

GOVERNMENT OFFICE

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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Re: implementation of Directive No. 16/CT-TTg
on prevention and fighting against COVID-19

Respectfully to: - Ministries, Ministerial-level Authorities; Governmental Authorities
- People's Committees in Provinces and Municipalities of Vietnam

On 31 March 2020, the Prime Minister issued Directive No. 16/CT-TTg regarding implementation of emergency measures for prevention and fighting against Covid-19. As a result, competent authorities at all levels and local authorities has strictly complied with the Directive issued by the Prime Ministers. However, there are numerous Directive's contents which have not been fully understood and uniformly implemented, therefore the Prime Minister - Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc requires:

1. To strictly comply with social distancing as required by Directive No. 16/CT-TTg to ensure social distancing, to keep a distance between people and communities. In order to avoid the spread of the epidemic, residents are required to stay at homes and refrain from going outside, except for the following necessary circumstances:

- a) Purchasing food, medicine, and other necessary goods and services and so on;
- b) Emergency circumstances including medical emergency, medical diagnosis and treatment; act of God, fire and so on;
- c) Working at competent authorities, state authorities, armed forces, diplomatic authorities, and other units as provided in section 2 hereof.

Everyone must wear face masks in public and frequently wash their hands with soap or disinfectant; gathering of more than two people in public are disallowed, and maintenance of a minimum distance of 2 meters is required.

2. Factories and production units; traffic and construction sites; and organisations providing essential goods and services (such as food, medicine, oil and gas, utility, energy, etc.); education establishments, banks, treasury offices, stock trading floors, and other services directly related to banking activities and enterprises (such as notaries, lawyers, registration, or secured transactions, etc.), securities authorities, post and telecommunication offices, logistics services, import and export services, funeral services and healthcare services, etc. will be opened normally. The presidents of these organisations are required to ensure safety and take all measures for prevention and fighting against epidemic in line with guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, as follows:

- a) Wearing face masks and providing sufficient equipment and facilities for prevention and fighting against epidemic as required by regulatory regulations and recommended by medical authorities;
- b) Requiring employees to make medical declarations and refraining from going outside, contacting others, and communicating with others;
- c) Stopping temporarily non-emergency and unnecessary activities and reducing concentration of employees in limited space; and
- d) Organising and managing transport to carry employees to and from their workplaces (if any) in order to avoid the spread of the epidemic.

In the event that the presidents of these organisations can not perform the aforementioned measures, they will stop immediately carrying out their businesses. Local medical authorities shall give guidelines and monitor prevention and fighting against epidemic performed by these organisations.

The Chairpersons of the Provincial People's Committees shall make decision and announce publicly manufacturing organisations, enterprises, and construction sites which must be stopped temporarily operating.

3. Public transport is “basically” halted, except for specific circumstances such as official affairs, transportation of workers, experts, and people subject to quarantine, and transportation of materials and goods. Personal vehicles are also heavily restricted.

Transportation of goods and manufacturing materials must be operated normally without interruption. Local authorities must immediately cease their prohibition of vehicles and people who come through their jurisdiction under Directive No. 16/CT-TTg.

4. The presidents of all organisations, units, and enterprises are liable to make favourable conditions for their employees to work from homes within their capacity and avoid delay in work progress, especially urgent matters with a time limit as required by law or public services for residents and enterprises.

5. Relevant Ministries, authorities and localities shall proactively adjust measures for prevention and fighting against epidemic in accordance with the Official Letter and relevant guidelines; coordinate and deal with accidental problems within their authority; strictly settle violations; and promptly report to the Prime Minister on any accidental issues.

The Government Office shall notify Ministries, competent authorities, and local authorities of this Official Letter for their implementation./.

**MINISTER - CHAIRMAN OF
GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF VIETNAM**

(Signed and sealed)

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