

## Newsletter April 07, 2020.

Due to recent events and the uncertainty that is being experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to inform you that yesterday; the Ministry of Health issued an agreement that establishes some technical guidelines in relation to the activities described as essential regarding the health problem derived from COVID-19.

Therefore, we take the liberty of quoting the precedent referred to in the aforementioned Agreement and subsequently providing you with the contents thereof:

# Agreement March 31, 2020, issued by the Ministry of Health

**ARTICLE ONE:** It is established as an extraordinary action, to attend the sanitary emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus, that the public, social, and private sectors must implement the following measures:

*II. Only the following activities, considered essential, may continue in operation:* 

c) Those of the fundamental sectors of the economy: Financial services, tax collection, distribution and sales of energy services, gas stations and gas, generation and distribution of drinking water, food and non-alcoholic beverage industry, food markets, supermarkets, self-service shops, grocery stores and sale of prepared foods; passenger and cargo transport services; agricultural, fishing and livestock production, agro-industry, chemical industry, cleaning products; hardware stores, courier services, guards in private security work; day care centers and children's homes, nursing homes and homes for the elderly, shelters and care centers for women victims of violence and their children; telecommunications and the media; private emergency services, funeral and burial services, storage and cold chain services for essential inputs; logistics (airports, ports and railways), as well as activities whose suspension may have irreversible effects on their continuation;

(e) Those necessary for the preservation, maintenance and repair of critical infrastructure that ensures the production and distribution of essential services, namely: drinking water, electric power, gas, oil, gasoline, turbosine, basic sanitation, public transportation, hospital, and medical infrastructure, among others that could be listed in this category;

The following is the Agreement that entered into force yesterday at the time of its publication:

ONE: The technical guidelines related to the activities described in paragraphs c) and e) of section II of Article 1 of the Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to address the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on March 31, 2020, are established.

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## TECHNICAL GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS C) AND E) OF SECTION II OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING EXTRAORDINARY ACTIONS TO ATTEND TO THE HEALTH EMERGENCY GENERATED BY THE SARS-COV2 VIRUS

#### A. For companies whose suspension may have an irreversible effect on their operation

**FIRST:** For activities whose suspension may have irreversible effects for their continuation, referred to in the final part of paragraph c), section II, ARTICLE FIRST of the Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to address the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus, the following shall be understood:

Steel, cement and glass production companies, as well as IT services that guarantee the continuity of IT systems in the public, private, and social sectors.

**SECOND.** - Steel, cement and glass production companies shall maintain a minimum activity that avoids irreversible effects on their operation; for such purpose, they shall inform the Ministry of Economy through the e-mail address: economia@economia.gob.mx, in accordance with Annex 1, within a term not exceeding 24 hours as of the publication of these Guidelines, the total number of employees that is indispensable for such purpose. Likewise, they must comply with the practices indicated in section III, of Article One of the Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to attend the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus.

Those steel, cement and glass production companies that have contracts in force with the Federal Government will continue the activities that allow them to comply with the short-term commitments exclusively for the Dos Bocas, Mayan Train, Felipe Angeles Airport and Transisthmian Corridor projects; as well as the existing contracts considered as indispensable for PEMEX and the Federal Electricity Commission.

#### **B.** For courier companies:

THIRD: With respect to the messenger services referred to in paragraph c), section II, ARTICLE FIRST, of the Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to attend to the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus, these include the electronic commerce companies and platforms, as long as they comply with the practices indicated in section III, of the same precept.

# C. For companies necessary for the conservation, maintenance and repair of the critical infrastructure that ensures the production and distribution of essential services: electrical energy

FOURTH: With respect to the provisions of paragraph e), section II, ARTICLE FIRST, of the Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to attend to the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus, the coal mines will maintain a minimum activity that satisfies the demand of the Federal Electricity Commission. To this end, they must inform the Ministry of Economy via e-mail: economia@economia.gob.mx, in accordance with Annex 1, within a period of no more than 24 hours from the publication of these Guidelines, the total number of employees who are indispensable for such purpose.

FIFTH: Coal distribution companies will maintain their transport and logistics activities to satisfy the

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demand of the Federal Electricity Commission. To this end, they will employ a minimum number of workers for this purpose and must comply with the practices set forth in section III, of Article 1 of the Agreement establishing extraordinary actions to address the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus.

In the event that your company is within the established cases, we attach the annex that you must send to the Ministry of Economy.

#### ANNEX 1 BUSINESS CONTINUITY EMPLOYEE RECORD IN A HEALTH EMERGENCY

COMPANY NAME	
NAME OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	
R.F.C.	
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL	
LOCATION	
CONTRACT NUMBER AND NAME OF THE	
PROJECT / WORK (ADD ONE LINE PER	
CONTRACT)	
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES HIRED UNDER	
CONDITIONS	
OF NORMALITY	

For the time being, this firm is at your disposal for any questions you may have.

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