 to 31 May 2020. Also, the Securities and Exchange Commissions (SEC) extended the deadline for companies to file their 2019 full year and first	service providers, health care merchants etc  Credit Support for the Healthcare Industry - The CBN has made loans available for pharmaceutical companies intending to expand their drug manufacturing plants in Nigeria. This is to meet the potential increase in demand for healthcare services and products. The loan is also available to hospitals and healthcare practitioners who intend to expand their health facilities to first-class centres or build new ones.  Regulatory forbearance - The CBN has directed all banks, accepting deposits, to consider temporary and time-limited restructuring of the tenor and loan terms for businesses and households most affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. This is particularly applicable to Oil & Gas, Agriculture and Manufacturing sectors.  The federal government has rolled out fresh guidelines on the distribution of palliatives to the poor and the vulnerable during the extended lockdown which will focus on those living in the urban areas. The distribution will follow these criteria's, use the National Social Register, Focus will be on the urban poor using their verified BVN accounts to get them, that is, people that have an account balance of N5, 000 and below and people who recharge their phones with not more than N100 as well as social registers.	

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Nigeria		The Federal Govt announced Fiscal Stimulus Package to address the economic challenges created by COVID-19. The		
		Fiscal Stimulus Package is to ensure that the country's		
		economy, fiscal position and healthcare systems are		
		sufficiently supported to withstand the impact of COVID-19. The		
		Fiscal Stimulus Package comprises various measures:		
		<ul> <li>a. N500billion COVID-19 Crisis Intervention Fund (The Fund).</li> <li>The Fund is intended to finance the upgrade of healthcare</li> </ul>		
		facilities (at both Federal and State levels), create a special		
		works programme (to financially empower individuals who lose		
		their jobs during the economic crisis) and to fund any		
		additional interventions that the President may approve.		
		b. Access to the USD90 million Regional Disease Surveillance		
		Systems ('REDISSE') facility: The 36 States and the FCT,		
		through the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control ('NCDC') and		
		Federal Ministry of Health, will be able to access the REDISSE		
		facility to expand the capacity of intensive Care Units, enhance		
		laboratory capacity, accelerate the procurement of test kits,		
		strengthen surveillance mechanisms as well as improve		
		information management. The Federal Government (FG) has		
		also requested an additional USD100million financing to meet up with COVID-19 emergency needs/medical treatment		
		requirements across the federation.		
		c. Availability of the sum of N102.5billion for direct		
		interventions in the healthcare sector: This is to further		
		demonstrate the FG's commitment to supporting the States		
		generally in the challenging times and particularly those states		
		that are currently battling with the Pandemic.		
		d. Planned release and enhancement (where necessary) of		
		hazard allowances to Federal health workers: This is in		
		progress and all States are encouraged to replicate same. The		
		FG also assured frontline healthcare workers of adequate		
		insurance, compensation and support during, and after the		
		Pandemic.		
		e. USD150 million intervention fund from Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority Stabilization Fund: This is necessary to		
		augment the Federal Account Allocation Committee (FAAC)		
		disbursements to the Federal and State Governments, for June		
		2020. The FG is also exploring other options to meet up with		
		the FAAC disbursement obligations for the rest of 2020.		

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Nigeria			f. Debt and Interest Moratorium for States: There is an extended moratorium (principal and interest) for States on FG and CBN-funded loans, in order to create a fiscal buffer for the States. Additionally, for months where average FAAC receipts fall below a specific threshold, interest and capital payments by States will be suspended till monthly average FAAC receipts exceed the threshold. States governments are encouraged to explore similar arrangements for their outstanding debts to Commercial Banks.  g. Restructuring of Treasury Single Account (TSA): This is important to mobilise cash donations, by individuals and corporate bodies, aimed at providing essential food items, critical medical supplies, among others. Therefore, COVID-19 Donor Accounts will be opened with five (5) selected banks. The accounts will be linked to the main TSA for ease of monitoring and reporting.  h. Amendment of the 2020 Appropriation Act: The initial 2020 Budget Benchmark of US\$57/barrel is revised to US\$30/barrel. Also, estimates for oil production is revised downward from 2.18mbpd to 1.7mbpd.		

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North Macedonia	Attendance at work  Movement restriction introduced between 9 PM and 5 AM.  Work from home recommended.	On 13 March, Northern Macedonia has banned entry into the country to foreign nationals from high-risk countries.	State set of measures from 31 March 2020:	Approval Criteria for Development fund loans:  - The borrower must be active in the government-defined endangered list of activities; - Registered in the Republic of Northern Macedonia; - At least 51% privately owned; - No unpaid taxes and contributions (unless granted deferred payment); - Not in bankruptcy or liquidation proceedings; - Six months of operating activities; - Principal and reserves not less than 50% of the amount of credit required; - Classified as better or equal to B credit rating or no credit exposure; - D/E ratio less than 4; - A current ratio above 0.9,	information  No further information  https://vlada.mk/node 20488?in=en-gb  https://www.mbdp.cor .mk/mk/vesti/596-1-2

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North Macedonia			The National Bank has put in place regulatory measures to allow banks to debit or defer payment of an installment.		
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Norway	No restrictions, but all have been asked to work from home to the extent possible.  Non-essential public sector employees have been working from home since 13 March and are suggested to do so until 13 April.  All kindergardens, schools, universities, fitness centers, bars and restaurants etc have been closed as of 13 March. Kindergartens to re-open from 20 April. Schools to re-open from 27 April (level 1-4). Certain one-to-one healthcare providers to re-open from 20 April. One-to-one service providers to reopen from 27 April	Norway's health authorities have advised against non-essential travel, the use of public transport, places where you can easily get close to others and close contact with people.  Use of own cottages to be allowed from 20 April (but with recommendation to avoid unnecessary use)  External  Advise against all non-essential travel to all countries worldwide, and all travel to red areas:  - China: Hubei Province  - Italy: the regions of Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, the Aosta Valley, Veneto and Marche  - Iran  - South Korea: the city of Daegu and the province of Gyeongbuk  - Austria: the state of Tyrol  Norwegian border closed from 18  March, foreigners who lack a resident permit in Norway will be turned away at the border. Norwegian citizens can still enter the country and all Norwegians abroad are recommended to return ASAP. Those who return to Norway from abroad should be in quarantine for 14 days from their arrival in Norway, regardless of whether they have symptoms or not.	New stimulus package proposed by the Government on March 27th;  - Direct funding of (part of) fixed costs for businesses facing material decline in revenue caused by the Covid-19 pandemic in the form of cash-back  - No sector focus  - The larger share of fixed cost funding applicable to entities which have been forced to close (gyms, personal care etc.)  *- initial period two months, but prepared to extend  - Assumed value of NOK10-20 bn per month  Previous stimulus package  The Norwegian government announced its first stimulus package on 10 March, including among other deferred payment of wealth tax.  Extraordinary funding package from the National bank to the banking system introduced effective from 13 March (three month funding, rather than the traditional 'over the night' funding), combined with a reduction in the interest on current account of 50 bps (from 1.5 to 1.0).  The first 'full' stimulus package presented by the Government on 13 March, with an indicated value of NOK6.5bn (€0.6bn), including extended funding of temporary lay-offs (company taking the cost of the first 2 days (down from 15) and the government for the next 18). Ordinary compensation thereafter (immediate, not with the ordinary three days delay), funded by the Government (at a reduced rate). Specific support to the aviation industry (tax reliefs).  Prepayment of tax deferred from 15 March to 1 May.  An extended stimulus package of NOK100bm (€10bn) presented on 16 March, including two new funding- and guarantee arrangements to secure business life and employees.  Compensation scheme for culture, voluntary sector and sport worth NOK0.9bn announced on March 18th. The package consists of a compensation scheme for cultural life which will	New stimulus package: Details of package presented, however still in proposal version (to be approved by Parliament 7 April, whereby approved by ESA): Applicable for all businesses who has realised a 30% drop in revenue vs same month LY (20% for March) For newly established businesses (i.e. without a LY comparable), the comparison should be made to the average revenue of Jan 2020 and Feb 2020 90% coverage of 'unavoidable fixed expenses' (housing, fixed asset rental, insurance, electricity, outsourced accounting, membership fees etc., but not personnel related) for businesses that were forced to shut down (gyms, hairdressers, personal care etc.) 80% coverage of same costs (adjusted for a NOKt 10/month individual share) if not forced to shut down While based on self reporting, the figures should be controllable/auditable Maximum monthly coverage of NOKm 30 per legal entity supplemented with further limitations for groups Minimum monthly coverage of NOKt 5 (for administrative reasons) Not applicable for business subject to other stimuli packages (except ease of temporary redundancy) Not applicable for the financial sector, producers of energy or E&P-entities Not applicable for bankrupt businesses or businesses under liquidation or without activity  Previous stimulus package Access to stimulus package includes;	Parliament extending the proposed stimulus package from 27 March with supportive public purchases (rehabilitation of public buildings, roads etc.) to support local/national businesses. Value of NOK6bn indicated, but still to be detailed.  Arrangements in relation to culture, sports (including training) banned from 12 March. Restaurants, bars etc. closed unless organised to allow the distance of 1m between each individual. Gyms closed Restrictions on visits to health institutions (hospitals, elderly care homes etc.) Abroad travel ban for all individuals working within the health sector All individuals entering the country later than Feb 27 put into 14 days quarantine New act implemented extending the authority of the Government to act without the involvement of the Parliament.

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# Global COVID-19 Government Response - Norway



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Norway		Schengen border. Requirement to present passport at the Norwegian border (despite Schengen regulation) extended on 15 April for another 20 days.	amount to about NOK 300 million and a similar one for sport and voluntary sector activities of about NOK 600 million.  Following the adverse change in the NOK rate, the Central Bank on 19 March announced further financing to the financial sector. The new loans will have a maturity up to 12 months (vs the three months provided earlier in the week).  Stimulus package to the aviation industry worth NOK6bn in guarantees. NOK3bn earmarked Norwegian, with the remaining NOK3bn split equally between SAS and Wideroe. Supplemented with public 'purchases' (loss of revenue compensation) to ensure minimum level of regular service domestically.  New rate cut from the Central Bank, this time with 75bps from 1.0% to 0.25% (lowest ever).  SME's  The government has proposed to establish a loan programme where lenders receive a guarantee on 90 percent of the value of new loans issued to small and medium-sized enterprises hit by the coronavirus outbreak.  Government Bond Fund (GBF)  The government has proposed to reinstate the Government Bond Fund, offering credit bond purchases of up to NOK 50 billion directed at larger companies across all industries. The fund will be managed by Folketrydfondet, a State owned asset manager responsible for the management of the Government Pension Fund Norway.  New package to be announced on 27 March.	Change corporate tax regulations so that companies that are lossmaking can reallocate their loss towards previous years' taxed surplus.  Change the tax regulations so that owners of lossmaking companies can postpone payments of wealth tax. This will reduce the need for firms to provide dividends to owners to cover the wealth tax.  One-time cut in social security tax (4ppts) (covering two months).  Suspend the tax on air passengers for flights in the period from 1 January 2020 until 31 October 2020.  Suspend payments of aviation charges until 31 June 2020.  Specific compensation for loss of revenue to ferry operators with public contracts.  Aviation package; first 10% (NOK300m) available upon bank guarantees of NOK30m, next 40% (NOK1.2bn) upon successful renegotiation with current lenders, and remaining 50% (NOK1.5bn) upon 'satisfactory implored solidity' combined with 10% (NOK150m) guarantees from banks/financial institutions.  SME's  The SME programme allows companies to take up loans of up to NOK 50 million, with a term of up to three years. It applies to new loans issued between the programme start date and 1 June 2020 only.  The State will guarantee for 90 pct. of the loan value. Write-offs will be distributed between the State and the issuing bank pro rata.	individuals, i.e. bypassing current requirement of equity (minimum 15%) and earnings-ratio (max 5x disposable income). Introduced to avoid a demand driven price reduction, and proposed for 2nd quarter (with possibility to extend). Banks also allowed to agree payment extension of interest and installment on existing loans to individuals, for a period up to six months. Financial Supervision Authority requests all banks to reconsider the size of dividends to be paid out relating to FY19  FSA's 'ban' replaced by request to reconsider size of dividend  Audit regulatory developments:  Norway: Some

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orway			Loans already issued will not be covered.	companies to Finanstilsynet
			SME package available to those funded through ordinary banks (i.e. not Alternative	postponed.
			lending), and on the assumption they have come form of collaterals.	https://www.regjerirn.no/en/topics/koron
			GBF	rus-covid-19/more- current-
			Folketrygdfondet will make the decisions on which individual bonds to purchase, within a	
			mandate laid down by the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry will finalise this mandate next week.	
			A substantial share of the fund capital will	
			be invested in bonds issued by non-financial companies.	
			There will be limits to how much of the fund capital can be invested in bonds issued by	
			one single issuer. High yield bonds may make up a significant part of the investments.	

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# Global COVID-19 Government Response - Oman





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Oman	Effective 23 March, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) have closed all their service offices related to civil status, passports, residence and traffic until further notice.  The Ministry of Manpower (MoM) in Oman are currently working with a reduced workforce at a maximum capacity of 30%. Therefore, delays in all the ongoing applications are expected.	enter Oman.	Central Bank of Oman measures: (18 March 2020)  - Lowering the Capital Conservation Buffers (additional capital reserve requirements under Basel III) by 50% from 2.5% to 1.25%  - Increasing the lending ratio / financial ratio (credit given to deposits) by 5% from 87.5% to 92.5%  - Accepting requests of deferment of loan instalments / interest for affected borrowers (particularly SMEs) with immediate effect for the coming 6 months without adversely impacting the risk classifications of the loans  - Deferring the risk classifications of loans pertaining to government projects for the period of 6 months  - Considering reducing existing fees related to various banking services and to abstain from introducing new ones in 2020  - Reduction of interest rates on Repo operations by 75 basis points to 0.5%  - Increasing the tenor of Repo operations to a maximum period of 3 months	None specified	Audit regulatory developments: Government has provided extension to hold AGM. Extending the disclosure of quarterly financial statements and the initial results until the end of June 2020.  https://www.omanair.com/tz/en/travel-advisory-covid-19-coronavirus-outbreak
			-Reduction of interest rates on discounting of Government Treasury Bills by 100 basis points to 1% -Reduction of the interest rates on foreign currency SWAP operations by 50 basis points -Increasing the tenor of SWAP facilities up to a maximum period of 6 months -Reduction of interest rates on rediscounting of Bill of Exchange and Promissory Notes (with 2 signatures) by 100 basis points to 3% -Reduction of interest rates on rediscounting of a Promissory		Source: https://cbo.gov.om/paces/viewCircular.aspx?fil e=/sites/assets/Documents/Global/Circulars/2020/BSD-CB-2020-001PolicyMeasures.pdf8Title=BSD/CB/2020/001
			Note with an acceptable guarantee by 100 basis points to 3.25% -Reduction of the interest rate on rediscounting of a Promissory Note accompanied by a trust receipt by 125 basis points to 3.5%		<ul> <li>Policy Measures to Support the Banks/FLCs in the Context of the Prevailing Economic Condition</li> </ul>

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### Restrictions on travel

### **Conditions around Government** support

### Additional information

Poland



Government recommends remote working Internal where possible, and the employer can impose this on the employee.

As at 2 April, work places should ensure workers have at least 1.5 metres distance between each other and wearing gloves and access to sanitizers are mandatory.

Additional restrictions include:

- Schools, kindergartens, nurseries and higher education institutions suspended until at least 10 April;
- Public, national and religious gatherings must not exceed 5 people from 20 March to 11 April (including indoor gatherings, but not offices);
- Banks and financial service outlets are operating normally;
- Restaurants, cafes and bars will be able to continue selling food, but not for consumption on the premises;
- Gyms, swimming pools, dance clubs, fitness clubs, museums, libraries and cinemas are closed:
- Shopping center restrictions only essential stores may remain open.
- Public institutions work remotely, with an exception of tasks in which remote working doesn't allow employees to perform key duties

From 25 March until further notice the following are prohibited:

- public assemblies
- · other events, meetings and gatherings of any kind (including religious), excluding meetings of the person with their closest

Restrictions on movement From 25 March to 19 April inclusive, residents must stay at home. This does not apply to:

- travel to and from work and for the purchase of goods and services related to your professional activity
- volunteering to fight coronavirus and help people in quarantine
- everyday life, e.g. necessary purchases, visits to the doctor, care for relatives and animals
- exercising or participating in religious worship (limited to 5 individuals)

Public transport continues to operate. However, only half of the seats can be occupied on a bus, tram contributions from these benefits. foot - two people can move simultaneously at a distance of 2 m from each other. Exemptions apply for example, taking care of children Minors (under the age of 18) must not be outside without a parent or guardian

### External

Effective 15 March (as of midnight) Poland implemented a number of significant restrictions on entry into the country, including:

- Full checks on all external borders;
- International flights or trains April:

- The Anti-COVID Act became legislation on 31 March 2020. Changes were introduced in the final stage of legislative works to clarify that co-financing of wages from FGSP within economic standby / shortened work time (see point 1 below) is analogous 2 months of previous year, or no promenades and city not public aid and no limits on support are introduced. The majority of aid measures provided for in the Act are subject to compared to preceding month. a EUR 800k limit per enterprise (resulting from the EC guidelines re: COVID-19) and may be combined with de minimis assistance (limited to EUR 200k per group of related entities operating in Poland). The support under the special • dealing with matters necessary for COVID act is to be notified to the European Commission. The Anti-COVID Act introduced the following benefits: 1) An entrepreneur (also large) at whom COVID-related

Government support available/announced

- economic turnover decrease appeared can apply for benefits for protection of workplaces, for payment from Fund of Guaranteed Employee Benefits (FGSP) for co-financing of wages of employees whom economic standby or shortened work time (COVID-19) relates. Entrepreneurs are also entitled to means from FGSP for payment of social security (ZUS)
- or subway. In the case of moving on 2) Certain administrative deadlines are prolonged and certain special tax exemptions / postponement of payment deadline are granted (in particular real estate tax, income tax, VAT) - in (taking into account work time) - in such particular: (i) into force came the regulation postponing for all case co-financing may be granted up to CIT taxpayers the deadline for filing the annual CIT-8 tax under 13 years, or a disabled person. return for the last tax year (and tax settlement from this tax return) until 31.05.2020, (ii) published was draft regulation postponing the deadline for filing IFR-2R/ORD-U forms till (as a than halt-time while the wage may not be rule) end of May, (iii) draft COVID act plans postponing the deadline to pay the PIT withholding from March and April payroll until 1 June 2020, (iv) municipalities can exempt entrepreneurs from real property tax and postpone payment deadlines, (v) COVID-related tax loss will be able to be setoff with 2019 income (by correction of 2019 tax return), (vi) additional tax preferences for COVID-related donations (taxdeductibility and 0% VAT).
- 3) Retail sales tax' applicability will be postponed till suspended, flight ban is valid until 26 1.01.2021. During the COVID-related ban on trade in trade centers, the mutual obligations of the parties to the - Foreigners are not allowed to enter lease/tenancy/similar contract concerning space in such

- Anti-COVID Act (1): Economic turnover decrease means a drop of sales of no less than 15% through 2 months compared to less than 25% through one month The employer must not be in delay with tax facilities are restricted;

or social security payments (for payments up to Q3/2019) and not fulfilling conditions out by 2 April except of insolvency.

Co-financing is not applicable to wages of employees whose wage in the month preceding the month in which the above support was applied for was higher than 300% of the average monthly wage in previous guarter. The above payments and means are paid in periods of economic standby or shortened work time as specified in a separate act. (i) The employee covered by economic stand-by is The number of people to be paid wage decreased by no more than who may be inside 50% and not lower than minimum wage 50% of minimum wage. (ii) Such an entrepreneur can decrease for a given employee work time by 20% but to not less am - 12 pm will be less than minimum wage – in such case wage is co-financed from FGSP to half of the wage amount not more than 40% of the average wage in national economy in the last quarter. Co-financing is not applicable to wages of employees whose wage in the month preceding the month in which the above support was applied for was higher than 300% of the average monthly wage in previous quarter. - Anti-COVID Act (2): Taxpayers who due to COVID-19 incurred in 2020 loss and

- It is prohibited to use green areas, parks, beaches, boulevards, bikes.
- Accommodation all guests are to check those self-isolating, medical personnel, or those using the facilities as part of performing official duties. From 1 April rehabilitation activities suspended; beauty, hair and tattoo salons are closed shops that remain open, as well as at open air markets, will be strictly limited. Special shopping hours from 10 reserved for persons over age 65. Customers will be required to use

### Audit regulatory developments:

disposable gloves.

will be closed on

weekends

Large building markets

EU: ESMA - Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes

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Poland	persons within the meaning of the Criminal Code or with the closest persons of the person with whom he or she lives together. The above does not apply to meetings and meetings related to the performance of professional activities or business tasks, or non-agricultural economic activity, or the conduct of agricultural activities.  - As at 1 April, the family members of any person that has been advised to self-isolate also need to self-isolate.	exceptions such as spouses of Poles). Entry ban introduced until 3 May and can be extended; and - All those returning from abroad subject to mandatory quarantine for 14 days (exemptions apply until 27	centers shall expire, but after end of ban the tenant should give the lessor an unconditional offer to extend the contract under current conditions for the duration of the ban plus six months (otherwise the effect of the expiry of obligations would be canceled). was forbidden or limited by law and nonapplicability of contractual penalties or compensation in such circumstances.  4) Cap on non-interest credit cost at 45% of total credit amount. A Minister may set maximum prices or maximum margins for gross and retail trade applied to sale of goods and services having key importance for health protection of people safety or costs of household keeping (under severe fines for noncompliance)  5) Specific preferences will be able to be granted by local authority (Starosta) but only to SMEs/self-employed persons/individuals on civil-law contracts. Self-employed/individuals may benefit from stand-by payments under specific conditions. Exemption from social security (ZUS) contributions from 1.03.2020 to 31.05.2020 for entrepreneurs employing less than 10 persons and self-employed (under additional conditions) has been added.  6) Possibility to obtain by the entrepreneur (excluding microentrepreneurs and small entrepreneurs) of sureties and guarantees of the Bank of National Economy (BGK) for the repayment of credits, up to 80% of the outstanding credit amount. With respect to support for large entrepreneurs, BGK is working on establishing a Liquidity Guarantee Fund (FGP), from which guarantees are to be granted under certain conditions. BGK is also working on co-financing interest payments for maximum 12 months for turnover bank credits (also for large entrepreneurs) and credit for technological innovations, financing up to 70% of amount of investment in form of technology premium.  7) Possibility of reliefs (redemption, deferral, split in installments) in repayment of civil law liabilities towards local government bodies (under additional conditions). A government website has been launched concerning the above support (		coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports.  Poland: Discussions with the regulators and authorities on extending the deadlines for tax and financial reporting. Generally the deadlines have been extended (by 3 months) and there is currently draft of extension of stock exchange reporting.  https://www.gov.pl/we

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Poland			with most other support instruments from the above Act), (ii) postponement of specific TP-related deadlines, (iii) loosening requirements for Tax Capital Groups, (iv) broadening of exemption from social security contributions to payers reporting from 10 to 49 persons (e.g. employees) – the exemption is to be granted in the amount of 50% of the total unpaid contributions for the given month. The draft has been processed by Sejm and is being debated in Senate - it is likely that Senate will introduce amendments which then will be voted by Sejm.  Based on a separate aid instrument, large entrepreneurs, experiencing hardships due to COVID, may apply for aid in form: (i) loans or bonds for betterment of liquidity for the period of 2 years with option to prolong for a year in the amount of up to PLN 1 bln, (ii) preferential loans for the period	Commission and that the entrepreneur (i) cannot be an entrepreneur belonging to a capital group or be taken over by any entrepreneur belonging to a capital group, except when it proves that its difficult economic situation (a) is internal and is not the result of an unjustified distribution of costs within capital group, (b) is too serious to be solved by an entrepreneur or entrepreneurs belonging to the same capital group, (ii) lost more than half of the capital, in particular if the sum of profit (loss) from previous years, net profit (loss) in a given financial year, supplementary capital, revaluation capital and other reserve capitals (funds) is negative and its absolute value is greater than 50% of the share capital (fund). Aid provided for SMEs (under similar conditions) does not have to be notified to the European Commission, because it will be based on an already approved aid program, allowing a limit of	
			danger/epidemic) administrative execution of cash liabilities (except COVID-related fines) have been made public but not yet entered into force.		

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# Global COVID-19 Government Response - Portugal





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### Restrictions on physical attendance at Country Restrictions on travel work Portugal - Teleworking is mandatory, regardless of A set of restrictions and other rules employment, whenever the functions and came into force today such as: activities allow it. - The Government may determine the closure of road and rail traffic, - All activities that continue to operate

- must respect the recommendations of the health authorities, namely in terms of hygiene and the distances to be observed between people.
- 23 March 2020:
- State of emergency confirmed until April 2 (now extended until May 2), with following conditions clarified:
- Citizens are not prohibited from leaving their homes ("to provide as little disruption as possible"), but the guidance is to avoid leaving their respective municipalities.
- Elderly (over age 70) people with health conditions should only leave their homes in forces and services, military and very exceptional and strictly necessary circumstances.
- People with coronavirus, or who are under active surveillance, are subject to "mandatory isolation, either by hospitalisation or by home care". Violation of this isolation is a crime.

Public services should resort, whenever possible, to teleworking. "In person" services should be by appointment only.

Establishments that are performing and selling goods or services absolutely essential to people's day-to-day life can and should remain open (e.g. bakeries, grocery stores, supermarkets, petrol stations, and pharmacies).

- for reasons of public health, safety or Security contributions. fluidity of traffic or the restriction on the circulation of certain types of vehicles.
- Citizens cannot travel outside the municipality of usual residence between 00:00 on April 9 and 12:00 on April 13, "except for health reasons or other reasons of imperative urgency" (this restriction does not apply to health professionals and other workers from Simplified lay-off scheme health and social care institutions, civil protection agents, security civilian personnel from the Armed of political offices, magistrates and leaders of the social partners, "if provided in the exercise of admitted professional activities").
- Between 12:00 am on April 9 and 12:00 am on April 13, commercial passenger flights at national airports reopened. are not to be allowed, except for emergency landings, humanitarian flights or for repatriation purposes.
- '- All flights outside the EU suspended
- Land border with Spain closed except for transport of essential goods and professional workers
- All tourist and leisure movements forbidden

### Government support available/announced

At the level of labor and Social Security contributions, the Portuguese Government established some measures concerning sick leave legislation, simplification of the lay-off scheme and suspension of the payment of employer Social

With regard to the payment of taxes in instalments for companies and independent workers, the Portuguese Government has announced the possibility of paying taxes in the following ways:

- Immediate payment, as per the general regime;
- Payment in three monthly instalments, without interest charges or penalties; or
- Payment in six monthly instalments, without penalties, being applicable interest charges to the last three instalments.

Companies that register a sharp drop of at least 40% of turnover, by reference to the previous month or the same period, will be able to access the simplified lay-off scheme. Access is immediate for companies that experience a total or Forces, inspectors from the Food and partial stop of their activity, as well as for companies whose Economic Security Authority, holders total or partial closure has been decreed by decision of the political or health authorities. The measure is available for a period of one month, renewable for the next three months, if justified. The government maintained the Social Security contributions exemption for the employer, as well as the extraordinary incentive to resume the activity, that is, a national minimum wage, for each job after the activity

### Banking moratorium for businesses and families

All credits with banks and other financial institutions that are due in the next six months (installments of capital and interest, rent, etc..) are suspended until September 30, 2020. The contracts are extended to the same extent as the six months.

This measure "will provide a very significant relief from the effort that companies and families have to make in the financial system". The measure is applicable to all companies regardless of their size, as well as to housing loans for the

### **Conditions around Government** support

Regarding the approved measures in the economic and tax areas, the Portuguese Government has created a credit line available to micro, small and medium-sized to renew the State of companies, implemented and changed several incentive systems for companies, such as the reduction of the period of time for such incentives to be paid, the extension of the repayment term of credits/subsidies and the eligibility of reimbursement of expenses incurred with cancelled international events, as well as the postponing of payment and compliance deadlines for tax and other reporting obligations.

### Sector:

Tourism - 200m euros of which 75m euros for micro and small entities

Tourism (development and accommodation) other location defined - 900m euros of which 300m euros for micro and small entities Industries: 1300m euros of which 400m euros for micro and small entities Restaurants: 600m euros of which 270m

euros for micro and small entities

### Eligible entities:

Micro entities, SMEs, small mid cap and mid travel that is not cap with:

- Positive net worth with reference to the last approved balance sheet; or
- Negative equity and regularisation in interim balance approved up to the date of the operation

### Requirements:

- Statement issued by the Company on the negative impacts of COVID 19 outbreak and fulfilment of the requirements

### Additional information

### 2 April 2020:

The Portuguese Parliament votes today Emergency for another 15 days starting at 12:00 am on April 3, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of the main points of the draft decree of the President of the Republic are: Right to move and settle anywhere in the national territory

### - Compulsive confinement at home, health care facility or by the authorities may

- be imposed. - Sanitary fences may be imposed.
- Prohibition, "to the extent strictly necessary and proportionally", of justified, in particular by work, obtaining health care, assistance to third parties, production and supply of goods and services and other "ponderous reasons", it is up to the Government to specify "the situations and purposes in which the

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Portugal	Restaurants will be closed to the public, but can operate takeaway or delivery services.	- Anyone entering the country to be quarantined for 14 days	purchase of permanent housing for families that are most affected by this situation.	- Tax and Social Security contributions must be regularised	freedom of individual movement, preferably unaccompanied, remains".
	Three orders signed by the Government came into force, with the objective of "ensuring the continuity and uninterruption of the provision of public services" of:  - Water supply for human consumption, sanitation of urban waste water, waste management urban areas;  - Energy supply (electricity and natural gas) and liquid fuels; and  - Operation of public passenger transport.  'Minister of Education announced that primary school students (1st to 9th grade) and 10th grade students will not return to school this school year. Even so, the educational process continues to take place based on a distance learning system. Regarding 11th and 12th grade students, the date of May 4, which is expected for a possible return, is not yet certain.	services, namely with "openings with adapted opening hours". The President admits that this		Conditions:  - Cap of 1.5m euros per Company - Guarantee: up to 100% of the outstanding principal - Counter guarantee: 100% - Term of operations: 4 years	unaccompanied, remains. Property and private economic initiative  The authorities can request the provision of any services and the use o goods from health units, commercial and industrial establishments, companies and other productive units  The mandatory opening and operation of companies, services, establishments and means of production may be determined or their closure.  Limitations may be imposed on dismissals, changes in the quantity, nature or price of goods produced and traded or the distribution and marketing channels.  Changes to the operating regime of companies, establishments and production units may be imposed.  Price control measures and combating speculation or hoarding of certain products or

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ortugal					materials can be adopted.  - The terms and conditions of long-t performance contra may be temporarily modified or the requirement for cer installments to be waived.  - The right to resto the financial balance concessions may be limited due to a brein the respective us resulting from the measures adopted the context of the sof emergency.  - Income, interest, dividends and other property or capital income can be reduor deferred, without penalty.
					Audit regulatory developments:
					EU: ESMA: Recommendations Financial Market Participants: Busin Continuity Plannin Market disclosure; Financial Reporting Fund Management Guidance on financ reporting deadlines

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Portugal					includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCA: ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk-based approach concerning publication deadline of financial reports. Accounting implications on the calculation of expected credit losses in accordance with IFRS Issued a statement on the application of IFRS 9 Financial Instrument in the specific context of the COVID-19 outbreak. EBA: Published guidance on the application of accounting standards in the light of COVID-19. CEAOB: Statement includes considering postponing issuance of audit opinion
					Portugal: Portuguese Securities Market Commission (CMVN): Established a site with information about the measures implemented regarding

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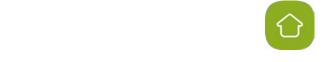
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Portugal					COVID-19. Bank of Portugal: Adopte measures to ensure financial institutions continue to support the economy, in line with those already communicated by European Central Bank and European Bank Authority. Authority of Insurance and Pension Funds: Issued communication adjusting reporting deadlines for certain financial information.
					Government: Adopted certain measures including extension of general shareholders meetings from 30 March 2020 until 30 June 2020. Order of Statutory Auditors: Issued two communications related the COVID-19 crisis, including alerting to the potential impact on timin of the financial reporting process and respective audits.
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				<u>5011.gov.pa/.</u>

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Qatar	On April 1st 2020, Qatar's cabinet told private sector companies to direct 80 percent of their staff to work from home to help reduce the spread of coronavirus.  - includes the military and security, the ministry of foreign affairs and diplomatic missions, healthcare, oil and gas, plus some government employees and workers on national flagship projects,  - Working day will be cut to six hours, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., excluding vital sectors	decision to suspend all flights for 2	On 15 March, Qatar announced a USD 23.4bn stimulus package which includes the following: -Supreme Committee for crisis management: -Exemption of food and medical goods from customs duties for a period of 6 months, provided that this is reflected in the selling price to consumers -Providing financial and economic incentives of QR 75 billion to the private sector -Delaying instalments for all borrowers for a period of six months -Directing government funds to increase their investments in the stock market by QR 10bn -Hospitality, tourism, retail, small and medium industries and malls are eligible for exemptions to tenants and logistical areas from electricity and water for 6 months in exchange for providing services -Exempting the logistics areas and small and medium sized entities from rent for a period of six months  The Qatari Central Bank (QCB) announced: -Providing additional liquidity to banks operating in the country -Putting in place an appropriate mechanism to encourage banks to defer loan payments (principle + interest) and private sector obligations with a grace period of 6 months -Issued treasury bills for three, six and nine months with a value of QR 600 million	Not specified	Audit regulatory requirements:  Qatar's general tax authority announced the corporate income tax filing deadline for financial years ended 31 Dec 2019 has been extended from 30 April 2020 to 30 June 2020. All QFC firms that are expected not to meet the deadline for filing their tax returns (being 6 months following year end) should ensure that an application for a filing date extension is made via the E-Services portal (https://eservices.qfc.qa/Login/Login.aspx) before the filing due date has passed.  https://twitter.com/MofaQatar_AR  www.qcb.gov.qa/English/News/Pages/3032020.aspx

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## Global COVID-19 Government Response - Romania





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Romania	- Certain outlets have been temporarily closed - e.g. malls and gyms Limited interaction between public authorities / national courts / postal office - Online interaction with authorities promoted (as are payments that can be made online)	the restrictions - e.g. buying food): - People over the age of 65 can travel only between 11AM and 1PM. Exceptions are travelling for agricultural activities or for	<ol> <li>The Romanian State shall provide guarantees covering up to 80% of the principal amounts borrowed in the form of one or more credit(s) for the realization of investments or credit lines for working capital granted by credit institutions.</li> <li>Granting paid leave (75% of salary) to one parent, in the event of suspension or temporary closure of educational units.</li> </ol>	The maximum cumulative value of the financing granted to an SME is to be capped at RON 10 million. For small businesses the state guarantees granted for working capital credit lines can be up to 90%.  26 March 2020:	https://stirioficiale.ro/ir formatii
	- Public meetings of more than 50 people are restricted	professional purposes Every person who enters the country shall be placed in home isolation or quarantine.	3. For the period of suspension of employment, during the state of emergency, unemployment benefit from the unemployment insurance budget of 75% of base salary	Order no. 791/2020 of the Minister of Economy entered into force, with the purpose of regulating the procedure for granting emergency certificates to those	Audit regulatory developments:
	New restrictive measures have been announced by the President. Most importantly, fulltime home quarantine for every Romanian citizen (with exceptions	- All flights by air operators to/from France and Germany are suspended for a period of 14 days.	<ul><li>(capped at 75% of average gross salary).</li><li>4. The deadline for payment of the tax on buildings, land and vehicles, due on March 30, is extended until June 30</li></ul>	businesses whose activity is affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.  Under this order, an applicant may request	CEAOB: Statement includes considering postponing issuance of audit opinion
	including travel to work or to markets in order buy food or pharmaceuticals).	Multiple quarantine measures concerning Suceava county were established: traffic restrictions and no trains.	5. During the state of emergency as well as for a period of 30 days from its termination, interest and late payment penalties for the fiscal obligations due after the date of entry into force	the issuance of a single type of emergency certificate.  The application for the issuance of the CSU	ESMA: Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for
	Preventive isolation measures must be established in the workplace, or in specially dedicated areas in which no outside persons have access, for the	The access to the international airport "Stefan cel Mare" Suceava is	of the GEO are not calculated and due (and will not generate interest and late payment penalties.)  6. The validity of the documents issued by the public		annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs
	personnel who perform essential functions to ensure the production, transport and distribution of electricity and gas etc	and mail flights, humanitarian or providing emergency medical services, etc	authorities that expire during the state of emergency is maintained etc  7. Suspension of all enforcements started by the national	system. In order to obtain the emergency certificate, the applicant must upload several documents to the platform. The necessary documents are listed in the	ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk- based approach concerning publication
	On April 15, 2020, a new presidential decree was issued by which the state of emergency is extended by 30 days	On April 15, 2020, a new presidential decree was issued by which the state of emergency is extended by 30 days	authorities.	Order.	deadline of financial reports. EBA: Published
	throughout the territory of Romania. Public institutions, national companies and companies in which the state or a	throughout the territory of Romania. In the field of transportation, the Government establishes the specific	are legally entitled according to the legal provisions issued for the state of emergency, can ask to be issued with the Emergency Situation Certificate (ESC). There are two types of	tax incentives during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.	guidance on the application of accounting standards in
	territorial-administrative unit is sole or majority shareholder, may adopt, where possible, during the state of emergency, work at home or in teleworking regime, by unilateral act of the employer. Also, the inspections of employers by the territorial labor inspectorates are suspended, with	conditions for providing transport, passenger and freight services, in order to ensure the protection of the population and goods as a priority.	certificates: (i) TYPE 1 certificate (the blue one) – is issued to companies whose activity was affected by total or partial interruption of activity, following decisions issued by the authorities and (ii) TYPE 2 certificate (the yellow one) – is issued to companies whose activity was affected through a decrease with at least of 25% of the cash collections recorded in March 2020 compared with the average of the cash	31 March 2020: The certificate for the emergency situation is no longer necessary for companies to prove that they are affected by the COVID-19, respectively to benefit from the payment of the compensation amounting to 75% of the gross income for the technical	the light of COVID-19.

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# Global COVID-19 Government Response - Romania



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Romania	certain exceptions.	collections recorded in January and February 2020. The company justify the fulfillment of the conditions through an affidavit. A company can request only one certificate.  Announced by the Minister of Public Finance – the suspension (on request) of the payment of credit rates:  - The Beneficiaries of the measure are natural persons, authorized natural persons, and SMEs, whose incomes have been directly or indirectly affected by the situation generated by the COVID-19 pandemic.  - Coverage - loans granted by credit institutions and non-bank financial institutions.  - The period for which the suspension can be requested is from 1 to 9 months, but not beyond 31.12.2020;  - Conditions - the credit agreement had been concluded prior to the issuance of the ordinance, the credit had not reached maturity, the debtor did not record payment arrears on the date of the emergency status and the anticipated maturity was not declared. In addition, SMEs must comply with the provisions of art. XI al. 2) of GEO 30/2020 and not to be insolvent at the date of application.  During the state of emergency, prices of electricity and heat, natural gas, water supply, sanitation and fuel cannot be		https://www.juridice.ro/677347/ordonanta-militara-privind-masuri-de-prevenire-a-raspandirii-covid-19-din-24-martie-2020-text-integral.html  https://stirioficiale.ro/informatii
		increased above the level charged at the date of the issuance of the regulations. The price can only be reduced according to the principles of supply and demand.		
		'On April 15, 2020, a new presidential decree was issued by which the state of emergency is extended by 30 days throughout the territory of Romania. A number of new measures have been adopted regarding different fields. Some of the most important measures are:  - In the economic field, the possibility of the government to adopt measures in order to support the economic operators affected by Covid-19. The state has the possibility of capping the price on medicines, on public utility services, and on food regarded of being of strict necessity.  - In the medical field, for a fixed period of 6 months, medical staff, auxiliary staff, pharmacists, laboratory staff and other	ne g d	

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omania			categories of contract staff or civil servants may be employed without contract.		

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Russia	Currently in force until 30 April:  Non-essential businesses are closed People are recommended to stay in their homes (with some exemptions).  All out-of-state travellers must self-quarantine for 14 days Additionally In Moscow:  all citizens must not leave home with some exceptions  restaurants may only operate their takeaway services  all shopping malls and retail stores will be closed (except for groceries, pharmacies, and TMT outlets)  a social distance of 1.5 m from other people should be maintained.  With effect from 15 April, citizens in Moscow and Moscow region must obtain a QR-code in order to leave home (for work, shopping, etc.).	External measures - Restriction for foreigners and stateless persons from entering Russia from 18 March until 1 May 2020 - Suspension of issuance of entry documents and employment permits for foreigners - Suspension of issuance of visas for foreigners from 18 March (with minor exceptions) - Suspension of all international flights from 27 March 2020 - Closure of all land borders with other countries from 30 March 2020	three months - until year end, the minimum sick leave payment is set at the	- operate in an industry materially hit by COVID-2019 (to be determined by the Government) Micro-enterprises should meet following criteria: revenue for the previous year - below RUB 120 mln, headcount - not more than 15 FTE. Generally subsidiaries of foreign companies can not be treated as SME (with some exemptions). To be qualified as an SME the company should meet following criteria: revenue for the previous year - below RUB 2 bln, headcount - not more than 250 FTE. Generally subsidiaries of foreign companies can not be treated as SME (with some exemptions). Reduction in social insurance contributions	Russian Government of 17 March 2020 http://static.governmet.ru/media/files/vBHd/2RxpULCaUNNTFLVpPS.bMCIA2Zq.pdf  Presidential address to the nation of 25 March

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Russia		Central Bank issues recommendations on restructuring debts of COVID-19 positive borrowers.	The list of industries can be extended.	For issuers of securities - annual (interim)
		7. Green light to online sale of OTC drugs.	4. No condition.	(consolidated) financial statements together
		8. For some essentials, there is a temporary ban for exports.	5. Will not exceed 6 months for certain categories of enterprises	with the audit report shall be published no later than 210 (180)
		<ol> <li>Deadlines for responding to the tax authorities' inquiries, provision of requested clarifications and documents due</li> </ol>	6. No condition.	days from the reporting date;
		between 1 March and 31 May 2020 are postponed for 20 business days (10 days - in case made within in-house tax	7. Applicable to pharmacies holding a pharmaceutical licence and a permit from	Submitting a mandatory copy of financial
		<ul><li>audits of VAT).</li><li>until 31 May 2020, the tax authorities will not be freezing</li></ul>		statements to tax authorities, filing of tax
		operations on corporate bank accounts and electronic transfers <ul><li>applications for joining the tax monitoring regime in 2021 will</li></ul>		reports, paying taxes, fees and advance tax
		be accepted for three more months • no sanctions will be imposed for tax offences under Article		payments deadlines have been extended till
		126 of the Russian Tax Code (failure to provide information for tax control purposes) committed from 1 March to 1 June 2020	the government resolution and does not apply to the provision of humanitarian aid to other countries, as well as to personal	6 May 2020. http://static.governmen
		10. Simplified rules for obtaining deferral/paying in installments for taxpayers operating in industries impacted by	items.	t.ru/media/files/vBHd4Y RxpULCaUNNTFLVpPSZ
		COVID-19 and strategic, systemic, town-forming organisations (selected upon separate decisions of the Russian Government).	The Government named the industries materially affected by the COVID-2019	bMCIA2Zq.pdf
		Deferral/installment scheme will be granted at the taxpayer's request.	outbreak: - air transport, airports, car shipping	http://www.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/
		The period of deferral/installments will depend on the specific sector and financial performance deterioration.	- entertainment - sports	<u>63061</u>
		11. Moratorium for bankruptcy of companies operating in industries affected by COVID-19 and strategic/systemic companies.	<ul> <li>travel agencies and other tourist service providers.</li> <li>hospitality business</li> <li>catering;</li> </ul>	
		12. Wholesale and retail trade of certain medical items	- advanced training and private educational facilities	
		(including masks) is limited - only authorized operators can be engaged in wholesale, retail trade is allowed only by licensed pharmacies, wholesale and retail mark-up is limited.	<ul> <li>conferences and exhibitions businesses</li> <li>consumer services (repair, washing, dry cleaning, hairdressing and beauty salons).</li> </ul>	
		13. Obligatory implementation of 'track and trace' for dairy products has been postponed.	To apply for simplified procedure for tax payment deferral/payment in instalments	

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Russia		14. Certain corporate deadlines for JSC (i.e. publication of consolidated reporting) has been postponed.	one of the following criteria should be met: - total income decrease by more than 10 percent according to the accounting rules	
		15. Deferral of lease payments	- decrease of sales income by more than 10 percent	
		16. No penalties would be accrued for non-payment/late payment for utilities until 1 January 2021 (applicable to residential premises).	- decrease of sales revenue from zero-rated VAT operations by more than 10 percent (provided that sales of zero-rated goods account for 50 percent)	
		17. President announced new measures of support: For SMEs:	- losses reported on 2020 corporate income tax returns with zero losses in 2019	
		<ul> <li>Deferral of insurance contributions would be available to all SMEs in COVID-19 affected industries (not only for microenterprises).</li> </ul>	'15. Property owners are obliged to defer lease payments for tenants in COVID-19 affected industries.	
		<ul> <li>After deferral, tax payments of SME's should be paid in installments.</li> <li>For citizens:</li> </ul>	Deferral should be granted for the period from the date when the region declares the state of high alert/emergency and remains	
		<ul> <li>Everyone who has lost their job will receive additional support.</li> </ul>	in force until 1 October 2020 (even if the state of high alert/emergency is lifted earlier).	
		18. Federal and municipal-level checks of SME suspended	40.71	
		19. Loan holiday for individuals and SMEs – rules are approved.	18. The moratorium will be in force from 1 April to 31 December 2020. Only the checks required to investigate/prevent harm to the public	
		20. Additional measures to support citizens: <ul> <li>Medical personnel working with COVID-19 infected will receive additional payments in April-June 2020 as well as</li> </ul>	health and safety, natural and man-made emergencies will be carried out.	
		additional insurance benefits; - Citizens that cannot return to Russia due to borders closure will receive additional payments; - Tourists will have a chance to return payments to touristic	19. To apply for simplified procedure for tax payment deferral/payment in instalments one of the following criteria should be met:	
		agent for the trip, which was canceled due to borders closure.	- total income decrease by more than 10 percent according to the accounting rules	
		21. Deadlines for tax filings are extended.	<ul> <li>decrease of sales income by more than 10 percent</li> </ul>	
		22. Funds to deal with COVID-19 repercussions will be sourced from the 15-percent tax on dividends and interest payable to conduit companies.	- decrease of sales revenue from zero-rated VAT operations by more than 10 percent (provided that sales of zero-rated goods	

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Russia		23. Simplified procedures for registration of certain medical items and pharmaceuticals.	account for 50 percent) - losses reported on 2020 corporate income tax returns with zero losses in 2019	
		<ul><li>24. Licenses and permissions are prolonged for one year.</li><li>25. SMEs will receive direct subsidies from the Government to</li></ul>	20. The deferral depends on the type of tax.	
		support salary payments	21. The tax rate on dividends and interest	
			payable to residents of "conduit" jurisdictions will be raised to 15 percent.	
			The President assigned amending DTTs with such jurisdictions or terminate them if no consensus can be reached.	
			The proposal to amend DTT has already been sent to the Cypriot, Malta and	
			Luxembourg authorities.	
			22. The amount of monthly payment will be minimum wage multiplied by the number of	
			employees. Condition – SMEs should keep at least 90% of their staff.	
			23. Around 75% of loans will be secured by Vnesheconombank (government	
			corporation). To receive the interest-free loan the company should operate in virus-	
			hit industries.	
			24. The government will subsidize interest expense at the rate of 6%, half of loan	
			would be secured with government subsidies.	
			New list of systemic companies was published – around 640 large companies	
			operating in different industries are included.  It was also announced that the list might be	
			reconsidered to include even more companies.	

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Rwanda	-The authorities suspended places of worship from Sunday 15 March 2020, with prayers to be conducted from home.:  -Schools and higher education institutions (both public and private) were to be closed from Monday 16 March 2020.  -The governement pushed to have employees permitted to work from home wherever possible, in consultation with their employers.  - Rwanda is marking the 26th anniversary of the 1994 genocide under a nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus.  President Paul Kagame said he sympathised with survivors who had to commemorate the event behind closed doors.	Main Government restrictions -The government put in place the below restrictions that came into force on Sunday 22nd March 2020:  -The government prohibited all unnecessary movements outside of home except for essential services.  - Electronic payments and online banking services should be used as opposed to visiting banks and paper money.  -Shops and markets closed except those selling food, medicine and essential items.  -Immediate closure of bars with restaurants and cafes only selling take-away services.  -All borders are closed except for goods and cargo as well as returning Rwandan citizens and legal residents subject to 14 day mandatory quarantine in designated regions.  -All tourism and research activities in Akagera, Nyungwe, Volcanoes and Gishwati-Mukura National Parks have been suspended until further notice as a preventive measure against the transmission of COVID-19.  -The government suspended all passenger flights in and out of the country. The country's airspace was closed to all commercial flights starting from March 19 for 30 days.	The President announced a social protection plan that will support the vulnerable across the country during the lockdown period. This includes food distribution to the most vulnerable.  Rwanda's fight against coronavirus has been boosted with \$109 million credit from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which is expected to help in softening the economic impact of the pandemic.	No specific measure announced	-The US government announced an assistance facility of \$ million to Rwanda to help in the fight of coronavirus.  -Chinese billionaire, Jack Ma, also previous donated to Rwanda 20,000 coronavirus tekits, 100,000 masks and 1,000 medical use protective suits and face shields.  Rwandan cabinet, PSs forfeit April salaries over coronavirus.  The Ministry of Health on Sunday reported or new Covid-19 case, bringing the country's total to 105.  Rwanda's leading bank the Bank of Kigali has announced their contribution fund of over \$296,000 that the institution will be handing over to the Government to overse distribution of cash an supplied to families affected by the Covid-19 crisis.  Useful Link:

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Rwanda					https://www.ktpress.rw /2020/04/covid-19-two- new-cases-push-total- in-rwanda-to-84/

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### Global COVID-19 Government Response - Saudi Arabia





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Saudi Arabia	The Saudi Government has suspended attendance at work of government employees as part of the Kingdom's precautionary measures.  As part of the 24 hour curfew now imposed, all workers are obliged to work from home when possible, except for those the government has deemed as having "vital services"	Suspension of all international flights to and from KSA until further notice as of 12 March  - All domestic flights, as well as trains, buses and taxis are suspended until further notice  - Saudi has a 24 hour curfew in 11 provinces, including Riyadh, Jeddah, And Khobar as of 6 April 2020	SAR 70bn stimulus package as follows:  (1): Authorizing the Minister of Finance to approve lending and other forms of financing as well as exemption from payment of fees and returns on loans granted until the end of 2020, under the Corporate Sustainability Program initiative.  (2): Exemption from expat levy for expired Iqama, by extending Iqamas for a period of three months with no charge.  (3): Enabling employers to refund fees of issued work visas that were not utilised during the ban on entry and exit period (even if visas were stamped on the passport) or extend visas for a period of three months with no charge.  (4): Enabling business owners, for a period of three months, to postpone the payment of value-added tax, excise tax, income tax, and the submission of Zakat declarations and the payment of obligations due therefrom.  (5): Delaying the collection of customs duties on imports for a period of 30 days against the submission of a bank guarantee, for the next three months.  (6): Delaying the payment of some government service fees and municipal fees due on private sector, for a period of three months, and setting the necessary criteria to extend the postponement period (the original 3 months) for the most affected activities as needed.  (7): Allowing deferrals of the payment of some government service fees and municipal fees due on private sector, for a period of three months, and setting the necessary criteria to extend the postponement period (the original 3 months) for the most affected activities as needed.  (8): Forming a committee headed by the Minister of Finance, with each of the following ministries as committee members: Minister of Economy and Planning, the Minister of Finance, with each of the following ministries as committee members: Minister of Economy and Planning, the Minister of Directors and the Governor of the National Development Fund Board of Directors and the Governor of the National Development Fund Board of Directors and the Governor of the National Development Fund for this purpos	(5): Application is through the customs website  SAR 50bn SAMA package: (3): All SMEs whose credit rating is classified as stage 1 as per the guidance of IFRS 9. Banks are encouraged to use the electronic platform "Tamweel" to address the SME loan request (4): Banks and FIs have to disburse funds within 2 weeks of receiving them. Banks	trade funds to disclose

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Saudi Arabia	1		funds and banks and the Saudi Export-Import Bank as needed.		Industrial Cities and
55203			(10): Some budget appropriations will be reviewed and		Technology Zones:
			reallocated to the sectors most in need in the current situation,		<ul> <li>Decreasing collections</li> </ul>
			including allocating additional funds to the health sector as		from industrial factories
			needed.		by 25%
					<ul> <li>Extending the permits</li> </ul>
			SAR 50bn stimulus package as follows:		of industrial factories
			(1): SAMA has decided to cut the Repo rate by 75 basis points		<ul> <li>Exemption for</li> </ul>
			from 1.75% to 1.00 % and the Reverse Reporate by 75 basis		additional dues related
			points from 1.25% to 0.50%.		to permit adjustments
			(2): SAMA has informed the licensed Payment Services		
			Providers (PSPs) in the kingdom, with its decision to raise the		Saudi Industrial
			allowed top-up of the monthly ceiling limit for e-wallets up to		Development Fund:
			SAR 20,000		<ul> <li>Postponing and</li> </ul>
			(3): SAMA has deposited an amount of about SAR 30bn for		restructuring the
			banks and financing companies to delay the payment of the		mortgages of all their
			dues of the financial sector (banks and finance companies)		small-project clients
			from SMEs for a period of six months as of its date.		whose payments
			(4): Providing concessional finance of about SAR 13.2bn for		mature in 2020, and
			SMEs by granting loans from banks and finance companies to		looking into postponing
			the SME sector to support business continuity and sector		and restructuring the
			growth during the current stage in a way that contributes to		mortgages of all their
			supporting economic growth and maintaining employment		medium-sized to big
			levels in these enterprises.		project clients.
			(5): Depositing an amount of SAR6bn for banks and insurance		
			companies to enable insurance entities (banks and insurance		Human resources
			companies) to relieve SMEs from the finance costs of KAFALA		development Fund:
			Program for the purpose of minimizing finance costs for entities		<ul> <li>Initiative to support</li> </ul>
			eligible to utilize from those guarantees during the Fiscal Year		the employment,
			2020 and support finance expansion.		training, and enabling
			(6): Supporting Fees of POS and E-Commerce via supporting		of Saudi nationals with
			payment fees of all stores and entities in the private sector for		a SAR 5.3bn program.
			a period of 3 months with an amount exceeding in total SAR		
			800 million SAMA will pay these fees to payment service		Social Development
			providers participating in the national system.		Bank
			(7): SAMA requires banks to immediately put in place measures		<ul> <li>Initiative to support</li> </ul>
			for borrowers to assist in maintaining employment levels and		start-ups in promising
			provide concessional bridging loans and other facilities – each		sectors with a SAR 8bn
			bank is required to design such a scheme and notify SAMA.		program which
			(8): SAMA requires banks to offer immediate support to all their	•	includes:

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Saudi Arabia		customers who lost their jobs because of the impact of Covid- 19, this should include allowing repayment relief for loans and mortgage repayments at no further costs to the customers.  SAMA requires banks to immediately waive all fees and other charges arising from the use of digital channels for all customers for 6 months  SAMA requires all minimum balance charges for all bank accounts to be waived immediately for 6 months  SAMA requires banks to immediately cease charging customer any fees for at least six months should they want to refinance their existing facilities  SAMA requires all banks to immediately review and reassess credit card interest rates and other charges to all current and future customers given the current low interest rates (for an unspecified period)  SAMA requires banks to immediately refund customers who may need to cancel or have cancelled their travel bookings done on their debit, credit, or prepaid cards. (for an unspecified period)  (9): SAMA expects banks' forward looking information to incorporate the Covid-19 impact on borrowers to be incorporated in their ECL calculations, in addition to the measures taken by SAMA  SAMA expects banks not to treat loans who have been given repayment deferrals by its recent measures to be treated as restructured.		Supporting 6,000 entrepreneurs with a SAR 2bn program - Supporting 1,000 new health-care organisations with a SAR 2bn program  https://mof.gov.sa/en/ MediaCenter/news/Page s/News_20032020.aspx  http://www.sama.gov.s a/en- us/news/pages/news- 514.aspx  http://www.sama.gov.s a/en- us/news/pages/news- 514.aspx
		The Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Minerals has: (1) Extended the deadlines to issue and renew industrial permits, employment support, collection of customs duties, and chemical exemptions for 60 days. (2) Extended the deadlines for issuing and renewing mineral licenses as well as extending deadlines for collections from small miners, quarries of raw materials, and mineral license holders for FY2019, in addition to extending the deadline of currently viable mineral licenses (valid for 180 days or less) – all for 90 days.		
		The Ministry of Commerce has extended the deadline to pay		

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Saudi Arabia	1	for renewals of the commercial register for 3 months.		

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Serbia	The government declared a state of emergency on 15 March 2020.	All border crossings for entry of passengers into the Republic of	State package of economic measures 31 March 2020:	TBC	https://covid19.rs/
		Serbia are closed - in the	A total of nine, with an estimated impact of €5.2 billion.		https://www.srbija.gov.
	Employers should arrange for employees	international road, rail traffic, river	Support does not apply to business entities that reduced the		rs/vest/en/152964/stat
	to work from home. In cases where the	traffic, as well as for entry through	number of employees by more than 10%.		e-sets-aside-51b-to-
	employer cannot arrange work from home,	border crossings for border traffic to	I-III		mitigate-coronavirus-
	he must provide all measures of safety	neighboring countries.	Postponement of payment of tax arrears, with subsequent repayment in installments, not earlier than the beginning of		economic-blow.php
	and health protection at work.	There is a government-issued order	2021:		Audit regulatory
	The Ministry of State Administration and		- Deferment of payment of taxes and contributions to earnings		developments:
	Local Self-Government issued the following	movement. It is prohibited to move	- Deferment of payment of income tax advance in the second		Serbia:
	recommendation regarding state ordinance: "the employer should bear in	in public places and outside the	quarter.		Extensions are likely
	mind that persons with established chronic	household, for:	- Exempt for donors from the obligation to pay VAT		although no formal
	illnesses and persons over 60 years of age	<ul><li>persons 65 years of age and older</li><li>for all persons between 5 PM and 5</li></ul>	IV-VI Refers to:		announcement has
	are particularly at risk and that a parent of	AM. This was extended on 3 April to	- direct minimum wage payments for entrepreneurs, micro,		been made by the government yet.
	a child up to 12 years of age has special	prohibit movement at weekends	small and medium-sized enterprises,		government yet.
	protection. For these employees, it is	between 1 PM on Saturday and 5 AM			https://covid19.rs/
	necessary to enable work from home."	on Monday.	enterprises whose employees are on forced leave, due to		
	The recommendation primarily refers to		reduced business volume or complete shutdown.		https://www.srbija.gov.
	employees of state bodies, public agencies, public services, and local self-	It is forbidden to land at airports and	Direct help:		rs/vest/en/152964/stat e-sets-aside-51b-to-
	government units. This recommendation	take off from the airport for all aircraft carrying passengers in	- flat-rate entrepreneurs, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in the private sector - payment of minimum wage		mitigate-coronavirus-
	should also apply to employers in the	international air traffic.	assistance (during a state of emergency), and		economic-blow.php
	private sector if the activity of the		- for large enterprises, payment of 50% of the minimum wage		<u> </u>
	employer permits it.	It is prohibited to perform:	for laid-off employees.		
	In cases where an organization of work	- public transport of passengers in	VII-VIII		
	from home is not possible, the employer	road transport by bus, except for	The program, valued at €2.2 billion that envisages two		
	must provide measures of protection and	special regular transport, which will be performed by economic entities	measures:  Loans from the Development Fund for maintenance of liquidity		
	health of employees. Also, employer must organize work in shifts to minimize the	solely for the purpose of fulfilling the	and working capital for companies in the segment of		
	number of employees working work tasks of employees; simultaneously in closed space international and domestic rail  The employer should allow one parent with passenger transport,	entrepreneurs, micro, small and medium-sized economic			
		entities, agricultural households			
		Guarantee schemes for support for loans for maintaining			
	a child under 12 to work from home. If the		liquidity and working capital of funds for companies in the		
	work process of the employer is such that	- international and domestic water	segment of entrepreneurs, micro, small and medium-sized economic entities, as well as agricultural holdings.		
	work from home is impossible, it is	transport for passenger transport.	IX		
	necessary to organize shift work. In this case, the work schedule of the employed	9 April 2020:	Payment of direct assistance of €100 to all adult citizens.		
	case, the work schedule of the employed	Government-issued order on			

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Serbia	parent must not match with the work schedule of the other parent with work obligation.	restriction and prohibition of movement extended for between 5 PM on Friday and 5 AM on Monday.	The decision of the National Bank of Serbia on provisional measures to safeguard the stability of the financial system of 17 March 2020:		
	The teaching process in higher education institutions, secondary and elementary schools, as well as regular work of preschool and educational institutions is suspended and distance learning introduced.		<ul> <li>Banks are obliged to offer debtors a standstill on debt repayment (the Moratorium).</li> <li>The Moratorium may not be shorter than 90 days, e.g. the duration of the emergency imposed by the pandemic.</li> <li>Banks may offer other debt relief facilities to debtors.</li> <li>Banks do not calculate default interest on arrears, do not initiate enforcement proceedings as well as the compulsory collection procedure against the debtor, e.g. do not take other legal actions to collect the receivables from the debtor. (Same ordinances were imposed on leasing providers)</li> </ul>		
		Tax: - Taxpayers will not be subject to penalties during a state of emergency During the state of emergency, the Tax Administration will not terminate the decision on the postponement of payment of the tax due and carry out the forced collection procedure, whereby interest is not accrued during the specified period For the amount of more or less tax paid and incidental payments, besides primary interest, interest shall be calculated and paid at a rate equal to the annual reference rate of the National Bank of Serbia.			

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Slovenia	Physical attendance at work is not restricted, nevertheless work from home	Internal: - Individuals should stay at home in	The Government adopted the following support measures: - Banks (including foreign branches) shall grant a deferral for	Loan repayment deferral: legal entities whose business operations have been	Audit regulatory developments:
	(where possible) is strongly recommended	self-isolation and travel only for	loan repayments for 12 months to all legal entities and natural	negatively affected by the virus outbreak	developments.
	by the Government.	essential matters (e.g. groceries,	persons who apply for and qualify (the deferral has to be	(and related Government measures) can	EU:
	3	medicinal products). Commuting by	approved to all which are banned from doing business by	apply directly to the bank, where in the	The general guidance
	Other measures / restrictions:	car is allowed, but self-isolation	recent regulations). According to the Act, the following are	application they need to prove that the	from ESMA is for issuers
	- any kind of public gathering / socialising	guidance has to be followed.	considered as borrowers: companies based in Slovenia,	decline in business was due to the	to provide transparency
	is prohibited.	- Public passenger bus and railway	cooperatives, sole proprietors, self-employed persons and	outbreak. Legal entities whose business	on impact of COVID-19.
	- the majority of public institutions are	transport is suspended	agricultural holders.	operations are banned by the applied	The timing of filings is
	closed (libraries, museums, cinemas,	- From 18 April, some outdoor sports activities will be allowed within the	- Intervention act was passed which helps employers cover part of the costs incurred by employers as a result of reduced	Government measures qualify for the deferral automatically.	under local regulators' authority. CEAOB also
	galleries, etc.)	municipality and it will be permitted	business volume. The employer may order employees to	deferral automatically.	issued guidance
	- public passenger bus and railway	to travel to privately owned second	temporarily lay-off due to a temporary inability to provide work	Extended deadlines for submission of tax	highlighting importance
	transport, including transport with cable	homes or other private land in	or a business reason on the employer's side (in the absence of		for the perform
	cars and funicular, was suspended on 16		orders, materials, work resources, etc.). The Intervention Act	entities / sole proprietors.	
	March	and seasonal works.	stipulates that in such cases employers' salary costs will be co-		Slovenia: Capital
	- the provision and sale of goods and	F	financed at 40% by the state. The Act includes the self-	Compensation for self-employed: for an	markets regulator sent
	services directly to consumers in the	External: - Entry to Slovenia from	employed, whereas their social contribution payments for April,	individual to receive the compensation, one will have to prove the reduction in revenues	
	territory of the Republic of Slovenia was	3	May and June can be deferred for two years.  - The liquidity problems of companies will be additionally	of at least 25% in March and 50% in April	ESMA).
	temporarily banned on 16 March. These	possible on limited entry points	addressed through SID Bank (The Slovenian Export and	and May in comparison to February 2020.	ESWA).
	include accommodation, catering, wellness, sports and recreational,	whereas border control proceeds as	Development Bank), in the form of new completed measures		https://www.gov.si/en/t
	cinematographic, cultural, hairdressing,	usual and no special restrictions	totaling approximately EUR 200 million and under the existing	For other measures, no detailed conditions	opics/coronavirus-
	cosmetics and pedicure services, including	apply.	EUR 600 million for indirect business financing through banks.	are defined apart from that the company /	disease-covid-19/
	gaming and other similar activities	- Entry into the county from Italy or	Together with the Slovenian Enterprise Fund, the Ministry of	person applying for the support is	
	- As of Monday, 16 March, all education	Austria is possible only on limited	the Economy has prepared additional measures for micro,	negatively effected by the outbreak.	
	institutions in Slovenia are closed with the	points. There, the entry is permitted only to Slovene citizens, foreigners	small and medium-sized enterprises in the total indicative amount of EUR 115 million. These funds are available on the		
	exception of facilities working with	with residency in Slovenia and	market from March 20.		
	adolescents with emotional and	foreigners with written statement /	market nom waren 20.		
	behavioural disorders	they also measure temperature at	Additional taxation related measures:		
	- Organised group child care is prohibited.	certain border crossings.	- Tax returns deadlines and submission of annual reports are		
		- Passenger air traffic in Slovenia is	extended from 31 March 2020 to 31 May 2020;		
	All grocery stores need to be open Monday	currently banned: regular air traffic	<ul> <li>It will be possible to defer tax for up to two years, or to pay</li> </ul>		
	- Saturday from 8:00 - 18:00	operations in European Union	tax in a maximum of 24 monthly installments over a period of		
	(certain/main stores exceptionally up to	from/to Slovenia are temporarily suspended; International air traffic	24 months, due to the loss of ability to generate revenue as a result of the COVID-19;		
	20:00 or 21:00) and closed on Sundays.	from/to countries outside EU, is	No interest shall be charged for the deferred amount of tax		
	Only vulnerable groups (people with disabilities, seniors, pregnant women) can	·	or unpaid taxes (including default interest) as per above.		
	now shop between 8:00 - 10:00 in the	ban doesn't apply to cargo traffic,	,		

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ovenia	morning and in the last hours of grocery stores. Garden departments in stores are now open. Vegetable and fruit markets are also open.  The National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ) has issued guidance (4 April 2020) for Slovenian and foreign citizens returning to Slovenia from abroad. The instruction does not apply to working (daily) migrants and persons transporting goods in or in transit to the Republic of Slovenia and persons traveling across the Republic of Slovenia to another country on the same day. The instruction applies to workers crossing the border for seasonal work. The guidance applies to road and rail border crossings as well as to the airport and port. Upon entry to Slovenia at the border crossing point and checkpoints quarantine has been ordered for healthy persons due to possible coronavirus infection upon their return from abroad, and isolation for persons with signs of coronavirus infection.  Some (production) companies have come back into operation. Employees should wear gloves and masks. When they arrive to work they measure their temperature.	healthcare purposes Slovene citizens abroad are encouraged to return to Slovenia as soon as possible.	- For the time of epidemic duration, basic salaries of public office holders / administrative functions are decreased by 30%.		

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	21-day whole country lockdown. For the duration of the lockdown (commencing at 23h59 on Thursday 26 March 2020 and expiring at the end of April 2020), every person is confined to their place of residence unless strictly for the purpose of performing an essential service, obtaining an essential good or service, collecting a social grant, or seeking emergency, lifesaving or chronic medical attention. The list of essential industries has been revised as of 17 April and includes mining.	airport temporarily suspended.  Shared custody - children can move between households provided the necessary court orders and parental	<ul> <li>Exploring the temporary reduction of employer and employee contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund and employer contributions to the Skill Development Fund.</li> </ul>	SMME debt relief scheme https://www.gov.za/Coronavirus/support-business.  Small Business Support https://www.gov.za/Coronavirus/support-business#growth  Tax support outline https://www.gov.za/Coronavirus/support-business#growth  Benefits are available to all employees who are, along with their employers, contributors to the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) where the employer has closed its operations, or part of its operations, as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and where an employee has suffered, or will suffer, a loss of earnings. The amount of the benefit will be based on a sliding scale amounting to 38% to 60% of earnings up to a set threshold.  South African citizens who have been actively farming for a minimum of 12 months and currently in the production season or cycle. Be registered on farmer register, commodity database or provincial database [Those who are not on the Farmer Register will be registered to benefit]. Communal farmers. Smallholder farmers	Audit regulatory developments: South Africa: Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA): Published guidance on the implications of the COVID-19 outbreak on audits, audit firms and regulatory requirements, Provisions cover the period 27 March 2020 to 16 April 2020. Published guidance for accountants and auditors wanting their services to be designated as essential. Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE): JSE announced that issuers with year-ends of 31 December 2019 – 31 March 2020 will receive temporary relief of two months within which to complete their year-end financial reporting

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South Africa		has been agreed between government, business and labour. The notices based on the agreement have been signed by Employment and Labour Minister Thulas Nxesi and await imminent gazetting.  The Department of Agriculture has ring-fenced R1.2 billion for assistance to mainly target financially distressed small-scale farmers. Of the R1.2 billion, R400 million has been allocated for farmers within the Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy (PLAS) programme and the remainder will be channelled towards all other farmers		https://www.gov.za/Coonavirus/support-business  https://www.gov.za/Coonavirus/support-business#growth  https://www.gov.za/Coonavirus/support-business#tax

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Spain	The state of emergency, with all physical restrictions mentioned below, is extended until 26 April.	Internal -Public transport capacity reduced by 70% except for transports used for commute to work in main cities which will keep higher frequency to	The government explained that the list of measures to be adopted can be categorised in three blocks: i) measures to support companies, self-employed workers, employees and families; ii) measures to regulate temporary lay-off of staff;	The following measures were published: Temporary lay-offs in Spain to be considered force majeure and workers to be able to collect unemployment benefits even if they have not met the prior contribution	
	Commuting to work is permitted; however, working from home is highly recommended.	avoid agglomerations; - Private transport companies have reduced capacity by at least 70%;	iii) measures to regulate temporary lay-on or stair, iii) measures to guarantee liquidity to companies and employers.	requirements.  In case of temporary lay-offs a 75%	deficit rules.  According to financial
	Other restrictions include:	- Commuting by private car is not permitted, with certain exemptions	Measures already implemented by the Government include the	discount to social security contributions will be in place (100% in companies with less	entities, due to the high
	- self-isolation at home:	as required.	following: - tax breaks (not clear if applied to all companies or only to	than 50 employees).	level of demand, the second tranche of 20bn
	- closure of all universities, schools, and		self-employed workers);	"All passessory limitality" to be offered to	of credits is also
	kindergartens;	External	<ul> <li>reimbursements of sick-pay related to coronavirus illness from the first day of illness;</li> </ul>	"All necessary liquidity" to be offered to Spanish companies through 100bn euros in	expected to be covered in the first hours as
	- closure of all shops and other businesses which are not related to primary needs (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, petrol	- Land borders with France and Portugal are operating to control	- suspension of any administrative period.	guarantees. First package of guarantees and loans for SMEs and self-employed	happened with the first tranche.
	stations and banks).	commuting between countries Canary Islands close airports to any	Regional governments are preparing regional-specific measures in addition to central government ones. More	workers amounting to 20bn was approved and main conditions for borrowers and	Audit regulatory
	- closure of beaches and public spaces.	international flight.	information to follow, but in general, this could include regional	lenders to use it have been published.	developments:
	- closure of all hotels and other tourist accommodation to limit tourism, except for	<ul> <li>No entry into the country, except for residents and workers.</li> </ul>	tax reliefs.	Second package of guarantees and loans for SMEs and self-employed workers	EU:
	accommodation of Covid workers or patients.	<ul><li>No flights permitted from Italy to Spain.</li><li>No cruise ships can dock at Spanish</li></ul>	Families in a precarious position will be able to apply for a moratorium in the first residence rental payment (for a maximum of 4 months) if their home is owned by a fund or a	amounting to 20bn was approved with the same conditions for borrowers and lenders.	ESMA: Recommendations for Financial Market
	As part of the self-isolation guidance, commuting to work is permitted only for essential businesses (mainly primary	ports.	company or in the mortgage repayment. Evictions are prohibited until 6 months after the start of the state of alarm.	Public contracts would be revisited mainly around duration and compensation terms for balancing purposes.	Participants: Business Continuity Planning; Market disclosure;
	sector, healthcare). Non essential businesses where working from home is not possible will provide 15 days		Contributions to pension plans could be recovered with no tax impact by people affected by temporary lay-offs or self-employed workers.	Due to the significant impact on the stock exchange, the acquisition of strategic	Financial Reporting; Fund Management. Guidance on financial
	remunerated leave to employees that need to recover from coronavirus.		In special and justified cases, social security contributions could be delayed by employers.	companies by foreign entities (i.e. non-EU) would not be permitted. Short selling of securities banned until mid-April.	reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (1
			In an effort to guarantee the agricultural labour force required to meet current needs, the government has stated that people	SMEs and self-employed could delay April taxes presentation until late May. Deferral	month for half-year reports). In
			currently receiving unemployment benefits and opting to work in the agricultural sector will continue to receive unemployment benefits.	of any tax payments or contributions has no specific measures and normal conditions are in place for big companies.	coordination with NCAs, ESMA encouraged to generally apply a risk- based approach

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Spain		No specific mea payments and of conditions apply The Government dismissal or em current situation	No specific measures around deferral of tax payments and contributions (normal conditions apply).  The Government has prohibited any dismissal or employees related to the current situation, recommending temporary lay-offs instead.	deadline of financial reports. Accounting implications on the calculation of expecte credit losses in	
					Spain: CNMV: Relaxed deadlines for govern bodies of Listed Publ Limited Liability Companies for publishing and sendi their annual financia reports to the CNMV and for issuance of a auditor's report on

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Spain					listed companies' financial statements. All formal deadlines suspended for all public and private entities. When the "State of Alarm" resolves, companies and auditors will likely have 2-3 months to complete audits and issue financial statements.
					Deadlines for holding AGMs more flexible and remote attendance permitted (by electronic means), as well as remote voting by shareholders. CNMV invites shareholders to attend general meetings by proxy rather than in person. Link
					Instituto de Censores Jurados de Cuentas de Espana: Issued a statement in relation to Royal Decree-Law 8/2020, considered highly relevant to audit and insolvency manage work at the present time.
					Securities and Futures Committee (SFC): SFC will consider

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Spain					applications from companies and auditor for 45-day extensions to reporting deadlines.
					https://boe.es/

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### Additional

#### Sweden



- Working from home is strongly encouraged but not enforced, especially for the people living in Stockholm.
- All higher education (Gymnasiums, Colleges and Universities) are closed from 18 March until further notice.
- Per March 19 the parliament has passed a new law giving the government the right to close all pre-schools, schools and leisure homes at a national and regional level. The law comes into force on March 21. with first possible closure of effective 23 March (not yet communicated).
- All non-essential travel to Sweden has been halted and unnecessary travel worldwide has been advised against, as of March 14;
- Swedish citizens can still cross the border and there are currently no
- multiple departures have been cancelled.
- In line with remaining European countries, Sweden has closed its border to non-european citizens.
- (1) Per March 16, new regulations for short-term layoffs were introduced. The intention is to assist companies in retaining their staff by providing financial support to companies in case they have to reduce number of working hours and activity. Amendments were proposed on 14 April to strengthen these regulations;
- restrictions on travel within Sweden; (2) Per March 13, reimbursements are available for the first - Public transport is still running, but day of sick leave from the state. In addition, the state proposed to temporarily cover the full cost of sick pay in April and May, easing the financial burden on employers;
  - (3) Starting April 7, companies can apply for three months of tax deferrals. The deferrals can be applied for and refunded retroactively for the reporting period starting 1 of January, for from 1 May). At the same time, the a maximum of 12 months.
  - (4) The Swedish state offers credit guarantees totaling SEK 5bn to the airlines industry, of which SEK 1.5bn is allocated to SAS AB.
  - (5) To secure the credit supply, the central bank of Sweden ("Riksbanken") will lend up to SEK 500bn to companies through the banks. In addition, the countercyclical capital buffer required to be held by banks will be reduced to zero.
  - (6) The Riksbank will offer loans in US dollars against collateral. The framework amount is USD 60 billion for the period 19 March 2020 up to and including 18 September 2020. An initial auction of USD 10 billion will take place week commencing 23 March 2020.
  - (7) The Riksbank will remove limit rules for covered bonds. This is to enable counterparties to use significantly more covered bonds for credit at the Riksbank and help improve functionality on the market for covered bonds.
  - (8) The Riksbank will extend its purchase of securities during the year by up to SEK 300 billion. The purchases will, if necessary, include government and municipal bonds, covered bonds and securities issued by non-financial corporations. (9) Per March 20 the government annouced a number of measures to facilitate Swedish companies, especially SMEs. Almi Företagspartner receives SEK 3 billion to increase its lending to SMEs. The Swedish Export Credit loan framework is Reserve have agreed on a swap facility of

government-supported and commercial credit to Swedish

(1) The amounts to be funded by the state varies depending on the industry. There is a general cap of SEK 44,000 per employee and month to be subsidised by the state, although amounts are individually negotiated by trade unions. There are three infrastructure related to fixed levels for working hours reduction: 20, 40 or 60 percent (to be amended from 1 May to be up to 80%). An employee with a monthly salary of SEK 32,700 who reduces working hours to 40 percent may retain 92.5 percent of total salary (90% employer's costs are reduced to 47.5 per cent (from 1 May to be reduced by up to 86%), from SEK 43,000 for salaries and employer contributions, to SEK 20,425. The demand for journalistic state is responsible for the remaining part

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support

of the cost.

- (3) Deferrals are granted on a case by case government proposes basis, and will not be allowed to companies with larger tax liabilities. The support is subject to market interest rates. An interest rate of 1.25% is proposed and a monthly deferral fee of 0.3%. The fee must be paid when the deferral ends. The cost of nursing homes are the government liquidity contribution corresponds to an effective interest rate of 6.6%, since the interest cost is not tax deductible.
- (4) To make the funding support attractive to the banks, the capital support from the central bank will be granted at a variable interest rates equivalent to the Riksbank's repo rate, at present 0 percent, with a maturity of 2 years.
- (6) The Riksbank and the US Federal increased from SEK 125 to 200 billion and can be used for both USD 60 billion (mutual currency arrangement). As a result, the Riksbank is

- information - Per April 7, the
- government proposes to fund certain air routes within Sweden. in order to secure critical transportation of people and goods. -Per April 3, the government proposes to allocate SEK 200m to media institutions, to support businesses suffering from decreasing advertising revenues while the coverage has increased. - Per April 2, the
- citizens abroad. - Per 1 April, visits to banned. Exemptions may be granted under special circumstances and if the risk of spreading the virus is limited.

to allocate SEK 100m to

strengthen the consular

assistance to Swedish

- Per 1 April, pharmacies are restricted to supply pharmaceuticals to cover a total of three months of each patient's requirement, in order to counteract

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Sweden		export companies. The Swedish Export Credit Commission receives extended credit guarantees totaling SEK 500 billion. A new guarantee for faster and more secure payment to Swedish export companies is also introduced, and is applicable for small, medium-sized and larger export companies, as well as their subcontractors.  (10) On 25 March, the government proposed loan guarantees totaling SEK 100bn during the period 1 April to 30 June, which primarily targets SMEs of SEK 75m per company. Exemptions may be granted to the general limit size of SEK 75m per company, up to a maximum of SEK 250m per company if special reasons exist. The state will guarantee 70 percent of new loans to the banks, which in turn will issue the guaranteed loans to the companies with a deferred interest rate for the next 12 months. The guarantees are given for loans with a maturity of up to three years and with no mandatory amortization for a minimum of 12 months. A guarantee fee is to be paid by the banks to the state annually in advance, and is determined by the respective borrowers' risk rating.  (11) During the period of 1 March to 30 April, a temporal reduction of employer fees and deductibles is proposed, targeting SMEs and self-employed persons. For small and medium sized companies, the tax relief will apply to a maximum of SEK 25,000 of the salary per month and employee, and up to 30 employees. The proposal entails that solely pension contribution is to be paid, resulting in a tax relief of up to SEK 5,300 per employee and month. For self employed persons, the proposal entails that no fees other than the pension contribution, two-thirds of other fees (Swe: egenavgifter) and the general salary fee (Swe: allmänna löneavgiften) is to be paid during 2020. The government propposes that this will enter into force on 6 April.  (12) On March 25 the government proposed further support for effected sectors including retail, restaurants and hotels, and entails that the landlords will be able to apply for compensation retroactively for lowering th	the Riksbank and the Federal Reserve will be in place for at least six months.  (7) The permitted share of covered bonds of a counterparty's total collateral volume when borrowing from the Riksbank will increase from 80% to 100%. The permitted collateral value for covered bonds issued by an individual issuer, or group of individual issuers, will be raised from 50% to 100%, and that the Riksbank will accept covered bonds issued by the counterparty, or institution with close links to the counterparty, as collateral for credit at the Riksbank.  (10) The guarantees may amount to a maximum of 25 percent of FY19 sales, alternatively to two times salary costs in FY19. Guarantees for companies established 1 January 2019 or later, may not exceed the estimated salary costs for the coming two years. Exemptions to the size of the guarantees may be granted to cover the liquidity needs for the coming 18	

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Sweden			(13) On March 25, the government proposes a tax reduction targeting primarily self-employed persons and smaller businesses, allowing businesses to allocate 100% of FY19 profits to the tax allocation reserve (up to a maximum of SEK 1 million), postponing tax payments for a maximum of six years (in line with current regulation). In addition, the targeted businesses can apply for deferred payment of VAT due 12 May. (14) On March 26, the government proposed to facilitate receiving unemployment compensation, targeting primarily		good resilience to credi losses and capacity to maintain credit supply Per March 24, The Public Health Authority announced further measures to encourage social distancing by exclusively allowing
			self-employed persons. According to current regulations, a self-employed person is considered unemployed once the operations of the company have been ceased temporarily and is entitled unemployment compensation if the company has been registered for company tax (Swe: F-skatt) during the last five years. The proposal aims to ease the five-year rule by extending the opportunity to receive unemployment compensation for all self-employed persons where operations		table service at restaurants, cafes and bars As a consequence to the ban of larger public gatherings, the government proposes a temporary law to
			are ceased during 2020.  (15) Per 30 March, the government proposes to allocate SEK 2.6bn to different labor market initiatives to reduce the pace of the rising unemployment rate. The allocated resources aim to prevent unemployment by subsidizing the creation of job opportunities, labor market policy programs and extending the period of current introductory jobs.		enable annual general meetings being held. The law includes the option of participation through representative and postal voting, which will allow the number of
			(16) Per 30 March, the government proposes several measures to the current design of the system for unemployment benefits with the intention of raising the compensation amount and making more people eligible for compensation. The measures are temporary, and apply to the period 30 March 2020 to 3 January 2021. (17) Per 30 March, the government proposes to allocate		shareholders that personally attend the meetings to be kept down, while still giving the shareholders as much influence as possible. The law is
			approximately SEK 2bn to education providers and institutions to assist in enrolling more students, conducting distance classes and providing more opportunities to increase the pace of study.  (18) Per 30 March, the government proposes to temporary repeal the Student Aid Act, in order to allow, primarily health care students, to support the health care sector. The Student Aid Act regulates how much students can earn before the student grants and loans are reduced.		proposed to enter into force 15 April and expire at the end of 2020.  - As of March 13, the requirement for medica certificates during the sick pay period is cancelled.

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Sweden			(19) Per 2 April, the government proposes to allocate SEK 20bn to municipalities during 2020. The allocated resources primarily aim to compensate for extraordinarily costs for health care providers, public transport and schools, and secured future jobs within these critical sectors.		- Public gatherings with more than 50 people have been banned (starting 29 March) Certain banks offer amortization-free periods to both private and corporate customers, and has been encouraged by the Financial Supervisory Authority The Swedish Transport Agency has decided on temporary exceptions for driving and rest times, for companies within the transport industry. The decision applies to those active in the bus and freight services Minister of culture and sport announces a crisic package to culture (SEI 0.5bn) and sports (SEK 0.5bn).
					Audit regulatory developments:
					EU: ESMA - Guidance on financial reporting deadlines includes postponing deadline for annual reports for 2 months (1 month for half-year reports). In coordination with NCAs ESMA encouraged to

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Sweden					generally apply a risk- based approach concerning publicatior deadline of financial reports
					Sweden: Nasdaq Stockholm OMX also announced that the issuers should inform Nasdaq Stockholm company oversite function if they plan to issue financial reports later than normal rule For issuers listed on First North other sets rules will apply: the financial report needs be issued at the lates within 7 months after yearend closing and interim reports for Q2 with reporting period ending 31 December 2019 or later but befor 1 April 2020 needs to be issued within 3 months after the reporting period end.
					https://www.governn nt.se/government- policy/the- governments-work-in response-to-the-virus responsible-for-covid-

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### Global COVID-19 Government Response - Switzerland





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**Switzerland** The Federal Council has categorised the situation in Switzerland as "extraordinary" under the terms of the Epidemics Act and is calling on the public to "act responsibly": Stay at home. People should only leave home if absolutely necessary (e.g. purchasing groceries). On 20 March, the Federal Council further tightened its measures and banned gatherings of more than five people in public spaces. If five or fewer people meet, they must maintain a distance of 2 metres from one another in place will be fined.

> The Swiss government is working with telecom providers in order to control the situation. The Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner FDPIC stated officially on 3 April that data processing by Swisscom and the telecom providers transfer of anonymous data to the Federal Office of Public Health FOPH conforms with data protection laws.

> On 13 March, all classroom teaching was banned at schools, universities and other training institutions. Furthermore, on 16 March all establishments open to the public were closed, with the exception of some essential establishments including banks, food stores, pharmacies, etc. These establishments must follow the rules on hygiene and how to behave around others (e.g. limited number of people).

> These arrangements will apply until 19 April 2020. At its meeting on 8 April the Federal Council decided to extend the measures by one week, to 26 April, and to gradually relax them in end of April. It is advised that people at high risk

People from high-risk countries and areas will be refused entry into for example for people who live or work in Switzerland. The Federal Department of Home Affairs FDHA high-risk countries or areas as "a country or area that has imposed extraordinary measures to prevent and combat the new coronavirus". At For companies: this time, on March 23, Italy, all non-Schenngen states are designated high-risk countries. This arrangement will apply for a maximum of 6 months. Since 26 March, The Federal Council have further tightened their entry restrictions, refusing entry to all

flights from all the other Schengen

states, with the exception of

Liechtenstein. The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs states that approximately 17,000 Swiss travellers currently abroad are registered in the "Travel Admin" application and many of them are unable to return to Switzerland due to restrictions introduced to combat the coronavirus. The FDFA has advised any Swiss national abroad that has not yet downloaded the application to download the application and complete registration to better help the FDFA to make special arrangements to bring them home. within Switzerland, they have to

On March 20, the Federal Council adopted a comprehensive package of CHF 32 billion to mitigate the economic Switzerland. Exceptions are possible, consequences of the spread of the coronavirus. With the measures already decided on March 13, more than 40 billion Swiss francs should be available. These measures, which are aimed at different target groups, are aimed at avoiding defines countries or areas designated redundancies and thereby safeguarding jobs, guaranteeing wages and supporting the self-employed. These measures must be abandoned when the recovery begins. On March 20, the following measures were adopted:

A package of additional measures has been adopted to Anyone not complying with the restrictions Germany, Austria, France, Spain and prevent otherwise solvent companies from finding themselves in difficulty:

- 1. At its extraordinary meeting on March 25, the Federal Council addressed the issue of liquidity support for SMEs. SMEs will be able to access loans quickly in order to alleviate the liquidity problems associated with the coronavirus. SMEs will be able to apply for loans from their main bank and will be Conditions for compensation for quaranteed by the Confederation. The corresponding ordinance individuals: has entered into force today, March 26, from which date credit As decided on 20 March, an indemnity is applications can be made. At its meeting on April 3, the Federal Council decided to increase the guarantee programme for transitional credits COVID-19. In view of the strong demand, it proposes to Parliament to increase the existing commitment credit of CHF 20 billion to a total of CHF 40 billion. regulations also apply to independent The companies concerned will be able to apply for loans of up to 10% of their annual turnover, up to a maximum amount of CHF 20 million::
- (a) Demands up to CHF 500,000: They will be 100% guaranteed by the Confederation and will carry a zero interest
- (b) Demands in excess of CHF 500,000: They will be 85% guaranteed by the Confederation and the creditor bank will participate in the loan at a rate of 15%. Since these loans may The examination of claims and payment of amount to as much as CHF 20 million per company, they will require further scrutiny by the banks. The interest rate for these credits is currently 0.5% on loans guaranteed by the If people have to use public transport Confederation. Companies with a turnover of more than CHF 500 million will not benefit from this programme.

#### support Request for compensation for

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Reduction in Working Hours (RWH) a) Measures of the authorities: RWH compensates for job losses due to measures taken by the authorities (e.g. blocking access to cities) or other circumstances beyond the control of the employer. This principle applies, provided that the employer cannot avoid loss of work in a targeted manner. by appropriate and economically bearable measures or make a third party respond to the damage.

b) Economic reasons: RWH provides compensation for unavoidable job losses due to economic reasons. The latter include safeguard jobs, secure both cyclical and structural causes leading to a fall in demand or turnover, for example employed and prevent the fear of contamination.

provided in the following cases: school closings; quarantine ordered by a doctor; closure of an independently managed establishment open to the public. The artists who have suffered a loss of earnings because their engagement has been cancelled due to measures to combat coronavirus or because they had to cancel an event organized on their own. This also applies to parents who have to care for their children and who cannot continue working at the same amount.

the benefit will be carried out by the AVS compensation funds.

#### Criteria for compensation for loss of earnings for workers

### information

On April 1, the Federal Council reaffirmed the strategy adopted to date and decided to examine rapidly whether support measures should be extended or expanded By continuing and improving the current strategy in a targeted manner, the Federal Council intends to wages, relieve the selfcompanies with liquidity problems from becoming insolvent.

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Switzerland	allowing all employees to not use public transport at peak times and allowing their employees to work flexible hours and from home if possible.  A failure to adhere to the enacted bans is punishable by a custodial sentence of up to three years or by a fine.  On 27 March, it was decided that if the epidemiological situation of a canton	each other. Public transport companies should therefore maintain basic national and regional services. Transport for tourism and leisure will be restricted or cancelled on request of the individual transport companies.  Since March 26, this tightening of entry conditions has also applied to flights from all other Schengen states, with the exception of Liechtenstein. Switzerland now	the event of a significant fall in the wage bill. These measures also apply to self-employed persons whose turnover has fallen. 3. Possibility to postpone deadlines for payment of federal direct tax, value added tax and other taxes, incentive levies and customs duties without interest on arrears. 4. Liquidity reserve for tax purposes and for suppliers to the Confederation: companies will be able to extend payment deadlines without interest on arrears. The interest rate will be reduced to 0.0% for VAT, certain customs duties, special	As decided on 20 March, and amended on 25 March, an indemnity is provided in the following cases: - Parents of children under the age of 12 who have to interrupt their gainful activity because the care of their children by third parties is no longer provided Persons in quarantine who have to interrupt their gainful activity Self-employed persons who suffer a loss of income due to the cessation of their activity ordered by the Federal Council or the ban on demonstrations Self-employed artists whose engagements have been cancelled or who have had to	
	implies a risk for public health, the Federal Council can authorise this canton to order, for a limited period, the restriction or the cessation of the activities in whole branches of the economy. Companies that credibly respect social isolation and hygiene measures can continue their activities.	same entry controls. Swiss and Liechtenstein nationals, holders of a residence permit for Switzerland, persons who have to come to Switzerland for work reasons and persons in situations of absolute necessity remain authorised to enter Switzerland. Transit traffic and goods	31 December 2020; no default interest will be charged during this period. An identical regulation applies for direct federal tax from March 1 to December 31, 2020.  5. At its meeting on 16 April, it adopted an order providing SMEs for a transitional derogation from the obligation to notify the judge in the event of over-indebtedness, which would generally lead to immediate bankruptcy, and introducing a COVID-19 deferment of limited duration, which SMEs in	cancel their own events.  Company loans: Loan applications can be submitted via the official website page: https://covid19.easygov.swiss/fr/.  The credit application will be available on the website "covid19.easygov.swiss".	
	From April 27 the Federal Council will begin to ease the measures put in place. They have implemented a three-stage strategy with the following dates and measures:	As decided on 1 April, the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) may order and execute the closure of small secondary land border crossings to the movement of	particular will be able to apply for unbureaucratically. These provisions enter into force on 20 April. <b>Unemployment benefits:</b> As aligned on 13 March, for unemployment benefits, up to 8 billion francs can be drawn from the unemployment insurance fund. The waiting period for short-time demands is reduced to one day, from now until 30	concerned reaches saturation, even after	
	1. First phase (April 27): Measures regarding the inpatient medical sector will be eased, meaning that hospitals will again be free to carry out all types of procedure. Outpatient medical practices will also be allowed to resume normal operation and carry out all medical procedures, including non-urgent procedures. This covers dental, physiotherapy and medical massage practices, and should prevent the negative	persons if and as long as the situation so requires. It immediately notifies the respective parties of the closures ordered. It designates the closed border crossings as such and publishes the current list of open land border crossings on its website.	September. These benefits have now been extended for people who work for a limited period of time or on a temporary basis, at people in position similar to that of an employer and at people who are doing an apprenticeships. The unemployment benefits have now been amended to make the process easier and more practical for the unemployed, for example reducing the time and process of the procedure for signing up for the benefits as well as prolonging the deadlines  - Compensation for loss of earnings for employees Parents who have to interrupt their professional activity to take	cantons; 2. In all likelihood, the branches concerned are not able to implement the preventive measures; 3. After having been consulted, the social partners approve the measures provided for; 4. The supply of the population with	

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Switzerland	consequences that could arise as a result of people foregoing treatments and examinations. Businesses offering personal services involving physical contact may also reopen (e.g. hairdressing salons, massage practices, tattoo and cosmetic studios). Florists, DIY stores and garden centres may also open again, as can unstaffed public facilities such as car washes. Lastly, the restriction whereby funerals may only be attended by close family will also be lifted.  2. Second phase (May 11): It is planned that schools for children of compulsoryschool age, shops and markets will reopen. The Federal Council will decide on whether to proceed with phase two on 29 April. In phase three, set to commence on 8 June,  3. Third phase (June 8): Upper secondary schools, vocational schools and higher education institutions will be allowed to resume face-to-face teaching. At the same time, entertainment and leisure establishments such as museums, libraries, botanical gardens and zoos may reopen, and restrictions on gatherings could be relaxed. The Federal Council will take a decision regarding the details of this phase on 27 May.	care of their children and in the event of interruption of professional activity due to quarantine ordered by a doctor, some measures have been implemented. Compensation will be paid on the basis of the system of loss of earnings allowances (loss of earnings allowances for service and maternity) and paid in the form of daily allowances. These correspond to 80% of salary and are capped at CHF 196 per day. The number of daily allowances is limited to 10 for persons in quarantine.  Reduction in Working Hours (RWH) Furthermore, the Federal Council have decided to offer a compensation for a Reduction in Working Hours (RWH). This means that there is a temporary reduction in contractual working time ordered by the employer in agreement with the workers concerned, but the contractual relationship subject to labour law is maintained. The right to compensation for reduced working hours (RHT) also applies to temporary workers whose working pensum varied for more than 20%. In addition, income from temporary employment during reduced working time will no longer be taken into account in the calculation of the HRS, in order to create a financial incentive to fill vacancies in agriculture and logistics, for example. In addition, various settlement procedures will be simplified in order to relieve the burden on implementing bodies and companies. The maximum duration of short term reduction for a reduction in working hours of 85% was lifted.  For self-employed workers:  It was decided on March 20, that self-employed people who suffer loss of earnings due to government measures to fight the coronavirus will be compensated if they do not already receive compensation or insurance benefits. The allowances are settled on the basis of the allowance for loss of earnings scheme and paid in the form of daily allowances. These correspond to 80% of the salary and are capped at 196 francs per day. The number of daily allowances for self-employed persons in quarantine or who assume supervisory tasks is limited to 10 and 30 days respectively.	concerned is hampered by the lack of frontier workers.	

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Switzerland		taxi drivers. The right to the allowance for parents of children with disabilities who have to care for them at home will also be extended to children up to the age of 20.		
		- Immediate aid to cultural enterprises and sport institutions On March 20, the Federal Counsel have adopted measures to help the cultural and sport institutions. For the cultural world, a first tranche of 280 million francs will thus be made available for the cultural institutions (performing arts, design, cinema, visual arts, literature, music and museums). For Swiss sport, the Federal Council provides financial assistance in the total amount of CHF 100 million in repayable loans or subsidies.		
		- At its meeting on 8 April the Federal Council instructed the Federal Department of Finance (FDF), the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC) and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (DEFR) to draw up a proposal for temporary liquidity support for the Swiss aviation industry, which is heavily affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The aid is to be provided mainly in the form of federal guarantees for airlines. The guarantees will be subject to strict conditions and will only be granted if the companies cannot cover their liquidity needs in any other way.		
		On 1 April 2020, the Federal Council took measures to stabilise the agricultural markets in the current crisis. The aim is to ensure the supply of food to the population while at the same time preventing a fall in market prices that would have repercussions on the entire value-added chain. In addition, in order to relieve the burden on those involved in the meat sector, it provides for longer payment periods and a temporary relaxation of the requirements for certain controls.		
		At its meeting of 27 March, the Federal Council approved the proposal of the Swiss National Bank (SNB) to deactivate the countercyclical capital buffer without delay. This measure increases the margin of maneuver available to banks for granting loans aimed at mitigating the economic consequences linked to the coronavirus. The countercyclical capital buffer		

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Tanzania	a). Currently there are no restrictions on work place operations within the private secto but workers are being urged to stay and work from home. b.) The Government instituted a 30 day ban on public gatherings including schools, sports and music events, political meetings and community events. c). The government has ramped up its call for preventive measures including the use of face masks, handwashing and use of sanitisers in public places and increased enforcement of social distancing.	a). Tanzania has taken a mild approach as the Government has not discouraged its residents from congregating in churches or attending funerals. b). Public transportation continues to take place with no measures being put in place. c). Zanzibar, a semi-autonomous archipelago part of Tanzania has banned travel to and from the island. d). International flights have been banned.  The Government announces that Tanzania is far from a total lockdown as of now.  The Tanzanian Government in collaboration with the Oman Government have planned to fly Tanzanians who are stuck in Oman and could not fly back as a result of the international travel ban. This is to take effect on Friday, 10th April	b). The Government has however, received in excess of TZS 230 million as well as equipment from private companies and individuals meant to be used for the war against the pandemic. c). The Government criticized for taking a wait and see approach in the fight against the pandemic.	a). The Government opened a special account for receiving donations to assist in fighting Covid-19 and to date has received over TZS 6 Billion from the Business community and civil society organization.  Bb). The Government is building a TZs 7 Billion health facility specifically to handle patience from epidemic diseases including corona virus.	-Government confirms recovery of second coronavirus patient.  https://www.atlanticconcil.org/blogs/africasouce/tanzanias-mild-response-to-covid-19-and-its-implications-for the-2020-elections/ https://www.theeastafican.co.ke/news/ea/For Tanzania-it-business-as-usual-yet-coronavirus/4552908-5506830-d6oxga/index.html  https://www.africanew.com/2020/03/30/coroavirus-tanzania-1bn-war-chest-for-covid-19  a). 24 confirmed cases with 5 recovered patients as of 09 April March 2020. This clears Arusha of Covid-19 infections b). Tanzania registered its first corona virus death c). International flights cancelled except for cargo flights and virus testing done at all points of entry. e). Companies have encouraged their

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Tanzania					employees to work from home as most organizations prepare for a decline in operating profit for the year due to scaling down of operations. d). The Government criticized for taking a wait and see approach as mass gatherings in churches and funerals has not yet been discouraged.
					https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/africasouce/tanzanias-mild-response-to-covid-19-and-its-implications-forthe-2020-elections/
					https://www.theeastafr can.co.ke/news/ea/For- Tanzania-it-business- as-usual-yet- coronavirus/4552908- 5506830- d6oxga/index.html
					https://www.theeastafr can.co.ke/news/ea/Tan zania-registers-first- coronavirus- death/4552908- 5509594- 14y1jo/index.html

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Turkey	Working from home is strongly encouraged, but it is not enforced.	Internal- All intercity travels are subject to	18 March: The Government announced 19 measures of government	Short-time working allowances are valid for businesses that decrease their work by at	Audit regulatory developments:
	Schools are closed, and as of 23 March remote education started, (and is due to continue until 30 April)	major's approval.	support  Key measures include;	least by one third (4 out of 6 days), totally shut down or cease operations for at least 4	•
		External-	- The April, May and June income, VAT and social security	weeks. The businesses are not allowed to	Markets Board provide
	Public locations closed - museums.	10 March: The health ministry informed all	taxes of majorly affected sectors (such as retail, automotive, food & beverage, entertainment) are deferred for 6 months.	recruit or dispose of any personnel at this time. The conditions for applying for the	listed entities 30 days extension for Q1
	cinemas, playgrounds, clubs, cafes, parks,	citizens not to leave Turkey and warned people who are coming from	<ul><li>VAT on domestic airlines is decreased from 18% to 1%.</li><li>The loan principal and interest payments of companies that</li></ul>	short-time working allowances have also been also loosened by the Government for	financial reports. 30 days extension was
	fishing sites and restaurants (with delivery being the only option available).	abroad to stay in their homes for 14 days.	are severely affected will be postponed for 3 months at least - Credit Guarantee Fund limit is increased form TL25mn to	the coronovirus. This will be valid until 30 June 2020.	provided to portfolio management
	From 21 March, citizens who are 65 years	17 March: In addition to the flight ban imposed	TL50mn - Short-time working allowance will be resorted, and so the		companies, brokerage firms, and investment
	old and older, are prohibited from going	on 14 countries, a ban was imposed	Government will be supporting the employees and the		funds' year-end
	out.	Arabia and United Arab Emirates.	employer of businesses that have to minimize their operations		deadlines. Banking regulator extended Q1
	As of 4 April; new precautions are in place:	21 March: The ministry of transport and	23 March: The Ministry of Labour, Social Services and Family announced		review deadlines for 6 days.
	- Citizens also under 20 years are not allowed to leave their houses.	infrastructure imposed ban on 46 more countries.	new precautions for workplaces.		
	- Everyone has to wear a mask in groceries and markets.	28 March: All international flights are paused.	30 March: President Erdogan made a speech. He highlighted several		https://www.tccb.gov/en/
	- Social distance should be at least 3 steps	4 April: 30 metropolitans' (including İstanbul,	topics and announced National Solidarity Campaign;		
	between each person in common areas.	Ankara, İzmir) and Zonguldak's	-Turkey sent health equipment and cleaning materials to		https://corona.cbddo.
	- President announces a 2 day curfew in 31 provinces from midnight on 17 April to	borders are closed to every kind of vehicle for 15 days.	several countries. In the following days a plane will also be sent to Spain with those equipment and materials.		<u>v.tr/</u>
	19 April		-Craftsmen's payments are postponed without interestStudents' loan repayments will be postponed.		https://www.icisleri.go
			And most importantly he announced the National Solidarity		<u>.tr/</u>
			Campaign. Erdogan called people to attend this campaign by donating money and donated his 7 months of salary to the campaign.		
			6 April: President Erdogan announced new precautions against COVID-		
			<ul><li>19:</li><li>There will be two new hospitals established with a capacity of 1000 beds in Istanbul to fight against coronavirus. One of</li></ul>		

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Turkey		them will be built in Atatürk Airport located in the Yeşiköy district on the city's European side, while the other will be built in Sancaktepe on the Asian side.  • From now on, it is prohibited to sell face masks and these masks will be provided for free at supermarkets or distributed to citizens' homes by the Turkish Post and Telegraph Organisation.  • Some buildings, streets, neighborhoods and districts will be quarantined if any sign of virus is seen.  • 136,255 enterprises, which are under the loan support program of SME Development Organization, could postpone their loan payments for upcoming months, April, May and June.		
		Moreover, reiterating the curfew for people above the age of 65 and those with chronic illnesses, Erdoğan said the government, in co-operation with various organisations, have met the basic needs of 1.32 million of these citizens. President Erdoğan also mentioned that it will be started to deliver aid to 2.3 million households.  He also informed that 1.5 billion liras have been raised by Turkish citizens and companies after a National Solidarity Campaign was launched last week.		
		<ul> <li>9 April: Turkish government prepared a resolution draft to protect employee rights. The draft will be submitted to the approval of President Erdoğan in the following days. The draft covers the topics as follows: <ul> <li>Laying off employees will be forbidden for the next three months, President Erdoğan can extend this duration up to six months.</li> <li>Employers are able to ask their employees to leave without pay for 3 to 6 months.</li> <li>People who were layed off before the law is passed or left without pay will be supported by government aid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
		14 April: Turkey's parliament ratified a penal reform bill aimed at reducing the sentences of thousands of prisoners, paving the		

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urkey			way for their release in a bid to ease overcrowding and protect them from the coronavirus. Sex crimes that offend the public's conscience, as well as drug crimes, first-degree murder, crimes of violence against women and terrorist crimes, were excludes from the reform.		

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Furkmenistan	- All public places are to clean their territory with chlorine.     - All offices and business centers function as usual.     - No restrictions on movement within the city and no curfew.     - Banks and financial service outlets are operating normally;     - Universities, colleges and kindergartens are operating normally     - Restaurants, cafes and bars are operating normally;     - Gyms, dance clubs, fitness clubs, museums, libraries are operating normally.  Certain restrictions include:     - Scheduled spring holiday season for schools extended until at least 6 April 2020;     - Bath houses, swimming pools, saunas are closed from 1 March 2020     - Accomodation (e.g. hotel) services are restricted;     - Post offices have not been accepting any mail/parcels since 5 March 2020	- Car travel between regions is		···	No reported cases of COVID-19 in Turkmenistan.  https://turkmenportalom/en/blog/26465/a-coronavirus-hotline-has-been-launched-inturkmenistan

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UAE	- Remote working, Grant Unpaid Leave,		All measures announced are due to be in effect from 1-Apr-20		Central Bank: IFRS9
	and Temporary / permanent salary		to 31-Dec-20 ("Eligible Period"). This may be subject to further		provision guidance
	reductions		extension	4,5,6,9,10: The relevant Government	Danie and Same
			1) Central Bank: Capital buffer & Reserve requirement release:	department will not charge these fees	- Banks and finance companies, in
	-Establishments affected by the		1) Central Bank. Capital Buriel & Reserve requirement release.	7: Deductions made at point of sale	coordination with Al
	Government's COVID19 precautionary		- UAE Central Bank has reduced capital requirements for UAE	11,12,13,14,15,16: Individuals /	Etihad Credit Burea
	measures can implement these actions by		banks, increasing available liquidity by AED50bn during the	Corporates need to apply directly to their	(AECB), shall assist
	proceeding progressively and upon a mutual agreement with non-national		Eligible Period	bank	financial institutions
	workers		- Halving the reserve requirement for demand deposit of all	17,18: The Bank will apply the following	maintaining the sam
	WOLKELS		· ·	deductions upon the completion of each	credit risk rating and
				transaction	classification of
	-Establishments wishing to temporarily		2) Central Bank: Interest rate cuts on certificate of deposits	19: Up to AED 10,000 will be deducted from	customers receiving
	reduce the salaries of non-national workers during the precautionary period		Interest rate outs on any week Contificate of Deposite issued	the minimum balance required, upon	relief during the Elig Period through:
	shall form a 'Temporary supplement" to		<ul> <li>Interest rate cuts on one-week Certificate of Deposits issued to banks as a mechanism through which interest rates on UAE</li> </ul>	applying for a new bank account 20: Tenants have to agree on a new	Period through:
	the employment contract between parties		Dirham are reduced (or raised) in the banking system	payment scheme, directly with the landlord.	-Providing advisory
	ne employment contract between parties	-Thus allowing banks to accept deposits and extend loans to	21,22,: No further details provided	changes to be made	
	-Establishments wishing to permanently		customers at lower rates	23: Private sector employees / Employees	Expected Credit Los
	reduce the salaries of non-national	У	will be asked to submit their annual lea 3) Central Bank: Interest free funding: dates or agree with their employers on	will be asked to submit their annual leave	("ECL") computation
	workers during the precautionary period,			dates or agree with their employers on	through models
	shall obtain the MOHRE's pre-approval		unpaid leave	-Re-calibrating mode	
			-One-off AED50bn fund available for UAE banks to obtain		using updated macr
	Virtual labour market		interest free loans from the UAE Central Bank		economic forecasts a changes in scenario
	VII taal labour market		4) Government: Custom fee refunds:		probabilities
	-Establishments affected by the		4) dovernment. custom rec returnus.		-Updating system ru
	precautionary measures and having a		-A 20% refund of the customs fee imposed on imported		for credit rate
	surplus in non-national workers shall		products purchased during the Eligible Period		reclassifications
	register their details in the Virtual Labor		-These products must be sold in Dubai and not re-exported		-Postponing
	Market to enable rotation among other				implementation of
	establishments where needed, and shall		5) Government: Import processing cost reduction		certain Basel III cap
	commit to the payment of salaries and		-A 90% reduction of fees imposed on the custom clearance		standards to March 2021 for all banks, t
	benefits throughout the period		document validation and attestation process, by the Chamber	r	minimise the
			of Commerce and Customs Authorities		operational burden
	Early leave initiative		5. 555. 66 drid Odstoriis / datioratios		the lenders.
			6) Government: Market fee deferrals:		This will enable the
	-The initiative aims to enable residents				companies in the
	who work in the private sector and wish to		-A freeze on the 2.5% market fees levied on all facilities (i.e.		Financial Sector to:

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UAE	return to their home countries to do so	retail outlet) operating in Dubai		-Assess the significance
	during the period of precautionary	-These fees include licensing, sponsorship, and premises		of the impact on
	measures	annual rent owed to the Economic Department		Expected Credit Losses given the measures
	-Private sector employees / Employees will be asked to submit their annual leave	7) Government: Municipality fee subsidy:		taken by regulators -Define rule-set for
	dates or agree with their employers on	-Reduction of municipality fees imposed on hotel sales from		short term staging
	unpaid leave	7% to 3.5%		criterions and account
	unpaid leave	-A reduction in water and electricity bills by 10% and a		cool-off periods
		reduction in deposits paid for water and electricity connections		-Revise financial &
		by 10%		regulatory reporting -Partially add back any
		8) Government: Municipality fee subsidy		increase in the provisioning made in
		-In collaboration with banks, customers can benefit from		December 31, 2019 to
		installment programs with no service fees for utility bill		regulatory capital
		payments during the Eligible Period		-Gradually phase-in
				IFRS 9 provisions over
		9) Government: Real estate subsidies		a five-year period, ending December 31,
		- Suspension of real estate registration fees until the end of		2024
		2020		
		- Reduction of industrial land leasing fees by 25% on new		https://www.imf.org/e
		contracts		/Topics/imf-and- covid19/Policy-
		10) Government: Vehicle registration subsidies		Responses-to-COVID-
				<u>19#U</u>
		-Exemption for commercial vehicles from annual registration		https://www.khaleejtir
		fees until the end of 2020		es.com/coronavirus-
		-Exemption for all vehicles from road toll tariffs until the end of	•	outbreak/coronavirus-
		2020		<u>in-uae-abu-dhabi-</u>
		44) D. I. D. C. C'. I. II. I. C. I. I. I. I.		announces-three-
		11) Banks: Defer of installments for outstanding loans		month-relief-on-emis https://www.thenation
		-If placed on unpaid leave due to COVID19 disruption - defer		I.ae/business/money/h
		installments on existing borrowing during the Eligible Period		w-your-bank-will-help-
		with no additional bank charges		if-you-are-affected-by-
		-All other customers are eligible to a one-month repayment holiday with zero fees for personal loans, car loans or		covid-19-1.997187
		mortgages		Global Sovereign

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UAE			12) Banks: Attractive new loan requirements		Advisory report : Economic responses to
			-Defer installments on new loans and credit cards for		the current crisis taker
			customers during the Eligible Period with a 50% reduction on bank charges		in response to Covid 1
			-Reduction of interest charges on new loans and credit cards		https://gulfnews.com/
			based on new prevailing rates		usiness/property/covic
			13) Banks: Vendor debt support		landlords-offer-three- month-rent-free-
			-Small business customers holding merchant loans, equipment		incentives-1.70633109
			loans or business vehicle loans can apply for a repayment		
			holiday during the Eligible Period with zero interest and fees		https://www.khaleejtii es.com/coronavirus-
			14) Banks: Income support loans		pandemic/combating- covid-19-uae-central-
			- Retail loan customers placed on unpaid leave are eligible for a	a	bank-announces-debt
			repayment holiday during the Eligible Period with zero interest		relief-until-december-
			and fees		<u>31</u>
			15) Banks: Attractive real estate facilities		
			-Reduction in minimum deposit requirements for first time		
			home-buyers (5% reduction) -First-time home buyers can benefit from a 5% increase in the		
			loan-to-value ratio (up to 80% for expatriates and up to 85%		
			for UAE nationals) and a full waiver of processing fees		
			16) Banks: Interest-free plans on educational transactions		
			-Interest-free instalment plans for school tuition fee with		
			waiver of service charges or no interest loan during the Eligible Period	)	
			17) Banks: Reduction and waiver of banking charges		
			-Refund of credit card processing fees		
			-Reduction of bank charges by 50% on early settlement of existing loans for customers during the Eligible Period		
			-Reduction in banking fees and charges on zero balance		

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UAE		accounts by up to 50%		
		-Charges on debit card cash withdrawals on the ATMs of other banks across the UAE will be refunded		
		18) Banks: Merchant service fee reduction		
		<ul> <li>Reduction in bank's merchant service fees by 50% for SME customers with usage below Dh5 million per annum during the Eligible Period</li> </ul>		
		19) Banks: Reduced balance requirements		
		- Reduction in minimum average balance requirements for all SME account categories to up to Dh10,000 per month		
		20) Landlords: Landlord-led relief on retail and offices rent payment		
		<ul> <li>Rent payment reductions / deferrals for office and retail outlets is being introduced by government-related entities in the UAE during the Eligible Period</li> </ul>		
		21) MOHRE: Remote working, Grant Unpaid Leave, and Temporary / permanent salary reductions		
		-Establishments affected by the Government's COVID19 precautionary measures can implement these actions by proceeding progressively and upon a mutual agreement with non-national workers		
		-Establishments wishing to temporarily reduce the salaries of non-national workers during the precautionary period shall form a 'Temporary supplement" to the employment contract between parties		
		-Establishments wishing to permanently reduce the salaries of non-national workers during the precautionary period, shall obtain the MOHRE's pre-approval		

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UAE		22) MOHRE: Virtual labour market		
		-Establishments affected by the precautionary measures and having a surplus in non-national workers shall register their details in the Virtual Labor Market to enable rotation among other establishments where needed, and shall commit to the payment of salaries and benefits throughout the period		
		23) MOHRE: Early leave initiative		
		-The initiative aims to enable residents who work in the private sector and wish to return to their home countries to do so during the period of precautionary measures		
		-Private sector employees / Employees will be asked to submit their annual leave dates or agree with their employers on unpaid leave		

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Uganda	Main Government Restrictions:	Main Government Restrictions:	The government is set to meet with banks, electricity companies and water companies in connection with loans and	No specific conditions applied.	None Noted. <b>Useful</b> <b>Link-</b>
	-The government came up with restrictions to combat the virus before the discovery of any Covid-19 cases in Uganda. Closure of all Primary and Secondary schools as well as all the Universities and Tertiary Institutions for one month, starting on 20th March, 2020.	- Additional restrictions on the use of private vehicles banning their use for 14 days. The president then imposed a curfew that was to start on 30th March 2020 at 10 pm. The imposed curfew however would not affect cargo planes, lorries, pickups and trains.	bills repayments. This is largely to ensure that there is no disconnection of water or electricity on account of non-		https://www.nation.co. ke/news/africa/Uganda- placed-under-curfew- over-Covid-19/1066- 5509546- y6jh2d/index.html https://ugandamediace ntreblog.wordpress.com /2020/03/30/more-
	-The suspension of all religious gatherings for one month with immediate effect.	-To ensure continuous factory production, the factory owners were to arrange for housing for the crucial			guidelines-on-the- coronavirus-prevention- by-h-e-museveni/
	- Suspension on shopping malls, arcades, hardware shops, which gather a lot of people, for 14 days starting with the 1st of April, 2020.	employees around the factory area for the 14 days. Which if not possible, they were to suspend production for 14 days.			The government started distributing relief food on Saturday 4 April to households whose
	-The suspension of mass political and(/or) cultural meetings such as: Public rallies, conferences and elections for 32 days with	crossing into the country in a bia to			incomes have been affected by the ongoing lockdown.
	size - are obliged to organise working from home where possible. If working from	The President also announced the closure of Entebbe international			It is targeting 1.5 million people who will each receive 6kg (12lb) of maize flour, 3kg of beans and some salt.
	home is not possible, social distancing will be strictly respected within the workplace.	airport to all commercial flights effective March 22, 2020 at midnight for 32 days. Only UN planes carrying out humanitarian and emergency work as well as internal flights would be allowed to fly.			Useful Link- https://www.bbc.com/n ews/topics/cmj34zmwm e4t/uganda
		-The President also prohibited entry to pedestrians who comprised of people walking on foot from the neighbouring countries and into Uganda.			https://www.nation.co. ke/news/africa/Uganda- placed-under-curfew- over-Covid-19/1066- 5509546- y6jh2d/index.html

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ntreblog.wordpress.co /2020/03/30/more- guidelines-on-the- coronavirus-preventii by-h-e-museveni/  https://www.theeast can.co.ke/news/ea/0 navirus-museveni-	untry	Restrictions on physical attendance at work Restrictions on travel	Government support available/announced	Conditions around Government support	Additional information
can.co.ke/news/ea/Conavirus-museveni- warns-unscrupulous- traders/4552908- 5503438-	ganda				guidelines-on-the- coronavirus-prevention
					warns-unscrupulous- traders/4552908- 5503438-

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	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	All Britons abroad (c. 1 million)	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to help pay people's	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	CJRS:
	leaving their homes, limited to shopping	asked to return to the country	wages for those who are not working but kept on payroll rather	Updates to eligibility	https://www.gov.uk/g
	for basic necessities, a single daily period	immediately	than laid off. The Scheme will pay 80% of salaries up to	- Understood to cover employees on a UK	vernment/publications
	of exercise, any medical need and		£2,500pm (and employers can top up if needed). This is	PAYE scheme.	guidance-to-employer
	travelling to and from essential work.		backdated to 1 March and open for at least three months.	- Criteria for defining a "furloughed" worker	and-businesses-about
			There is no limit on the funding available for the scheme.	have not yet been published but are	covid-19/covid-19-
	Shops selling non essential goods will also	amid a collapse in demand due to the		understood	support-for-
	be shut, along with libraries, playgrounds,	coronavirus. The move follows	Self-employment Income Support Scheme: On 26 March	to require those furloughed to undertake no	
	outdoor gyms and places of worship.	EasyJet's suspension of flights after	2020, the Chancellor announced that self-employed people will	Work.	for-businesses-throug the-coronavirus-job-
		the government advised against all but essential travel.	be able to apply for a grant worth 80% of their average	- Payments made to employees, if funded by the this scheme, will likely remain	
	Gatherings in public of more than two	but essettidi ti avet.	monthly profits over the last three years, up to £2,500 a month. The money will be paid in a single lump sum, but will	subject to tax	retention-scheme
	people who do not		not begin to arrive until the start of June at the earliest.	and social security in the same way as	BoE information for
	live together will be prohibited.		not begin to arrive until the start of such at the earliest.	normal pay.	those seeking to
	ilve together will be profibited.		Other financial measures introduced by the Government	normal pay.	participate in the
			include:	HMRC has confirmed that the Job Retention	
	The restrictions are being kept under		- Deferring next quarter of VAT payments – no VAT from now	Scheme service, enabling employers to	https://www.bankofe
	constant review and the Government will		until end of June, and until end of year to repay those	make claims in respect of furloughed	and.co.uk/news/2020
	look again in three weeks at whether they		bills. This has a value of 1.5% of GDP (or £30bn).	employees' salaries, is due to come online	march/the-covid-
	can be relaxed		- Measures to allow large and medium-sized business to access	on Monday 20 April 2020.	corporate-financing-
			credit.		facility
	The Home Secretary, Priti Patel,		- Businesses will be given an additional 3 months to file	Grants for retail, hospitality and	
	announced that doctors, nurses and		accounts with Companies House to help companies avoid	leisure businesses	CBILS information:
	paramedics with visas due to expire before		penalties as they deal with the impact of COVID-19.	- The Government today has confirmed	https://www.british-
	1 October 2020 will have them		- Chancellor provides over £14bn for NHS and vital public	estate agents, lettings agencies, bingo	<u>business-</u>
	automatically extended for one year. The		services.	halls, betting	bank.co.uk/ourpartne
	extension will also apply to their family			shops and casinos will also be eligible for	/coronavirus-business
	members.		Interest rates: On 19 March, BoE cut interest rates of 0.1%	the retail rates relief.	interruption-loan-
			(from 0.25%, which was itself cut from 0.75% a week previously) and announced it would be pumping £200bn into	Covid Corporate Financing Facility	scheme-cbils/
	The foreign secretary announced on 16		the economy by restarting Quantitative Easing (QE) through a	(CCFF)	https://www.gov.uk/d
	April that lockdown restrictions in the UK		bond buying programme.	- Where a third party rating is unavailable,	vernment/publication
	would continue for "at least" another three		bond buying programme.	the BOE will consider using the internal	urther-businesses-and
	weeks (to early May).		Covid Corporate Financing Facility: Provides funding by	rating	premises-to-
		purchasing commercial paper of up to one-year maturity,	assessments from a borrower's current	close/further-	
			issued by firms making a material contribution to the UK	lenders as a proxy.	businesses-and-
			economy. Offered on terms comparable to those in the	<del>.  </del> .	premises-to-close-
			markets prior to Covid-19.	Coronavirus Business Interruption	guidance
				Loan Scheme (CBILS)	<del></del>
			Business support and grant funding: All retail, hospitality	- Lenders have now started to publish their	Ratings agencies have
			and	own guidance on loans being made	reported a surge in

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UK		leisure businesses in England get a 100% business rates holiday for 12 months. Increased grants to small businesses eligible for Small Business Rate Relief from £3k to £10k. £25,000 grants to retail, hospitality and leisure businesses operating from smaller premises with a ratable value over £15k and below £51k. A further £3.5bn provided to Scotland, Wales and NI.	available under the scheme. The Chancellor made some revisions to the plan as follows: - Lenders would be banned from requesting personal guarantees on loans under £250k The loan scheme would be extended to cover all small companies affected by Covid-19, and not just those unable to get	to secure credit ratings
		Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) relief package. This refund will cover up to two weeks' SSP per eligible employee who has been off work because of Covid 19.	commercial funding.  - There would be a new scheme (CLBILS) to bolster support for larger firms not currently eligible for loans, under which the	Minister has been under
		Insolvency measures: including Fast track implementation of some of the planned reforms to the corporate insolvency framework; and temporary suspension of the wrongful trading provisions, retrospectively from 1 March, for 3 months.		Thomas' Hospital, in London, after being admitted with persistent symptoms of coronavirus. The
		The government intends to fast track new legislation to introduce: A short moratorium to protect companies from creditor action; a new restructuring tool; and prohibiting the termination of essential supplies to protect the supply chain for companies undergoing a restructuring	Rates Relief  Empty Rates and Prohibition by law from occupation  - On Monday, the Government enforced a 'lockdown' and closure of certain non essential	Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, will deputise for the Prime Minister where necessary.
		Pensions: The Pensions Regulator (27 March 2020) has issued guidance around how Trustees and Employers might be able to agree a short term reduction or suspension of employer pension contributions. UK regulator announces minimum pension contributions requirements for furloughed employees  Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme		The UK's Job Retention Scheme may cost £30- 40bn over three months, three times the size of initial estimates. That is according to analysis by the
		(CBILS) of up to £5m to help firms manage cashflows. Terms from three months to 10 years for term loans and asset finance, and up to three years for revolving facilities and invoice finance. Interest-free for the first TWELVE months.  Updated 2 April to include Coronavirus Large Business	Deferral of VAT  - The deferral applies to payments on account and also payments of overall VAT liabilities. HMRC have verbally advised businesses to suspend direct debit	Resolution Foundation, using the latest figures on take-up of the scheme from the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).
		Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) for mid-sized companies excluded from the first two Covid-19 rescue packages. Further details will be announced later in April.	arrangements in place with them for VAT payments, for the period of the deferral.  - HMRC have verbally confirmed that any business registered for VAT in the UK will	Office of Budget Responsibility (OBR) announced that

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UK		Restrictions on travel	Regional-specific measures £500m Economic Resilience Fund for Wales supporting businesses forced to temporarily cease trading as well as a £400m emergency pot and adjustments to the NDR Relief for retail hospitality and leisure sectors. Similar Emergency Package, Resilience Fund and support for the seafood industry in Northern Ireland and Scotland  UK Airlines support; Airlines will be able to temporarily defer the payment of air navigation charges, saving them tens of millions of pounds, following action from UK government. This measure should provide financial relief to airlines struggling as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Airlines will be able to defer the payment of charges for air navigation services in UK and European airspace for the months of February-May 2020 for up to 14 months.  Term Funding Scheme with additional incentives for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (TFSME):  On 6 April 2020 the Bank of England announced that the TFSME would open for drawings on 15 April 2020. Similar to the previous Term Funding Schemes (TFS), the TFSME is designed to encourage banks and building societies to continue lending in the current low interest rate environment. Participating banks and building societies can exchange assets such as illiquid own-name securitisations or loan pools in exchange for central bank reserves (cash).	be eligible for the deferral, regardless of whether the business is established in the UK or overseas. HMRC has now confirmed that: - the deferral applies to payments on account and also payments of overall VAT liabilities businesses should suspend direct debit arrangements in place with them for VAT payments, for the period of the deferral - there will be no penalties or interest arising as a result of the deferral - any business registered for VAT in the UK will be eligible for the deferral, regardless of whether the business is established in the UK or overseas  In addition, HMRC have now issued written guidance with details of payment dates for deferred tax. The deferral does not expressly cover other indirect taxes and it does not mention the obligations to account for import VAT, which are presumably unaffected.  Ban on evictions for commercial tenants who miss rent payments - As of 23 March 2020 commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected from eviction for 3 months.	coronavirus is to deliver a large (but hopefully temporary) shock to the economy and public finances.  Audit regulatory developments: FRC: Guidance on audit issues includes engaging with audit committees on reporting timelines. Working on additional reliefs. FRC continues to finalize its inspection work for 2019/20 cycle with the aim of publishing results in July for the largest audit firms and in autumn in the Developments in Audit publication. For 2020/21 inspection FRC worked with audit firms to reduce the regulatory demands during this crisis and extended timetables to respond, staff are working remotely and only
			securitisations or loan pools in exchange for central bank	tenants who miss rent payments - As of 23 March 2020 commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected from eviction for 3	to reduce the regula demands during this crisis and extended timetables to respon staff are working

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UK					allowing main marker listed companies an extra 2 months to publish audited annufinancial reports. The gives main market listed companies 6 months to publish audited annual financial reports. Announces moratorium in corporate reporting listed companies and auditors to consider delaying corporate reports for next two weeks, such as interfinancial statements and financial statements and final audited financial statements except where neces to meet legal or regulatory requirements.
					Chartered Governar Institute: Provided updated guidance or Possible measures facilitate holding AG - Consider postponin AGM (with due consideration of regulatory deadlines - Consider holding hybrid (virtual and physical) AGM, if allowed by statute - Government is considering legislative

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UK					options on AGMs Link
					PRA: Sets out approach that should be taken be banks, building societi and PRA-designated investment firms in assessing expected los provisions under IFRS 9. Lenders asked to consider need to treat covenant breaches which arise from COVID-19 crisis differently from other covenant breaches. O 2 April, PRA notified about the delay to implementation of the Basel 3.1. standards be 1 year. PRA also published statement outlining PRA's approach to regulatory reporting (up to 2-month delay for annual report and accounts) and Pillar 3 disclosures in response to the COVID-19.
					The Health secretary announced that over £13bn of debt would be written off as part of a major financial reset f
					The Department of International Trade

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UK					outlined support available to 160,000 exporters and international investors. The Pubs Code Adjudicator and Deput Adjudicator have called on Code pub owning businesses not currentl waiving rent to demonstrate how they will support every tenant for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency.
					https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employersand-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses
					https://www.gov.uk/enail-signup?link=/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response
					https://www.bankofeng and.co.uk/news/2020/ march/the-covid- corporate-financing- facility

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Ukraine	The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has	All flights outside and inside	The government adopted a package of temporary economic	1. Regarding labour relationships:	Links for additional
	introduced a 30-day emergency situation regime in the entire territory of Ukraine	<ul><li>Ukraine suspended</li><li>All tourist and leisure movements</li></ul>	and financial protective measures to combat COVID-19:	b) the temporary disability assistance starts from the sixth day of their disability in the	information:
	until April 24, 2020 with following	forbidden	1. Regarding labor relationships:	amount of 50% of the average salary	https://www.kmu.gov.u
	conditions clarified:	<ul> <li>Any Ukrainians entering the</li> </ul>	a) During the quarantine, any period of unpaid leave shall not	(income) regardless of the length of	a/en;
		country to be quarantined for 14	be included in the total period of such leave of the employee;	pensionable service.	https://moz.gov.ua/kor
	No physical attendance is permitted at	days	b) Temporary disability assistance by the state is guaranteed		onavirus-2019-ncov;
	educational institutions for the purpose of		to employees during their stay in specialized health care	home) work for a period the threat of	https://kyivcity.gov.ua/
	receiving education.	'The Cabinet of Ministers approved	facilities or in self-isolation under medical supervision in	epidemic spread may be introduced in the	https://covid19.com.ua
		the procedure for placing citizens	connection with the measures aimed to prevent the spread of	whole entity via an owner's order	<u>/en/</u>
		arriving from abroad under	COVID-19.	(instruction).	https://mfa.gov.ua/en/
	Activities of all catering facilities	observation, except employees of	c) In case of job loss, the appointment of unemployment	f) Partial unemployment assistance for	news/mfa-ukraine-q-
		diplomatic missions and consular	benefits should be from the first day after the registration of	employee may be received at his/her	coronavirus-covid-19-
		offices of foreign states,	such an unemployed person.	employer's request and shall nor exceed	<u>quarantine-measures-</u>
	facilities, fitness centers, cultural	representative offices of official	d) It has become possible to introduce flexible working hours	minimum wage.	entering-ukraine-
	institutions, commercial and consumer service enterprises are prohibited.	international missions, organizations	and remote (from home) work. Remote (from home) work	0. Damandia a Marada da a a a da da a canada da a	obtaining-consular-
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	accredited in Ukraine, their family	provides for full payment, unless an employee and employer	2. Regarding the state services:	support
		members, drivers and cargo vehicle team members, aircraft, sea, river	have agreed otherwise in writing. e) The downtime for the quarantine period shall be subject to	See below audit regulatory developments.	https://zakon.rada.gov. ua/laws/show/530-20
	Regular and irregular suburban, long-	vessel crew members, train and	payment as per the general rules for downtime (at least two-	3. Regarding taxes and customs:	https://zakon.rada.gov.
	distance, intercity, intraregional and	locomotive crew members, provided	thirds of a tariff rate for a category set for an employee	a) The list of certain medical goods should	ua/laws/show/533-IX
	interregional transportation of passengers	that there are no grounds for	salary).	be approved by the government of Ukraine.	<u>uariaws/3/100//333 174</u>
	by road, passenger all transportation, is	believing that these persons had	f) Employees of small and medium-sized enterprises may	It is applicable from 1 March to 31 May	Audit regulatory
	prohibited until 24 April 2020.		receive partial unemployment assistance for the quarantine	2020. See below for changes to the	developments:
		19 caused by SARS-CoV-2	period.	amendments to VAT and duty	
	Closure of the state border crossing	coronavirus. This procedure equally		administration.	Extensions likely
	checkpoints for international passenger	applies to the citizens arriving from	2. Regarding state services:	b) Any business is eligible. It is applicable	although no formal
	transport and closure of checkpoints on	the occupied territories of Luhansk	a) The period for applying for administrative and other services	from 1 March to 31 May 2020. This	announcement made by
	the administrative border with temporarily	and Donetsk regions, and the	and the timelines for the provision of such services	provision does not apply to violations	government yet.
	occupied territory of the Autonomous	Crimea.	(determined by the law) will be suspended from the date of the	related to i) long-term life insurance	
	Republic of Crimea and the city of		quarantine introduction.	agreements/non-state pension insurance	https://www.kmu.gov.u
	Sevastopol is extended until 24 April 2020.		b) The state supervisory (oversight) authorities are prohibited	agreements, ii) alienation of property under	<u>a/en;</u>
			to carry out scheduled activities on the state supervision	tax lien without the consent of the	
	Under Government Decree No.239, certain		(oversight) of economic activities for the period of quarantine.	regulatory authority, iii) accounting,	https://moz.gov.ua/kor
	activities are allowed subject to mandatory			production and control of fuel or ethyl	onavirus-2019-ncov;
	compliance with safety regulations and		filling claims, court procedural terms etc., were extended for	alcohol in excise goods storages, iv)	
	appropriate sanitary and epidemic		the quarantine period.	accrual, declaration and payment of VAT,	https://kyivcity.gov.ua/
	prevention measures, including the use of		2. Barradina tarras and arratana	excise tax and rent.	
	personal protective equipment. The		3. Regarding taxes and customs:  a) The import to the customs territory of Ukraine of certain	c) Applicable from 1 March to 30 April	
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Ukraine	Public catering facilities are allowed to sell via door-to-door delivery service.  Trade in foods, fuel, personal supplies and hygiene products, pharmaceuticals and healthcare products, animal drugs, animal foodstuff, pesticides and agrochemicals, seeds and planting materials, communication tools and devices.  Banking and insurance activities, health care activities, veterinary practice, operation of fuel filling stations, vehicle maintenance and repair activities, cash register maintenance services, computer, household appliances and personal use items repair activities.  Passenger car transportation.  Transportation by official and/or leased motor vehicles of enterprises, institutions and establishments within the limit of seats and only according to the itineraries agreed upon with the National Police.  Transportation by trams, trolley buses, buses, public minibus taxis is allowed provided that the number of passengers transported at a time does not exceed 50% of seats as stated in the vehicle specification and registration documents.  The following prohibitions/restrictions apply until the quarantine is lifted:  Effective 06 April 2020, no one is allowed	medicines, medical devices and/or equipment related to COVID-19 are temporarily exempt from VAT and import duties. In the event of such transactions, provisions of the Tax Code of Ukraine on accrual of "contingent liabilities" for VAT and the proportional tax credit rule shall not apply. The Government ammended the rules of VAT and import duty administration for certain goods in order to combat COVID-19.  b) Cancellation of fines and penalties for certain tax legislation violations.  c) Sole proprietors, self-employed persons and members of farming enterprises are exempt from the accrual and payment of SST in respect of amounts payable for themselves. d) Non-residential properties owned by individuals or legal entities will not be subject to real property tax other than the land property. e) Temporary cancellation of land tax. f) It is allowed to include in PIT tax credit the full amount of funds or expenses for medicines provided that such funds and/or goods are donated to public associations, charitable organizations, designated state agencies, and health institutions; g) Exemption from import duties of goods used to combat COVID-19 (including medicines, medical devices, and medical equipment) as per the list determined by CMU. h) Transactions for providing such charitable assistance by public associations and/or charitable organizations are not included in the total amount for mandatory registration by a VAT payer. i) Changes to CIT that allow the taxpayers not to adjust the financial result for the full amount of funds and expenses in 2020 for medicines, equipment, personal care products, equipment, personal hygiene products, food, etc. and/or goods. j) State-owned and/or communal health institutions, and/or a person authorized to make procurements in the health sector	d) Any business is eligible. It is applicable from 1 March to 30 April 2020.  e) Any business or individual who uses the land plots in his business activity. It is applicable from 1 March to 30 April 2020.	
	to appear in public places without wearing a mask or a respirator; - Effective 06 April 2010, no movement of groups of more than two persons is allowed except if due to the exigencies of	can now reduce the financial result figure before tax in the 2020 declaration in the event of receiving funds or the above goods, and increase it in the event of using such funds/goods; k) The limits for applying the simplified tax system were increased as follows: from UAH 300 thousand to UAH 1 million;	and including 31 May 2020, the term of consideration of appeals lodged by SS taxpayers that were/will be received by 31 May 2020 and/or that were not considered	

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Ukraine	business and accompaniment of minors;  - Minors aged under 14 are not allowed to appear in public places if unaccompanied by parents;  - Prohibition on appearance in parks, squares, public gardens, recreational areas, parklands and coastlands, except pet walking by one person and if due to the exigencies of business;  - It is a strict requirement to carry an ID card or passport when outside in the streets.  - Prohibition on visiting institutions and establishments that provide palliative care social assistance, social services;  - Prohibition on appearance in sports grounds and playgrounds for children;		from UAH 1.5 million to UAH 5 million; from UAH 5 million to UAH 7 million for the appropriate tax payers.  I) Penalties for late payment (remittance of single social tax), incomplete payments of SST with the issue of amounts of payments on which SST is accrued (advance payments), and late submission of the single social tax reports shall not apply. No penalties will be charged during this period and the penalties accrued should be written off.  4. Regarding other issues:  a) A consumer shall be released from the liability in case of the delayed payment under such obligation.  b) It is prohibited to increase interest rates on consumer loans (unless a variable interest rate is applied).  c) It is possible to exempt a lessee from lease payment.  d) Exemption from liability for violation of timeframes for disclosing financial statements and consolidated financial statements for 2019 along with the auditor's opinion.  e) Joint stock companies are allowed not to hold the annual general shareholders' meetings in April.	The deadline for lodging appeals that should be lodged within a period from 18 March to 31 May 2020 was extended.  4. Regarding other issues: a) It is applicable only to consumer loans from 1 March to 30 April 2020. b) It is applicable only to consumer loans (unless a variable interest rate is applied) from 1 March to 31 May 2020.	

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Ukraine				filed late, within 60 calendar days following the date of the actual submission of such documents. In addition, the limitation periods for the administrative appeal procedure (except appeals involving the legality of declaring VAT declared for reimbursement from the budget and/or a negative value for VAT) shall be suspended as follows:  - Appeals that were received/will be received by 31 May 2020; · Appeals that were not considered as of 18 March 2020. The running of limitation periods shall continue from 1 June 2020 taking into account time elapsed before the suspension. Also, a ban on the SST-related audits is extended until 31 May 2020.  - Exemption from liability for violation of timeframes for disclosing financial statements and consolidated financial statements for 2019 along with the auditor's opinion.	
				The Government ammended the rules of VAT and import duty administration for certain goods in order to combat COVID-19. In particular:  a) The list of goods and equipment which are released from VAT (both via import and domestic supplies) was extended. b) The procedure regarding ensuring compliance with technical standards for medical goods and equipment was simplified. c) Extension of the cessation of exporting anti-epidemic goods. d) Defined the criteria for the treatment of goods as "anti-epidemic". e) Certain grounds for medical goods and equipment were defined in order to release	

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USA	Federal	International	Federal	Provisions of CARES	The Federal Emergency
	- No federal-level restrictions; most such	<ul> <li>Suspension of entry for foreign</li> </ul>	1. On March 27, 2020, passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and	<ol> <li>To access the \$500 billion fund,</li> </ol>	Management Agency
	actions taken at State level	nationals physically present in China,	Economic Security Act (CARES) act, a \$2 trillion stimulus	Borrowers:	(FEMA) announced on
	- Waived school standardized test	Iran, Schengen Area, UK, and	package.	<ul> <li>Must not have otherwise received</li> </ul>	Tuesday, March 24th,
	requirements	Ireland (including those who visited	<ul> <li>a. General appropriations and provisions include:</li> </ul>	adequate economic relief in the form of	that it will invoke the
	requirements	these countries in the past 14 days)	<ul> <li>i. \$500 billion in loans or loan guarantees to</li> </ul>	loans or loan guarantees under the CARES	Defense Protection Act
		- Canadian and Mexican borders	eligible businesses, with max \$25 billion to passenger air	Act	(DPA) to secure medical
	State-level overview	were closed for nonessential travel	carriers, \$4 billion to air cargo carriers, and \$17 billion to	<ul> <li>Must certify that they are a U.S</li> </ul>	equipment needed to
	- Shelter / stay-at-home order in 41	effective March 21	businesses important to maintaining national security;	domiciled business and have significant	fight the coronavirus
	states. As at 3 April, approximately 75%		<ol><li>ii. \$350 billion in loans to small businesses;</li></ol>	operations and a majority of their	pandemic. When the
	of Americans are either under stay-at-	<ul> <li>Level 4 advisory issued requesting</li> </ul>	iii. \$150 billion allocated to state and local	employees in the United States	DPA is invoked, private
	home order or will be soon.	that US citizens avoid all	governments;	<ul> <li>Are prohibited from engaging stock</li> </ul>	manufacturers are
	- Most orders are through April/May	international travel and for US	iv. \$45 billion for Federal Emergency Management	buybacks, paying dividends until one year	required to fill federal
	- Virginia announced on Mar 30 stay-at-	citizens who live in the US to arrange		after the loan is paid	orders for medical
	home order until June 10	for immediate return to the US in	v. Direct payments of \$1,200 to single Americans	- Must maintain employment levels at	equipment before any
	- 7 states ordered shelter / stay-at-home	countries where commercial	making up to \$75,000 and \$2,400 to married Americans		other. DPA will also
	for indefinite period of time (California,	departure options remain available.	making up to \$150,000, with \$500 available for children, and	through September 30, 2020	relieve the states from
	Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, New	US citizens who live abroad should	would gradually phase out for higher earners and end for those		having to compete with
	Jersey, Oregon, and West Virginia)	avoid all international travel.	with incomes exceeding \$99,000 (\$198,000 for married	compensation of any employee whose	each other, the federal
		5	couples);	compensation exceeds \$425,000 or from	government, and
	- The following cities have announced	Domestic	vi. A Social Security tax (6.2% of wages up to	offering them significant severance or	hospitals to obtain
	· ·		\$137,700) deferral for employers and self-employed	termination benefits	medical supplies and
	issued an order): Miami, Atlanta, Jackson,	have mandated a 14-day self-	individuals;	- Must cap officers and employees'	testing kits. At this point, it remains
	and St. Louis	quarantine for travelers from New	vii. Tax credits for businesses that maintain	compensation - For those making more	unclear how the DPA
	- School closures in almost all states	York, New Jersey and Connecticut Certain states (for e.g. Maryland)	employees on payroll ("Employee Retention Credit"). The		will be used.
	- Almost all states and territories	ordered no out-of-state travel unless	credit is 50% of qualifying wages paid up to \$10,000 in total	is capped at \$3 million, plus 50% of the amount in excess of \$3 million that the	will be used.
	recommended or required statewide	absolutely necessary. Those who	viii. An increase in unemployment assistance for out-of-work or furloughed workers of \$600 a week for four	individual received in 2019.	- President Trump
	closures or limited operations of non-	have traveled outside of the state	months, and an extension of unemployment insurance to non-	- Department of Treasury released	invoked DPA to require
	essential business	should self-quarantine for 14 days.	traditional employees, including gig workers and freelancers.	quidance related to payroll support for	GM to make ventilators
	- Michigan's Department of Transportation	<ul> <li>Puerto Rico has mandated a 14-day</li> </ul>		airline industry employees and on loans to	on March 27. It remains
	issued guidance to contractors for the	self-quarantine for air travelers. The		airline industry and business critical to	unclear what immediate
	suspension and/or delay of construction	governor imposed a strict stay-at-	i. \$117 billion for hospitals and veterans' health	National Security. Further guidance will	effect the order will
	projects across the state.	home order, including a nightly	care;	likely be released for mid to large company	have.
	New York (example)	curfew and allowing people to leave	ii. \$4.3 billion for the Centers for Disease Control:	loans.	- An order was issued
	• •	their homes during the day only for	iii. A 6.2 percent increase in matching federal	iouris.	under DPA to help
	- Mass transit will keep operating and	necessities.	funds for state Medicaid programs;	ii. \$350 billion in loans to small businesses	domestic manufacturers
	roads will stay open.	necessities.	iv. \$200 million in investments in telemedicine.	apply to:	like GE, Hill-Rom,
	<ul> <li>Non-essential businesses must keep all</li> </ul>		. γ. γ. σου minion in investments in telemetalite.	Approximate and a second and a	Modtronia DocMad

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c. Appropriations and provisions related to retirement

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their workers at home through at least

April 15th. Any businesses violating the

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public nonprofit organization which employs Royal Philips, and

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		<ol> <li>1, 2020, and December 31, 2020.</li> <li>b. Enhanced unemployment insurance – an additional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits that are fully funded by federal government         <ul> <li>c. Extended federal tax filing and payment deadline to July 15 for individuals and businesses. Penalties will accrue as of July 16, 2020.</li> <li>d. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans and export loans to small businesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>Major disaster declaration approved for New York, California and Washington. The declaration provides a wide range of federal assistance for individuals and public infrastructure, including funds for long-term recovery. No direct assistance to the businesses</li> <li>c. Appropriations and provisions related to retirement plans:</li> </ol>	2020, independent contractors and self- employed individuals can apply.  iii. Qualifying employers can receive the Employee Retention Credit by reducing the required payroll taxes withheld from employees' wages by the amount of the credit immediately.  iv. The Department of Labor issued guidance to states to implement the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)	onavirus https://www.whitehous e.gov/news/ https://wdr.doleta.gov/ directives/attach/UIPL/ UIPL_16-20.pdf  Audit regulatory developments:  US: Subject to certain conditions, SEC provides publicly tradec companies with an additional 45 days to file. PCAOB-registered audit firms provided with up to 45-day relief

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		<ul> <li>b. Enhanced unemployment insurance – an additional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits that are fully funded by</li> </ul>	work because of COVID-19 related reasons.	om/content/dam/Deloi e/us/Documents/Tax/u
				-tax-covid-19-stimulus a-taxpayer-quide.pdf
		businesses  d. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans and export loans to small businesses	less than 500 employees to provide paid sick leave and family leave:  - Businesses with under 50 employees may be exempted and many health care providers are exempted.	<u>a-taxpayer-guide.pur</u>
		3. Major disaster declaration approved for 18 states and submitted (pending approval) for 5 states. The declaration provides a wide range of federal assistance for individuals and public infrastructure, including funds for long-term recovery. No direct assistance to the businesses	<ul> <li>Self-employed individuals e.g.: Uber drivers are eligible for a tax credit at similar rates.</li> <li>Emergency leave is only for employees who are unable to work (or telework) due to a closure of child's school or child care</li> </ul>	
		State (please reach out to the US point of contact for additional local information)  - California suspended 60-day advance notice of mass layoff requirement in state WARN Act beginning March 17. In addition, the Rapid Response program can help employers planning closure or a major layoff  - Washington authorized \$25 million aids for businesses impacted by stay-at-home orders  - New York offered grants and zero-interest loans to small	facility.  - Sick leave is only for Corona virus-related illness / quarantine, care of someone due to illness / quarantine, or care of a child due to school closure.  - Emergency leave and sick leave benefit requirement ends December 31, 2020.  - Department of Labor guidance has been issued to help employers implement new	
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JSA 🎒		<ul> <li>- 18 states have waived restrictions on the re-employment of retired state employees in critical fields (law enforcement, healthcare, etc.)</li> <li>- At least eight states have expressly waived licensing requirements for health care workers with out-of-state licenses, credentials from other countries, retired or just graduated to work</li> <li>- Many states reported severe unemployment insurance backlogs</li> <li>- 35 states have loosen eligibility requirements for receiving unemployment insurance</li> <li>- 34 states have deferred business tax deadlines and waived late payment fees</li> <li>- Each state has varying degree of appropriation bills</li> <li>- California governor announced on Apr 2nd that the state will be suspending sales tax for 12 months to assist small businesses; small businesses won't have to pay the state sales tax receipts for one year and there will be no fines or penalties. In addition, small businesses can take upwards of \$50k as a bridge loan from their sales taxes with no interest and no fees.</li> </ul>	for companies making their best efforts to comply  ii. Additional 26 weeks of Unemployment Insurance ("UI") benefits  Regular UI benefits is usually 26 weeks. The extended benefit is fully funded by federal government.  For states with at least 10% increase in unemployment rate.  The states receiving the federal grants are required to temporarily ease certain eligibility requirements such as work search requirements, and required waiting periods.	

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Uzbekistan	<ul> <li>The provision of services by state bodies to citizens has been transferred to online / remote work mode.</li> <li>All organizations (both state organizations and private companies) must send employees on annual leave or transfer to remote work mode (online mode).</li> <li>Employers, (both state organizations and private companies), must comply with the following requirements:</li> <li>Mandatory introduction of the procedure for admitting visitors to institutions using medical masks and medical devices only;</li> <li>Measure the body temperature of workers at the workplace, prevent employees with high temperatures from working, and immediately inform the health authorities about such workers;</li> <li>In accordance with the requirement of the state sanitary control authorities, immediately provide information on those who have had contact with a worker infected with coronavirus and apply measures to disinfect the infected person;</li> <li>Assist employees in meeting isolation requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Entry into the capital by any means of transport (bus, minibus, car, air transport and by rail) is suspended.</li> <li>All places of mass congestion of people, including parks, squares, playgrounds, sports grounds and other places are closed.</li> <li>All vehicles and goods entering into Uzbekistan from abroad undergo mandatory disinfection.</li> <li>Social distancing of at least 2 meters between people is required</li> <li>In public places, the simultaneous presence of more than 3 people, with the exception of members of the same family, is limited.</li> <li>From April 6 in Tashkent, Nukus and regional centers, the selfisolation regime introduced on April 1</li> </ul>	Business support In regard to business support, the following measures are taken: (i)The country introduced a force majeure regime for businesses in case of failure to fulfill contractual obligations due to coronavirus. (ii) moratorium on tax audits by the end of the year; legal entities are given a 6-month delay in paying taxes on property, land and for the use of water resources; (iii) from April 1 to October 1, the minimum amount of social tax for individual entrepreneurs is reduced from 100% to 50% of monthly income (from 223 to 111.5 thousand soums); (iv) the tax rate for the use of water resources for irrigation of farmland is reduced by 50%; (v) until October 1, the application of penalties to business entities for overdue foreign trade receivables is suspended; (vi) from April 15 to October 15 the deadline for the payment of property tax and land tax of individuals is extended; (vii) from April 1 to August 1, the deadline for submitting a declaration of personal income for 2019 is extended; from April 1 to July 1, 2020 the accrual of tourist (hotel) tax is suspended; (vii) banks will provide the private sector with up to 30 trillion soums of revolving loans to replenish working capital; (ix) until October 1, banks will give deferrals in the total amount of 5 trillion soums on the repayment of loans issued to tourism, hotel, transport and logistics companies, private educational organizations, catering enterprises and others faced with financial difficulties; (x) Until June 1, 2020, commercial banks will undergo stress testing and assessing the quality of their assets.  Medicines, substances, medical equipment and other necessary goods imported into the country are exempted from customs duties and VAT.  (xi) a moratorium is introduced up to October 1, 2020 to initiate bankruptcy procedures and declare bankruptcy of enterprises faced with financial difficulties due to restrictive measures introduced to counter the spread of coronavirus infection;  (xii) The deadline for conducting an audit at the end of 2		https://mift.uz/ru/news/uzbekistonda-biznes-fors-mazhor-rezhimiga-utmoda https://www.norma.uz/novoe_v_zakonodatelst ve/biznesu_i_lyudyam https://www.norma.uz/novoe_v_zakonodatelst ve/biznesu_i_lyudyam https://www.norma.uz/nashi_obzori/v_tashken_te_priostanovleno_dvije_nie_obshchestvennogo_transporta#https://www.norma.uz/nashi_obzori/maski_socialnaya_dis_tanciya_i_rabota_razvle_katelnyh_zavedeniy_https://mfa.uz/ru/press/news/2020/03/23919/  Audit regulatory_developments: The deadline for submitting the audited financial statements (for mandatory audits) has been extended till 1 October 2020.

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Jzbekistan		- A ban on personal use of vehicles was introduced from March 30 to April 20. Driving in cars in Tashkent, Nukus and regional centers, as well as between regions, will be allowed only with special permission in the form of a sticker issued by public service centers. Personal transport during this period is also allowed to be used only in emergency cases: childbirth, serious injuries and other situations that pose a danger to human life Starting April 6, Tashkent, Nukus and regional centers have temporarily restricted the use of scooters and bicycles. These can be used only in cases of emergency, for the purchase of food, medicine, medical devices, visiting a doctor, as well as trips to work.	lender, income determined for tax purposes on the basis of the		

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Uzbekistan		measures to create conditions for people continuing production activities, ensuring that sanitary-epidemiological control services and healthcare institutions are attached to them for continuous monitoring of the organization of conditions for their employees, as well as extending the deadlines for fulfilling investment obligations that have not been fulfilled due to restrictive measures introduced to counteract the spread of coronavirus infection.		
		from April 1 to December 31, 2020: i) tour operators, travel agents and tourism entities providing hotel services (accommodation services), Uzbekistan Airways JSC and its structural divisions, Uzbekistan Airports JSC and Ufa Aeronavigation Center State Unitary Enterprise are exempt from paying land tax from legal entities and property tax of legal entities; pay social tax at a reduced rate of 1 percent; ii) payers of value added tax, the turnover on the sale of goods (services) of which does not exceed 1 billion soums per month and using electronic invoices, are entitled to calculate and pay value added tax on a quarterly basis; iii) the procedure for applying increased property tax and land tax rates in relation to unused production areas, non-residential buildings, including those identified before April 1, 2020, as well as interest and penalties for recovering debt arising from the application of increased rates, is suspended on the specified taxes.		
		Micro-firms, small enterprises and individual entrepreneurs who have suspended their activities and (or) for which the amount of proceeds from the sale of goods (services) is reduced by more than 50% compared to the monthly average for the first quarter of 2020, with interest notifications are entitled to deferral (installment plan) of taxes until October 1:  - on turnover tax, property tax, land tax, tax for the use of water resources - with their subsequent payment in equal shares within 12 months - without submitting an application to local government bodies;  - on social tax - with its subsequent payment in equal installments within 6 months.		

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Uzbekistan		Construction materials necessary for the construction of medical and quarantine institutions to combat coronavirus infection, as well as goods necessary for their functioning, are exempted from customs duties, including value added tax, by December 31, 2020; when importing express tests for the detection of coronavirus infection, they are not charged a customs clearance fee.		
		An increased property tax and land tax rate for unused business facilities will not be applied until October 1, 2020. Until November 1, enterprises facing financial difficulties due to the coronavirus pandemic will not be declared as a bankrupt. During the quarantine period, business entities will not be charged rent for more than 3.6 thousand objects of state property. The period for fulfilling investment obligations on all projects is extended by 6 months.		
		Suspension of the bank account of entrepreneurs during the quarantine period is prohibited. The licensing of services for the delivery and transportation of goods is temporarily canceled.		
		Social support Social support of the population is increasing: - from April 1, 2020, by 10% - from 595.4 thousand to 655 thousand - the number of recipients of benefits for families with children under the age of 14 will increase, for child care until they reach 2 years and material assistance - a daily supplement is introduced - 6% of the monthly official salary - to 5482 medical, sanitary and epidemiological and other employees participating in activities to combat coronavirus. For example, doctors will daily receive an additional 160 thousand soums; - 1,040 million employees of state educational, sports and cultural institutions that have suspended their activities will continue to receive salaries in a timely manner; - The system for issuing sick leave will be simplified tax exemptions and deferrals will be provided; - It is proposed to exempt individuals from income taxes in the form of material benefits received from charitable		

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organizations.  Continuation for a period of 6 months without interruption the payment of benefits and material assistance, the payment term of which expires in March - June of the current year, without requesting an application to continue their payment term of which expires in March - June of the current year, without requesting an application to continue their payment for a new term and other documents (but no more the child is 2 years old and 14 years old, respectively).  Support for working ditzens:  - guaranteed the preservation of jobs and average monthly income of persons placed in quarantine:  - It is forbidden for employers to dismiss the parents of children infected with coronavirus infection or quarantined:  - quarantinel eave is granted to parents of kindergarten pupils and primary school students:  - temporary disability benefits in the amount of 100% of the average salary will be received by quarantined parents and persons caring to their child:  - It is allowed to transfer employees, especially pregnant women, the elderly, persons with disabilities and chronic disasses, to a remote method, flexible work schedule or work at home  Food Supply support:  - the list and volumes of production of raw materials for the production of consumer goods is introduced:  - prices will be monitored in markets with tight control over avoiding shortages and artificially raising prices for socially significant food products.	Country	Restrictions on physical attendance at work	Restrictions on travel	Government support available/announced	Conditions around Government support	Additional information
	Izbekistan			<ul> <li>Continuation for a period of 6 months without interruption the payment of benefits to families with children, childcare benefits and material assistance, the payment term of which expires in March - June of the current year, without requesting an application to continue their payment for a new term and other documents (but no more the child is 2 years old and 14 years old, respectively).</li> <li>Support for working citizens: <ul> <li>guaranteed the preservation of jobs and average monthly income of persons placed in quarantine;</li> <li>It is forbidden for employers to dismiss the parents of children infected with coronavirus infection or quarantined;</li> <li>quarantine leave is granted to parents of kindergarten pupils and primary school students;</li> <li>temporary disability benefits in the amount of 100% of the average salary will be received by quarantined parents and persons caring for their child;</li> <li>It is allowed to transfer employees, especially pregnant women, the elderly, persons with disabilities and chronic diseases, to a remote method, flexible work schedule or work at home</li> </ul> </li> <li>Food Supply support: <ul> <li>the list and volumes of food for procurement and reserve formation will be determined;</li> <li>monitoring of volumes of production of raw materials for the production of consumer goods is introduced;</li> <li>prices will be monitored in markets with tight control over avoiding shortages and artificially raising prices for socially</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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Zambia	- Organized public events and social gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited.	Ministry of Transport & Communications Recommendations: 1. All airports except the main	On the 13th March 2020 a Statutory Instrument (SI 21) was issued to Supplement the Public Health Act under (Notifiable Infectious Disease).	No Government support measures have been announced in Zambia.	Zambia reported the first corona-virus death (02 April 2020)
	closed on 20th March.	International airport to suspend international flights from 27 March. 2. Suspension of Cross Border Public Passenger Services.	No Government support measures have been announced in Zambia.		The president has authorised the government to recruit 3,400 health workers to curb the spread of Covid-19.
		<ol> <li>Reduction of passengers on all local Public Transportation Vehicles to 60% and City Bus Operators to disinfect cabins after offloading passengers.</li> <li>Cross border cargo suspended with the exception of essential</li> </ol>	'Government will release K2.5 Billion (US\$13.8million) to reduce domestic arrears owed to domestic suppliers and includes the reduction on outstanding arrers to pensioners under public service pension fund and retirees who are claimants under the ministry of Justice. It will also reduce outstanding third party arrers and other employee related committments.		
		commodities e.g. food, fuel & health related products. 5. Suspension of Railway Passenger Services. 6. Water Transportation to have	Government has released K140 million (US\$7.7 million)to pay local contractors in the road sector - to ensure zambian contractors and suppliers are not thrown out of business.		
		capacity reduced to 60%  7. All trucks to park in designated parking slots	Government has removed provisions of Statutory Instrument #90 relating to the claim of VAT on imported spare parts, lubricants and stationery.		
		The President has ordered a total lockdown of Kafue (a neighbouring town of the capital) on 15 April so	The Bank of Zambia has taken measure to encourage use of digital financial services and mobile transaction services.		
		that authorities do a mass Covid-19 testing in the area.	The Bank of Zambia has provided a K10billion (US\$55 million) of credit to banks that may face liquidity challenges and revoked Statutory Instruments for classification and provison of loans. Priority is given to small and medium scale		
			enterprises that are adversely affected by the impact of the Covid-19. The benefits of this move is to provide support to businesses such as schools, gymnasiums, restaurants, bars and nightclubs whose businesses have been halted and have		
			sent their workers home. Commercial banks are obliged to give them loans at an affordable rate to enable their businesses to survive.		

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