

## MISCELLANEOUS GOVERNMENTAL MEASURES – MITIGATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19

### 1. Enforcement procedures

In this state of emergency, the government has introduced a law, based on which new amended rules shall be applied to enforcement procedures:

1. Court executors may not serve documents during the emergency, deadlines for deliveries resume on the 15th day after the end of the emergency.
  2. If the debtor indicates an intention to pay in instalments, the court executor shall grant this without the prior consent of the applicant.
- On-site procedures, traditional auctions (including real estate auctions) cannot be held, and on-site procedures cannot be performed until the end of the emergency.

### 2. Social Security

The eligibility for health insurance and family allowances for the care and upbringing of a child shall be extended until the end of the emergency. Under this rule, for those who are entitled to childcare benefits (GYED), childcare support benefits (GYES) and child raising allowances (GYET), such allowances shall be extended until the end of emergency. Also, there are several cases when these allowances shall be terminated.

### 3. Higher amount limit for contactless payments without a need for authentication

Payment service providers shall not apply a strong customer authentication method if a contactless electronic payment transaction does not exceed HUF 15,000 (fifteen thousand Hungarian forints). This new limit may be applied from March 25, and it shall be introduced from April 15 at the latest.

### 4. Partial Curfew

A significant governmental decree was announced on March 27, 2020 by the Prime Minister regarding a partial curfew. The governmental decree, and thus the partial curfew, is valid from March 28, 2020 until April 11, 2020. This period may also be extended later.

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The governmental decree on the curfew introduced the following measures/obligations:

- a) The distance kept between people shall be at least 1.5 m from now on (instead of 1 m). This means that, for example, customers standing in a queue for a cashier (in shops) shall keep the abovementioned distance between each other.
- b) Based on the governmental decree one's place of residence may be left only if there is good reason. The governmental decree itself lists these good reasons which are, among others, the following:
- Employment and conducting business; going to shops which sell equipment related to these activities (e.g., technical articles such as laptops, computers, or construction materials, etc.)
  - Going to a retail store which sells products used daily (i.e., perfume, drugs, household cleaners, chemicals and hygiene paper)
  - Marriages and funerals in a narrow family circle
  - Shopping in pharmacies
  - Shopping at fuel-stations
  - Shopping at tobacco shops

If you are interested in the entire list, please do not hesitate to contact us.

- c) Further to the above, during the partial curfew period, daily between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. only customers who are aged 65 or above may enter any store. After 12 p.m. the aforementioned customers (aged 65 or above) shall not be allowed to enter the store. Keeping this rule is the business operator's duty.

For any further information and assistance with respect to the above and any other COVID-19 related legal matters, please do not hesitate to contact us at [covidhelpdesk@peterkapartners.com](mailto:covidhelpdesk@peterkapartners.com).

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