

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

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To **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

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**EXCERPT**

**Of the Draft – Minutes of Meeting of the nineteenth session of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, held on March 14, 2020**

**“Item 1: Action Plan from the Headquarters for crisis management for prevention and dealing with the emergence and spreading of the Coronavirus COVID-19 on part of the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia wherein there is a crisis situation, on the area of the Municipalities of Debar and Centar Zhupa, as well as new additional measures and activities for prevention of spreading of the Coronavirus COVID-19.**

The Government has considered the Action Plan of the Chief Crisis Management Office for prevention and dealing with the emergence and spreading of the Coronavirus COVID-19 on part of the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia in which there is a crisis situation, on the area of the Municipalities of Debar and Centar Zhupa and thus has concluded the Action Plan to be amended with the following indications:

- The Action Plan to be rewritten according to the given recommendations by the Ministry of Health.
- The work of the manufacturing capacities on the area of the Municipalizes of Debar and Centar Zhupa to be additionally coordinated with special mode of work according to the business activities they are performing.
- To accept the offer of the telecommunication operator and the four most important measures/recommendations to be defined and sent via SMS message to the citizens.
- It is hereby recommended that the Public Prosecution of the Republic of North Macedonia, for the area of Debar and Centar Zhupa, during this period, to act with priority according to the mandatory instructions, upon cases and proceedings related with currently occurred situation.
- It is hereby recommended to the Court Council of the Republic of North Macedonia, to issue an order for the work of the Debar Municipality court as per the same principle as the given mandatory instructions to the Public Prosecution.
- It is hereby assigned the Ministry of Defense to immediately purchase disinfectants for the requirements of the Rescue and Safety Directorate and the Army of the Republic of North Macedonia. According thereof, it is assigned the Public Procurements Bureau to issue an urgent purchase permission.

According to these amendments, the Chief Crisis Management Office to amend the Action Plan for prevention and dealing with the emergence and spreading of the Coronavirus COVID-19 on part of the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia.

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Additionally, regarding the requirement of undertaking new additional measures and activities for prevention of spreading the Coronavirus COVID-19 and in compliance with the proposals provided during the session discussion, the following conclusions have been adopted:

1. The Government establishes Chief Coordination Crisis Office, that will be headed by the President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia and consisted of all deputies of the President of the Republic of North Macedonia, the Minister of Health, Minister of Defense, Minister of Interior Affairs, Minister of Transport and Communications, Minister of Finance, Minister of Education and Science, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Director of the Crisis Management Center and the Director of the Protection and Rescue Directorate, in order to provide complete coordination regarding prevention of importing and spreading the Coronavirus COVID-19. In necessary, depending on the situation, other competent institutions and experts may be included within the operation of the Chief Coordination Crisis Office. The Chief Coordination Crisis Office to meet on daily basis, in the morning, within the premises of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, immediately after the meeting of the Infectious Diseases Commission of the Ministry of Health.
2. To close all land border crossings in the Republic of North Macedonia for passing of passengers and vehicles, except for the border crossings Tabanovce, Deve Bair, Kjafasan, Bogorodica and Blace, that will be open. Only freight vehicles to be allowed to cross the closed border crossings in the Republic of North Macedonia.
3. To close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport and the border crossing at the airport, within 48 hours as of the adoption of this ordered measure.
4. To prohibit entry to the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia to foreign citizens also from the countries of medium risk according to the List of the World Health Organization published on the web site of the Ministry of Health, except for those foreign citizens for whom the Ministry of Interior Affairs will issue a permission upon previous opinion by the Chief Coordination Crisis Office that will confirm that there is special national or economic interest. These foreign citizens to enter to the Republic of North Macedonia under special conditions for protection according to the Ministry of Health protocol.
5. All shops in the shopping malls on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia to be closed for visitors, except for the supermarkets, food shops, and pharmacies within the shopping malls.  
All other shops – legal entities within the shopping malls can work and sale in an alternative way (online or phone orders, etc.) and to deliver the orders.
6. It is hereby prohibited the work of the cafeterias, bars, clubs, casinos and sports bets.
7. To be closed for visitors – guests all catering facilities and restaurants that prepare and sale food, but these can work without visitors – guests and make sales in an alternative way (online or phone orders, etc.) and to deliver ordered food or to enable

self-pick-up of the order outside the catering facility or restaurant (through counter/stand)”.

According to these measures, the Government has adopted Decision amending the Decision on measures for prevention of import and spreading of the Coronavirus COVID-19.

8. It is hereby assigned the Ministry of Health, to every our citizen entering through the border crossings in the Republic of North Macedonia, and traveling from a high or medium risk countries, when entering, at the border crossing to be issued written order for implementation of mandatory self-isolation and to sign a written statement under full moral, material and criminal responsibility, that he/she will be self-isolated thus stating his/her personal data, with address and place of residence during the self-isolation period.
9. It is hereby assigned the European Issues Secretariat, to prepare and to urgently submit to the Government comparative analysis of all undertaken measures and the manner of their implementation in the countries with high and medium risk.
10. It is hereby assigned the Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Agriculture, forestry and water supply, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to immediately establish working group, in order until Monday to prepare information/proposal for export-import for food products.
11. It is hereby assigned the Ministry of Interior Affairs to inform the public and the economic entities that the delivery of food products, medicaments and the other required goods on the area of the Municipalities of Debar and Centar Zhupa, crisis situation area will be carried out only within the period from 08:00 until 14:00h.

Due to the continuation of the work of the industrial capacity Knauf Radika Debar safe vehicles flow will be enabled of the vehicles carrying out the resources and goods transport in the crisis situation area. The vehicles supplying goods and the vehicles of the company Knauf will be directed to the security point in the direction of HEC Shpilje and HEC Globochica or the security point through Boshkov Most, and from there only with police escort will be headed to the territory of the area of the Municipalities of Debar and Centar Zhupa, the crisis situation area. The goods unloading will be carried out only by persons who are already in this area od crisis situation, and the driver of the vehicle of the occupant in the vehicle will not be allowed to leave the vehicle. Following the unloading of the goods, the vehicle again with police escort will be returned towards one of the security points and following disinfection will be allowed free driving outside the territory of the declared crisis situation.

12. It is hereby recommended that the Public Prosecution of the Republic of North Macedonia to provide instructions and recommendations for urgent and priority acting of all public prosecutions of the Republic of North Macedonia within the proceedings processed by the competent institutions regarding the adopted decisions, measures and recommendations by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, and the other competent stated institutions.

13. It is hereby recommended that all employers in the Republic of North Macedonia, i.e. each managerial persons of an institution, depending on the type of the operations and the opportunities, to organize the work and the manner of working of the employees through work from home, without interrupting the normal functioning of the institution.
14. It is hereby assigned the Public Relations Sector of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia to immediately publish these conclusions, measures and recommendations to the website of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia and to distribute them to all printed and electronic media, for the purpose of regular informing of the citizens.”

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OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

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