

**Getting through the Coronavirus crisis with legal certainty -
COVID-19 Deregulation**

On 30 April 2020, two COVID-19 Ordinances expired: the Ordinance on Interim Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, Federal Law Gazette II 96/2020; and the Ordinance under §2(1) of the COVID-19 Act, Federal Law Gazette II 98/2020. A COVID-19 Deregulation was announced, and went into effect on 1 May 2020, which eases many of the previous restrictions.

Inns, restaurants, and hotels do not yet have the green light to reopen, but in general, trade is now allowed to resume.

In summary:

- ⊕ People may go out in public again, but they must remain 1 meter apart. In general, masks must be worn in closed rooms.
- ⊕ All commercial properties may open for business, regardless of size. This includes shopping centers. In smaller establishments, the number of people allowed at one time may be limited. People must stay 1 meter apart and wear masks.
- ⊕ Inns, restaurants, and accommodation facilities must remain closed. There are only a few exceptions to this rule, such as for hospitals and spas. This applies provisionally until 30 June 2020, and we will simply have to wait and see how the situation develops.

We are available to provide guidance during this financially and legally tumultuous time. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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