Decree on additional measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been adopted

On 2 April 2020, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted a Decree “On additional measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan” ("Decree").

The Decree has introduced new rules and restrictions for movement of individuals within the country from 5 April 2020 to 20 April 2020.

To the attention of employers

Employees of legal entities as well as individual entrepreneurs and their employees, carrying out activity in the areas, operations within which have been allowed under the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan #120 dated 30 March 2020, will be eligible to visit their workplaces once the information on such employees and individuals is entered into the portal “icaze.e-gov.az” ("Portal").

Such areas include the following:

- production of medical equipment, medicines and medical devices;
• cargo transportation by air, sea, railway and road;
• railway, maritime, port and highway services;
• logistics services;
• public transport and taxi services;
• telecommunications and communication services;
• production of oil equipment and facilities;
• oil and gas transmission through pipelines;
• production of food products and raw materials for them, supply, storage and wholesale of food products;
• production of daily care and hygiene products;
• production of chemical products;
• production, refining, storage and sale of oil and gas;
• banking services, insurance, services provided by non-bank credit organizations;
• food outlets;
• pharmacies;
• translation services;
• advocacy; etc.

Information can be entered into the Portal starting from 3 April 2020, 10.00 a.m.

For entities operating in the areas within which activities have not been allowed, only employees required to ensure the protection and technical safety of such entities may be allowed to visit their workplaces once information on them is entered into the Portal.

Employees of state bodies as well as state owned enterprises and public legal entities established by the state may also visit their workplaces once information on them is entered into the Portal.

The Decree also determines the list of individuals who can visit their workplaces based on service cards or certificates from workplaces.

**To the attention of individuals**

Other individuals are allowed to leave their places of stay in the following cases:

• urgent medical necessity and receiving scheduled treatment (index number - 1);
• purchase of food and other daily necessities, as well as medicines, usage of banking and postal services (index number – 2);
• attending the funeral of a close relative (index number - 3).

Thus, in order to obtain a permit to leave the place of stay based on any of the above grounds, the SMS shall be sent to “8103” containing the serial number of the ID card or temporary or permanent residence permit and the relevant index. An individual may leave the place of stay only upon receiving a positive response.

In addition, it is not required to send the SMS in cases of imminent danger to life and health, and if summoned to court or law enforcement agencies.