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Cabinet Approves Emergency Regulations

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Cabinet Approves Emergency Regulations (Restriction on Number of Employees at a Workplace in Order to Reduce the Spread of the New Coronavirus; Amendment)

The Cabinet has approved:

The decisions will take effect tomorrow.

* Emergency Regulations (Restriction on Number of Employees at a Workplace in Order to Reduce the Spread of the New Coronavirus; Amendment)

No more than ten employees or 15% of the work force, whichever is highest, shall be in a place of work at one time. Despite the foregoing, an employer shall be allowed to temporarily increase the maximum number of permitted employees at a workplace to 30% of the workforce as long as the increase is essential for ongoing activity at the workplace, and the employer informs the Ministry of Economy and Industry Director General of the names and responsibilities of the employees whose presence is required at the workplace, as well as the reasons why their presence is required. (The foregoing is for non-essential workplaces.)

The director general of a business defined as essential shall not allow administrative employees to report except in cases where their presence is vital.

Reception hours shall not be allowed at a workplace except for the supply of essential products and services only and provided that the number of service providers is minimized. (The foregoing is for non-essential workplaces.)

At a workplace in which people are usually employed in shifts, the employer shall – to the extent possible – keep the same workers on the same shifts.

* Preparations by the Public Sector for Work on an Emergency Footing during the Coronavirus Crisis (Amendment of Cabinet Decision)

In order to reduce the number of public sector employees at their places of work, it has been determined that as of tomorrow (Wednesday, 1 April 2020), director generals will not allow the entry or presence of essential employees at a workplace in the amount of over 20% of the workforce.

All exceptions will require the Director General to file a report with the Civil Service Commissioner on the number of additional essential employees whose presence is vital, and the requisite reasons.

The Cabinet approved the addition of supervisors from the public sector who are authorized to levy fines, who are not essential workers in their ministries, in order to assist in enforcing the orders and regulations to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

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