ANGOLA EXTRAORDINARY CONTINGENCY MEASURES AND NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORK DUE TO COVID-19

A. LEGAL FRAMEWORK TIMELINE

NO.	TOPIC	STATUTE	SUMMARY
1.	Quarantine	Interim Presidential Legislative Decree No. 1/20, of 18 March 2020	Suspends commercial and private passengers' flights and imposes a quarantine for a period of 15 days since 20 March 2020
2.	Service travels	Presidential Decree No. 45/20, of 18 March 2020	Suspends service travels outside the country of the members from the Executive State Administration
3.	Registry Services	Executive Decree No. 121/20, of 24 March 2020	Suspends Registry and Notary services, Civil and Criminal Identification services, the Companies' One-Stop Shop (<i>Guiché Único da Empresa – GUE</i>) and the Entrepreneurs' One-to Shop (<i>Balcão Único do Empreendedor – BUE</i>).
4.	Labor	Executive Decree No. 122/20, of 24 March 2020	Requires employers to implement contingency plans
5.	Courts	Judicial Superior Council Resolution from 25 March 2020	Suspends temporarily the operation of the courts of common jurisdiction for a period of 15 days with minimal services provided
6.	State of Emergency	Presidential Decree No. 81/20, of 25 March 2020	Declares the State of Emergency from 25 March until 11 April and imposes restrictions to civil rights
7.	Measures of exception	Presidential Decree No. 82/20, of 26 March 2020	Defines the temporary measures of exception in force during the State of Emergency and delegates powers to Ministers to implement the necessary measures

8. Medication	Executive Decree No. 123/20, of 30 March 2020	Subjects medical and medicinal goods for the prevention and treatment of Coronavirus to the regulated price regime
9. Education	Executive Decree No. 124/20, of 30 March 2020	Suspends all teaching activities in all educational services from 24 March for a period of 15 days automatically extendable for an equal period of time, unless otherwise specified
10. Schools	Executive Decree No. 125/20, of 30 March 2020	Approves the recommendations for the operation of schools during the suspension of classes
11. Financial institutions	BNA Instruction No. 4/20, of 30 March 2020	Establishes rules on the temporary facilities that Financial Institutions must grant to their clients, individuals and companies, within the scope of the fulfillment of credit obligations
12. Financial institutions	BNA Instruction No. 5/20, of 30 March 2020	Temporary derogation of the permitted settlement thresholds applicable to the importation of foodstuffs, medical and biosecurity material
13. Credit	Presidential Decree No. 86/20, of 1 April 2020	Approves the opening of additional extraordinary credit, in the amount of Kz. 20,000,000,000.00 for the payment of expenses related to the prevention and fighting of COVID-19
14. Ministry of Finance	Executive Decree No. 128/20, of 1 April 2020	Approves the contingency plan to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, applicable to the central services, provincial delegations and superintendent bodies
15. Transports (Revoked)	Executive Decree No. 129/20, of 1 April 2020	Defines measures of exception during the State of Emergency regarding the transports sector
16. Visas	Executive Decree No. 130/20, of 2 April 2020	Considers tourist and short-stay visas, whose holders have not been able to leave national territory, valid until May 15, 2020

17. Credit	BNA Notice No. 10/20, of 3 April 2020	Defines conditions for the granting of credit to the real economy
18. Ministry of Interior	Executive Decree No. 141/20, of 9 April 2020	Approves concrete measures of exception for the Ministry of Interior's bodies
19. Commercial activities	Executive Decree No. 143/20, of 9 April 2020	Determines that traders and service providers, during the period of the State of Emergency, must strictly observe the commercial chain and the provisions of articles 39 and 42 of Law no. 6/99, of 3 September 1999 of the offenses against the economy
20. State Budget	Presidential Decree No. 96/20, of 9 April 2020	Approves the transitional measures to respond to the lower oil price and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2020 State Budget and authorizes the Minister of Finance to begin the process of preparing the 2020 State Budget proposal, and the exemption from payment of Value Added Tax and customs duties for goods imported for the purpose of humanitarian aid and donations
21. Temporary measures	Presidential Decree No. 97/20, of 9 April 2020	Extends the State of Emergency for a period of 15 days, between 11 April and 25 April, and defines the concrete exception measures in force during the State of Emergency
22. Companies	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April 2020	Approves the immediate measures to relieve negative economic and financing effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including for micro, small and medium-size companies in the manufacturing sector
23. Sanitary fence	Presidential Decree No. 101/20, of 14 April 2020	Extends for a period of 24 hours the temporary lifting of the provincial sanitary fence in all provinces, with the interprovincial circulation of people and goods being allowed throughout the national territory until 23h 59 of April 13, 2020
24. Education	Executive Decree No. 148/20, of 14 April 2020	Suspends teaching activities in public, private and public-private higher education institutions for a period of 15 days
25. Health	Executive Decree No. 149/20, of 14 April 2020	Determines that any person who has not fulfilled institutional quarantine who moves from one province to another, between 00:00 on 11 April and 23:59 on 12 April, is subject to home quarantine for 14 days

26. Public Procurement	Executive Decree No. 153/20, of 17 April 2020	Establishes the exceptional and transitory measures of Public Procurement in the context of the prevention and fighting of the COVID-19 pandemic
27. Credit	BNA Instruction No. 7/20, of 20 Abril 2020	Defines conditions for the granting of credit
28. Education	Joint Executive Decree No. 157/20, of 22 April 2020	Approves the exceptional regime for the payment of tuition fees in private and public-private institutions that provide education and teaching services during the State of Emergency
29. Credit	Presidential Decree No. 118/20, of 22 April 2020	Approves the opening of an additional extraordinary credit in the amount of Kz. 22 187 306 503.00, for the payment of expenses related to the Phase 2 COVID-19 prevention and fighting
30. State of emergency extension	National Assembly Resolution No. 20/20, of 23 April 2020	In favor of a new extension of the State of Emergency declared by the President of the Republic, under Presidential Decrees no. 81/20, of 25 March 2020, and no. 97/20, of 9 April 2020
31. State of emergency	Presidential Decree No. 120/20, of 24 April 2020	Extends the State of Emergency for a period of 15 days, between 26 April, 2020 and 10 May, 2020, and defines the concrete exception measures in force during the period of the State of Emergency
32. Transport sec	ttor Executive Decree No. 160/20, of 27 April 2020	Defines the concrete exception measures with regard to the Transport Sector applicable during the extension of the State of Emergency
33. Ministry of Ju and Human ri		Determines the reopening of all services of this Ministry, under the terms and conditions set out in Presidential Decree no. 120/20, of 24 April 2020
34. State of Emergency extension	National Assembly Resolution No. 21/20, of 8 May 2020	In favor of a new extension of the State of Emergency declared by the President of the Republic, under Presidential Decree nos. 81/20, of 25 March 2020, 97/20, of 9 April 2020, and 120/20, of 24 April 2020
35. State of Emergency	Presidential Decree No. 128/20, of 8 May 2020	Extends the State of Emergency for a period of 15 days, between 11 May, 2020 and 25 May, 2020, and defines the concrete exception measures in force during the period of the State of Emergency

B. MAIN STATE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES WITH IMPACT ON COMPANIES

TOPIC	SUMMARY	ARTICLE	STATUTE	
	1. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS			
Suspension of rights	Suspension of rights to: Sanctity of domicile; Property; Free economic initiative; Religion in its collective dimension; Residency, movement and migration; Hold meeting and manifestation; Mail and communications; Strike and general workers' rights	Article 4	Presidential Decree No. 128/20, of 8 May 2020	
Limitations to movement	Limitations to movement except for: Purchase and acquisition of essential goods and services; Provision and search of services authorized to operate; Authorize labor activity; Obtaining of health care; Delivery of food or medicines at home; Assistance to vulnerable people; Participation in voluntary actions; Participation in public acts in functioning institutions; Returning home; Goods transport.	Article 5		
Other measures of exception	Sanitary isolation and prohibition of movement, except for: • Essential goods and services; • Humanitarian aid;	Article 7		

Entry and exit of sick people	
Allows circulation between provinces for the rendering of an economic activity, except for the Luanda Province which is subject to a sanitary fence	Article 8 and 9
Citizens who were exposed to infection and who travel abroad are required to quarantine. All citizens are required to undergo COVID-19 testing	Article 10 and 11
State institutions shall work with minimum services and institutions to support the President shall work in full	Articles 12 and 13
Public services are reopened, without extension of work hours and the officials present at each time cannot exceed 50% of the work force	Article 14
Closure (i) of educational establishments and vocational training centers and (ii) sports competitions and training. Individual sport activities with limitations.	Articles 19 and 20
Prohibition (including on weekends) of: (i) political activities and meetings with more than 50 people; (ii) recreational, cultural and leisure activities in public; and (iii) visits to hospital and prison establishments, as well as the suspension of services and religious celebrations.	Articles 25, 26, 27 and 34
Formal or informal public markets may work from Tuesday to Saturday, with limitation of work hours	Article 22
Recommencement of public works deemed as priority and strategic	Article 24
Domestic helpers are allowed to work with limitation of work hours; employers have to implement biosafety measures	Article 28
Acquisition of goods and services necessary to fight against the disease are subject to simplified procurement	Article 30
Exceptional licensing for import of biosafety and essential goods	Article 32
Urban and interprovincial transport of people and goods is authorized with working hours' limitations and the number of passengers not exceeding 50% of the capacity. Failure to	Article 35



	comply may lead to seizure of the vehicle and the respective license, as well as criminal liability		
	All citizens authorized to work must be accompanied by their respective work pass which must include notably the relevant working hours	Article 36	
	All public and private institutions required to operate during the State of Emergency must apply biosafety measures. The use of masks is mandatory	Article 37	
	Statute of limitation and prescription periods are suspended	Article 41	
	Documents and licenses that are out of date remain valid during the State of Emergency	Article 42	
	During the State of Emergency, demands for payment, interest and enforcement proceedings due to the delay in complying with bank credit obligations shall have no effect	Article 44	
	Inspections to commercial establishments may be carried out	Article 45	
Technical assistance contracts	Revocation of Presidential Decree no. 273/11, of 27 October 2011, which approves the Regulation of technical management assistance services agreements which become exempt from prior licensing by BNA and the Ministry of Economy	Article 1.1.(a) and Measure I.A) 3.iii)	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April 2020
Energy and water supply	Companies in the energy and water sector cannot cut the supply of water and energy to customers with difficulties in paying bills during April	Measure I.B).1.(ii)	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April 2020
	2. TAX AND SOCIAL SECURITY		
Industrial Tax	Deadline for the final settlement of the Industrial Tax obligations for Group B taxpayers is extended until 29 May 2020.	Measure I.A).1.(i)	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April 2020
	Deadline for the final settlement of the Industrial Tax obligations for Group A taxpayers is extended until 30 June 2020.	Measure I.A.1.(ii)	

Imports	12 months tax credit on the VAT payable for the import of goods and raw materials for the production of the basic food products listed in Presidential Decree no. 23/19, of 14 January 2019	Measure I.A).1.(iii)	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April 2020
	VAT and customs duties' exemption for the import of goods for humanitarian aid and donations	Article 2.4	Presidential Decree No. 96/20, of 9 April 2020
	Payment of taxes for the importation of food, medication and basic goods may be paid after the importation	Article 31	Presidential Decree No. 128/20, of 8 May 2020
Social Security	Moratorium in the remittance of 8% of the employers' social security contribution for the second semester of 2020 (from July to December) is authorized for payment in six monthly installments, without interest	Measure I.A).1.(iv)	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April
	Private sector employees do not have to remit to the National Institute for Social Security the 3% of the employee's share related to the social security contributions during April, May and June 2020 and shall transfer this amount instead to the relevant employees.	Measure I.B).1.(i)	2020
	3. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES		
Statistical registration	Decree no. 92/82, of 18 of October, which approves the Companies' statistical registration is revoked	Article 1.1.(b)	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April
	Companies are exempt from statistical registration	Measure I.A).3.(i)	2020
Commercial permit	Issuance of commercial permits is only required for companies that market essential goods (foodstuff, live species of vegetables, animals, birds and fisheries, medicines, car sales, fuels, lubricants and chemicals). All other companies are required to request an authorization from the municipal administration.	Measure I.A).3.(ii)	

	Derogation of articles 10 no. 1, 27 no. 1 and 34 of the Regulation on Licensing of establishments, commercial activities and trade services, approved by Presidential Decree no. 193/17, of 22 August 2017	Article 2	
Commercial activities	Commercial establishments are allowed to be open although with limitations to the work hours, number of clients allowed in the premises and the employees present who cannot exceed 50% of the work force. Failure to comply may lead to the closure of the commercial establishment and criminal liability.	Article 21	Presidential Decree No. 128/20, of 8 May 2020
Industrial activities	Industrial and farming activity in general is permitted and the production of essential goods and services cannot be closed	Article 23	
	4. LABOR AND MIGRATION		
Documents	Extension of the validity of identification documents and immigration titles (e.g. residence cards) until the end of the State of Emergency	Article 42	Presidential Decree No. 128/20, of 8 May 2020
Visa extension	Expiry of tourism (former ordinary visas) or short-term visas extended until 15 May 2020	Article 1	Executive Decree No. 130/20, of 2 April 202
Employee protection	Special protection of people with 60 or more years; people with a chronic disease considered to be at risk, namely immunocompromised, renal patients, hypertensive patients, diabetics, cardiovascular patients, patients with chronic respiratory disease and cancer patients; pregnant women or individuals with children less than 12 years of age under their care, who are exempt from labor activity from their work place.	Article 15	Presidential Decree No.128/20, of 8 May 2020
	Employees who are not required to work from their work place may work remotely as determined by their employers and subject to the availability regime.	Article 16	

	Prohibition of: (i) termination of employment relationships if grounded solely on the absence of employees from the workplace; and (ii) suspension of the employment relationship during the State of Emergency.	Article 17	
	Absences due to quarantine or as result of the suspension of employer's activity due to the State of Emergency is justified with no loss of pay	Article 2	Presidential Decree No. 122/20, of 26 March 2020
Right to strike	Suspension of the right to strike.	Article 18	Presidential Decree No.128/20, of 8 May 2020
	5. CREDIT		
Credit	Financial Institutions performing credit transactions are required to grant their clients an additional 60-day deadline for the repayment of capital and payment of interest in the scope of credit obligations, provided that such moratorium does not change the amount of the instalments. All demands for payment, interest and enforcement proceedings due to the delay in complying with the bank credit obligations due to the COVID-19 pandemic are suspended	Article 3	BNA Instruction No. 4/20, of 30 March 2020
	The minimum amount that must be granted by financial institutions by the end of 2020 in credit to the real economy is increased to 2.5% of the financial institution's net asset and financial institutions are required to grant at least 20 or 50 new credits (depending on the value of their net assets).	Article 4	BNA Notice No. 10/20, of 3 April 2020
	Financial institutions shall prioritize the granting of credit to cooperatives and small and medium-sized companies	Article 2	
Credit lines	Several funds, such as FADA and FACRA and banks, such as BDA shall make credit lines available namely for family farms, the sale and distribution of foodstuff and the purchase for instance of vaccines or fertilizers	Measure I.A).2	Presidential Decree No. 98/20, of 9 April 2020

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Oil and Gas companies	Oil E&P companies can directly negotiate with one or several financial institutions the sale of hard currency up to USD 500,000. Above said amount, the negotiation has to be made through the platform Bloomberg, FXGO	Articles 2 and 3	BNA Instruction No. 2/20, of 30 March 2020
	7. IMPORT AND EXPORT OF GOODS AND CUSTOMS CLEARANGE	CE	
Customs clearance	Urgent clearance of food products, medicines and medical equipment. The requirement for documents supporting the single document (DU) is temporarily suspended only the BL, Freight Bill and Commercial Invoice are still mandatory and services of physical inspection of goods are temporarily suspended. Physical inspection service is temporarily suspended	N/A	AGT communication from 2 April 2020
Minimum transport services	Qualification of essential transportation services that may continue, specific rules on maximum capacity and other health and safety measures to be adopted and minimal services to be provided by supervising authorities	Executive Decree no. 160/20, of 27 April 2020	Articles 3 to 9
Import of goods	Temporary derogation of the permitted settlement thresholds applicable to the importation of foodstuff, medical and biosecurity material. Advance payments for goods in a value exceeding USD 100,000.00 require BNA's prior approval	Articles 1.1 and 1.2	BNA Instruction No. 5/20, of 30 March 2020
Export of goods	Suspension of export of essential goods such as nationalized foodstuff, medication and medical equipment	Article 4	Presidential Decree No. 96/20, of 9 April 2020
		Article 7.4	Presidential Decree No. 128/20, of 8 May 2020

8. **REAL ESTATE**

Protection of tenants	Tenants cannot be evicted although same are required to pay rent	Article 33	Presidential Decree No. 128/20, of 8 May 2020
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