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1. FINANCIAL PACKAGE 2 SUPPORTING BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS AS COMMUNICATED IN 13.04.2020

- (1) **Financial support to current employees and laid-off employees as a result of COVID-19.**
- (2) **State Guarantee of 150 Mln USD** as the new financial instrument for tourism, fason industry and manufacturing businesses, which will be made available by risk sharing mechanism between government and banks.
- (3) **Postponement of due date payments for tax on profits installments**
 - a) For all enterprises except those operating in banking system, telecommunications and public companies as well as the companies of the supply chain of essential goods, the payment due date of tax on profit installments are postponed after September 30, 2020.
 - b) As for the entities operating in the field of tourism, fason, call centers and small businesses with a turnover of up to 14 million ALL per year, payment due date of tax on profit installments is postponed to 2021.

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2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES AND LAID-OFF EMPLOYEES DUE TO COVID-19- CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA.

Following the launch of the financial package as above, on 17.04.2020 the beneficiary categories, conditions and criteria were accordingly detailed.

A. Beneficiaries:

- (1) Financial support of 40,000 (forty thousand) ALL for employees in entities with annual income over 14,000,000 (fourteen million) ALL, who have closed their activities according to the orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection and who have been employed on the date of entry into force of these orders.

- (2) Financial support of 40,000 (forty thousand) ALL for former employees in the entities that are allowed to carry out activities according to the orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection and who have been dismissed from the date of entry into force of these orders until April 10, 2020. The day of submission of E-sig 027 should no longer be later than April 10, 2020.
- (3) Financial support of 40 000 (forty thousand) ALL for employees in entities with annual income up to 14 000 000 (fourteen million) ALL, who are allowed to carry out activities according to the orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection and who have been at work until the date of entry into force of the orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection. The following are excluded from this support.
 - Employees employed in entities with the object of trading activity of food products, fruits - vegetables, pharmaceuticals;
 - Employees registered in activities and professions such as: lawyer, notary, specialist doctor, pharmacist, nurse, veterinarian, architect, engineer, physician-laboratory technician, designer, economist, agronomist, registered accounting expert, approved accountant and evaluator of assets, which are allowed to perform the activity according to the orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection.
- (4) Financial support of 40,000 (forty thousand) ALL for employees of entities, natural or legal persons, who exercise the activity as accommodation structures, who result in the payroll until the date of orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection.

B. General conditions and criteria:

- Financial support is calculated and disbursed to employees listed in the updated payrolls according to the ESig-027 form, until the date of entry into force of the orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection.
- The application for financial assistance is made by the subject of the employee in the DPT portal, e-filing.
- An employee who results in more than one payroll list receives only one payment as financial assistance.
- Employees who have benefited from the assistance according to the financial package 1 do not benefit from this financial assistance 1.

- **CoM Decision No.305, date 16.4.2020** “On determination of the procedures, documentation and the measures of obtaining financial support for current employees and laid-off employees as a result of covid-19” - **Official Gazette No.67/2020**

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3. POSTPONEMENT OF RENTAL PAYMENT

- By means of a Normative Act no.14, some changes are made in relation to the previous determinations for the postponement of the payment of rents. Specifically, the provision in force will be:

All lessees, natural/legal persons, with incomes up to 14 million ALL per year, who have a notarial lease contract for the development of their economic activity, signed before the declaration of the state of the epidemic, regardless of whether they are allowed or stop the activity due to the condition caused by Covid-19, will not pay the rent for two months, April and May 2020

- **Normative Active no.14, date 11.4.2020** “For some changes and additions to the normative act no. 3, dated 15.3.2020, of the Council of Ministers, "On taking special administrative measures during the duration of the infection period caused by Covid-19", as amended"-- **Official Gazette No.65/2020**

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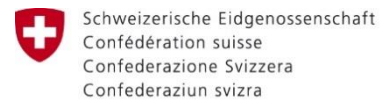
4. PUBLIC CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF EMERGING AND ESSENTIALS GOODS BY ACTIVE PROCESSING BUSINESSES

- By Normative Act No. 14, some specific rules are provided for the conclusion of public procurement contracts between Contracting Authorities and economic operators classified as active processing businesses, *with the negotiated procurement procedure, without prior announcement.*
 - (1) Active processing businesses, which produce goods or provide necessary services to cope with the situation created by Covid-19, after the entry into force of this normative act, if they have goods / services convenient, express their availability to the Agency of Concentrated Purchases (ACP).

- (2) The contracting authorities shall negotiate only with the operators listed in the ACP, according to the goods / services they want to procure. ACP has the obligation to update daily the list of businesses that express their availability.
 - (3) If the need cannot be met by these operators, the contracting authorities may apply to other economic operators for the fulfillment of the request for these goods, according to the negotiated procedure, without paparazzi announcement.
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