

Muja Law brings you the latest issue of the *Legal Update* regarding the measures taken in Albania following the situation created by COVID-19 virus.

- Recently the Council of Ministers has approved Normative Act No. 22, dated 27.05.2020 “*On the abrogation of the Normative Act No. 13, dated 02.04.2020, of the Council of Ministers, ‘On special measures in the field of activity of the Judicial Bailiff Service, mediation and administration of bankruptcy proceedings during the epidemic state caused by COVID-19’, approved by law No. 34/2020*” (hereinafter referred to as the “*Normative Act No.22*”). Normative Act No.22 was recently published in the Official Journal No.98, dated 29.05.2020.
- On the other hand, the Minister of Health and Social Protection has approved Order No. 351, dated 29.05.2020 “*On taking special measures and restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19*” (hereinafter referred to as “*Order No.351*”). Order No.351 provides new rules for the movement of people in Albania, opening of economic activities, beaches, etc.
- Additionally, the Minister of Health and Social Protection has approved Order No. 352, dated 29.05.2020 “*On an amendment to Order No. 326, dated 15.05.2020 ‘On the restriction of sports activities’*” (hereinafter referred to as “*Order No.352*”). Order No.352 provides the resumption of football championship.

Some of the provisions of the above legal acts are as follows:

➤ ***Normative Act No.22***

Normative Act No.22 provides that Normative Act No. 13, dated 02.04.2020, of the Council of Ministers, ‘*On special measures in the field of activity of the judicial bailiff service, mediation and administration of bankruptcy proceedings during the epidemic state caused by COVID-19*’ is abrogated.

Deadlines

Deadlines that had started to be calculated, but were suspended according Normative Act No.13, dated 02.04.2020, of the Council of Ministers, ‘*On special measures in the field of activity of the judicial bailiff service, mediation and administration of bankruptcy proceedings during the epidemic state caused by COVID-19*’, continue to be calculated from the date of entry into force of

Normative Act No.22, for the unfulfilled part of the term. The deadlines that should have started during the suspension period, start to be calculated from the date of entry into force of Normative Act No.22.

Entry into force

Normative Act No.22 has entered into force immediately.



➤ Order No.351

1. Movement in all the country is allowed for all categories (pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles and vehicles) without time limit. Exception to this rule is made only for the dates 30-31 May 2020 where only movement from red areas to green areas and vice versa is prohibited.

2. All activities of the nomenclature of economic activities are allowed to carry out their activity respecting the safety protocols and the approved rules for social distancing and hygienic-sanitary measures.

3. Exception to the provision of point 2 above, is made for the following activities:

a) Night clubs;

b) Cultural activities, theaters, cinemas;
c) Pools.

4. Mass gatherings in closed or open places, conferences, gatherings, wedding ceremonies and beyond family arrangements of funeral ceremonies up to a second order are prohibited.

5. Parks and green areas shall be opened, starting from 01.06.2020.

6. Professional, educational and entertainment training courses, playgrounds for children in open spaces, gyms, internet centers, shall be opened according to approved protocols and approved rules for social distancing and hygienic-sanitary measures, starting from 01.06.2020.

7. Competitions for staff employment, education and specialization competitions, shall be allowed starting from 01.06.2020 according to the approved protocols and the approved rules for social distancing and hygienic-sanitary measures.

8. Beaches shall be opened only for accommodation structures starting from 01.06.2020. Public beaches shall be opened starting from 06.06.2020, respecting the approved protocols and rules for social distancing and hygienic-sanitary measures.

9. Movement by means of transport for passengers is allowed at the entrance and exit at land border crossing points. Persons entering the territory of the Republic of Albania at land border points will not have the obligation of 14-day self-quarantine, except in special cases, which will be determined by an order from health authorities.

10. Public transport of city, intercity and suburban passengers up to a second order is prohibited.

11. Any other provision in conflict with Order No.351 is abrogated.

Entry into force

Order No.351 has entered into force immediately.

➤ **Order No.352**

Order No.352 provides that football championship shall be allowed, without spectators.



Entry into force

Order No.352 has entered into force immediately and shall take effect on 01.06.2020.



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