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SUMMARY

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TEXT

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Given the international public health emergency, declared by the World Health Organization on January 30, 2020, as well as the classification of the virus as a pandemic on March 11, 2020, it is important to strategically safeguard the norms contingency for the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic.

The exceptional situation in the present moment and the proliferation of registered cases of contagion of COVID-19 requires the application of extraordinary and urgent measures, including measures that increase the possibilities of social distance and prophylactic isolation.

Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 12 of Decree-Law no. 10-A / 2020 , of 13 March, the allocation of spaces accessible to the public from other catering or beverage establishments and establishments Commercials must observe the occupancy rules that may be defined by order of the Government member responsible for the area of the economy, in which total or partial restrictions on the allocation of spaces accessible to the public can be established.

Like this:

The Government, through the Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition, orders, pursuant to the combined provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 12 of Decree-Law no. 10-A / 2020 , of 13 March , and no. 1 of article 9 of Decree-Law no. 169-B / 2019 , of 3 December, which approved the organization and functioning regime of the XXII Constitutional Government, the following:

Article 1

Restrictions on access to commercial spaces

1 - The allocation of spaces accessible to the public in retail establishments, large commercial areas and commercial complexes must observe the maximum indicative occupation rule of 0.04 people per square meter of area.

2 - For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, «area» means the area intended for the public, including areas for collective use or circulation, with the exception of areas reserved for parking vehicles.

3 - The limits provided for in the preceding paragraphs:

- a) They do not include employees and service providers who are exercising functions in the spaces in question;
- b) Do not apply to wholesale establishments.

Article 2

Restrictions on access to food and beverage establishments

The allocation of spaces accessible to the public in food and beverage establishments must be limited to one third of their capacity, as defined in article 133 of the annex to Decree-Law no. 10/2015 , of 16 January, in its current wording.

Article 3

Management and monitoring duties

The managers, managers or owners of the spaces and establishments referred to in the previous articles must make every effort to:

a) Carry out a balanced management of public accesses, in compliance with the provisions of the previous articles;

b) Monitor denials of public access, in order to avoid, as much as possible, the concentration of people at the entrance to spaces or establishments.

Article 4

Review

The solutions prescribed in the previous articles may be revised if the conditions that determine the respective forecast change.

Article 5

Implementation

This decree enters into force on the day following its publication.

The Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition, Pedro Gramaxo de Carvalho Siza Vieira, on March 14, 2020.

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