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From 15 September 2020 the Isolation Period Constitutes 8 Days

- ▶ On 14 September 2020, the Ordinance No. 577 of the Government of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, from September 15, the mandatory isolation period was reduced and became 8 days.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, the person subject to isolation will get tested on the 8th day.
- ▶ If the test is negative, the person subject to quarantine will leave the isolation area and shall appear at the relevant facility on the 12th day for a repeated PCR testing.
- ▶ The Ordinance became effective on 15 September 2020.

Source and date of publication: the Legislative Herald of Georgia, 14/09/2020.

Commencement of Learning Process in Classrooms and Lecture-halls Has Been Delayed

- ▶ On 11 September 2020, the decisions of the Interagency Coordination Council were published on the official website of the Government of Georgia.¹
- ▶ Learning process in classrooms and lecture-halls in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Rustavi, Gori, Zugdidi, Poti, Batumi and Kobuleti will be resumed from October 1. However, the learning process was started remotely from September 15.

¹ Website of the Government of Georgia, http://gov.ge/index.php?lang_id=GEO&sec_id=541&info_id=77248.

- ▶ The Ordinance N 565 of the Government of Georgia has also approved the requirements and procedures for foreign students entering Georgia.

Source and date of publication: the official website of the Government of Georgia, 11/09/2020; the Legislative Herald of Georgia, 09/09/2020.

Restrictions on the Gathering of Persons

- ▶ On 9 September 2020, the Ordinance No. 566 of the Government of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, gatherings of more than 10 individuals related to social events established in the society, for example, weddings, any jubilee, commemoration meetings etc. have been restricted.
- ▶ Pursuant to the Ordinance, all types of mass sports events in the open space, including competitions, training/assembly process, all types of training, seminars and/or conferences related to sport may be held with gathering of no more than 200 individuals. This restriction does not apply to remote events.
- ▶ The Ordinance became effective on 10 September 2020.

Source and date of publication: the Legislative Herald of Georgia, 09/09/2020.

The List of Prohibited Economic Activities Has Been Increased

- ▶ On 9 September 2020, the Ordinance No. 566 of the Government of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, activities of entertainment facilities and so-called nightclubs are deemed to be as prohibited economic activities.
- ▶ The Ordinance became effective on 10 September 2020.

Source and date of publication: the Legislative Herald of Georgia, 09/09/2020.

Opportunities for Suspension of Permitted Business Activity

- ▶ On 19 August 2020, the Ordinance No. 515 of the Government of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ When carrying out permitted business activity, in the event of critical noncompliance with the laws of Georgia, including requirements of the recommendations, the Labor Conditions Inspection Department of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia is authorized to suspend the process of business activity.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, in the event of elimination of the grounds for suspension of business activities, in particular, in case of completion of epidemiology surveys or/and correction of violations, the business activity may be reopened based on the appeal of corresponding subject.
- ▶ The Ordinance became effective upon its publication.

The Measures to be Taken in Connection with Foreign Visitors Carrying Out Business/Labor Activities in Other Countries Remotely from Georgia Have Been Determined

- ▶ On 21 August and on 14 September 2020, the Ordinances No. 525 and No. 577 of the Government of Georgia were published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, the foreign visitors carrying out business/labor activities remotely from Georgia are subject to isolation/quarantine when entering Georgia.
- ▶ Such foreign visitors are admitted on the territory of Georgia based on the corresponding application submitted by them, if approved by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.
- ▶ When entering Georgia, such foreign visitor is obliged to go through mandatory 8-day quarantine with his/her own costs. After 8-day mandatory quarantine, the visitor shall take PCR test with his/her own cost.
- ▶ The regulation determined with the Ordinance does not apply the citizens and the persons holding residence permits of the countries, which Georgia has open borders with, without testing and/or quarantine. Such persons shall at the border control present the document evidencing taking the PCR test within 72 hours prior entering Georgia or undergo PCR testing with their cost.
- ▶ The Ordinance No. 525 became effective upon its publication and the Ordinance No. 577 - from 15 September 2020.

Source and date of publication: The Legislative Herald of Georgia; 21/08/2020; 14/09/2020.

The Measures to be Taken in Connection with the Persons Visiting Georgia for Carrying Out Business/Labor Activities Have Been Amended

- ▶ On 27 August and on 14 September 2020, the Ordinance No. 538 and Ordinance No. 577 of the Government of Georgia were published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ The persons entering Georgia for carrying out business/labor activities are admitted to the country based on the corresponding application submitted by them, if approved by the ministries in charge prescribed by the laws of Georgia.
- ▶ When entering Georgia, the foreign visitor is obliged to undergo PCR testing at the border checkpoint with his/her costs. Prior receiving the test result, the visitor is obliged to stay in quarantine for 24 hours, at his/her costs.
- ▶ If the negative result of PCR test is received, one of the following decisions may be made by the respective ministry:
 - The visitor will undergo PCR testing for subsequent 12 days, within every 72 hours at his/her cost; or
 - The visitor will be placed in quarantine for 8 days. At the moment of leaving the quarantine area, as well as on the 12th day or in case of displaying symptoms, he/she will undergo testing at his/her cost.
- ▶ The Ordinance No. 5438 became effective upon its publication and the Ordinance No. 577 - from 15 September 2020.

Source and date of publication: the Legislative Herald of Georgia; 27/08/2020.

Provision of Services of Gambling and Winning Games under the Conditions of COVID-19 Outbreak

- ▶ On 27 August 2020, the Ordinance No. 537 of the Government of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, provision of services of gambling and winning games are permitted electronically. The referred restriction does not apply promotional games, except those of gambling or/and winning games.
- ▶ The Ordinance became effective upon its publication.

Source and date of publication: the Legislative Herald of Georgia; 27/08/2020.

Obligations of a Legal Entity Providing Educational Services

- ▶ On 31 August 2020, the Ordinance No. 546 of the Government of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ The legal entities established under the law of Georgia providing early or/and pre-school and other educational services or/and implementation of school readiness programs, are authorized to carry out activities in the event of issuing positive opinion on performing recommendations by the agency determined by the law.
- ▶ When carrying out such activity, social distance is determined by minimum 1 meter.
- ▶ The Ordinance became effective upon its publication.

Source and date of publication: the Legislative Herald of Georgia; 31/08/2020.

Using Facemask is Mandatory at the Establishments of General Education, and Professional and Higher Education

- ▶ On 12 August 2020, the Ordinance No. 496 of the Government of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ According to the Ordinance, except other cases as prescribed for by the laws of Georgia, using facemask is mandatory at the establishments of general education, and professional and higher education.
- ▶ The Ordinance became effective upon its publication.

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General Recommendations Regarding the Avoidance of the Spread of New Coronavirus Infection (COVID-19) for Various Institutions Have Been Approved and Updated

- ▶ On 4 and 14 August 2020, as well as on 3 and 8 September 2020, the Orders No. 01-377/o, No. 01-No. 408/o, No. 01-428/o, No. 01-431/o and No. 01-442/o of the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia was published on the website of the Legislative Herald of Georgia.
- ▶ General recommendations have been approved by the Orders:
 - ✓ For social events, for example, weddings, any jubilee, commemoration meetings etc. in open and closed spaces.
 - ✓ For TIR-parks and those gas stations, at the territory of which the drivers performing international cargo transportation stop;
 - ✓ For libraries;
 - ✓ For early and pre-school education institutions;
 - ✓ For the establishments of general education;
 - ✓ For the establishments of higher education.
- ▶ Updated recommendations for different kinds of professional sports and sport events have been approved by the Orders.
- ▶ Updated general recommendations were attached to the orders:
 - ✓ For catering facilities;
 - ✓ For museum, creative activities and cultural events;
 - ✓ For film studios and screenings;
 - ✓ For the entities carrying out professional educational and professional preparatory/retraining programs.
- ▶ Orders No. 01-377/o, No. 01-408/o, No. 01-428/o, No. 01-431/o and No. 01-422/o became effective upon signing.

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