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Coronavirus Crisis

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July 7th

>> Law no. 14,020 was published in the Federal Official Gazette, establishing the Emergency Program for the Maintenance of Employment and Income, which provides for complementary measures to confront the state of public calamity and the public health emergency of international importance due to the coronavirus. The new law, sanctioned by President Jair Bolsonaro, originates from Provisional Measure 936, published by the government at the beginning of April, with the objective of preserving up to 8.5 million jobs, benefiting around 24.5 million workers with a signed portfolio. Another goal of the MP was to make economic activities viable and reduce the social impacts of the pandemic. The program foresees the granting of the Emergency Benefit for Preserving Employment and Income to workers with short time working or suspended contracts, as well as emergency assistance for intermittent workers with formal labor contracts, under the terms of the provisional measure. The new law should contribute to reducing the economic and social effects caused by the Covid-19 pandemic in Brazil.

>> The Secretariat of Economic Policy of the Ministry of Economy (SPE/ME) released an Informative Note that analyzes the effect of income and employment support measures put in place by the federal government during the new coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19). The document also discusses the actions that should be taken in the post-pandemic period for the sustainable recovery of the economy. The note highlights that emergency and transitory measures are being key to getting through the most acute period of the crisis. According to the PES, such initiatives should be succeeded by additional measures, which consider the country's fiscal restrictions in the post-Pandemic period. Regarding formal employment, a modernization of the labour programme will be important to reorganize the labour market after the acute period of crisis, according to the PES's note. Modernization will avoid the destruction of jobs on a permanent basis and will allow the reabsorption of a substantial part of the labour force.

July 6th

>> Balance sheet of the Ministry of Economy pointed out that the federal government reduced by R\$ 199.6 million the expenses with daily rates, fares and transportation of servants in the Federal District, in the months of March, April and May 2020. The restrictions for national and international trips, besides the allocation of about 50% of the federal Executive's work force in a remote work regime, generated savings of 75.2%, equivalent to R\$ 199.6 million in relation to the same period in 2019. The greatest reduction in expenses was observed in international trips (86.0%), followed by national ones (72.9%).

>> The Federal Revenue Bulletin - Impacts of Covid-19 was released. The study revealed, among other data, that sales in Brazil reached the highest level this year in June, showing a result 15.6% higher than in May and 10.3% higher than in June 2019. In Brazil, the daily average of sales with Electronic Invoices (EInvoices) reached R\$ 23.9 billion also in June, the highest level of 2020. In comparison with the previous month, the fall in April was followed by increases of 9.1% in May and 15.6% in June. The aggregate movement of EFPs includes, mainly, sales between medium and large companies, as well as non-face-to-face sales from companies to individuals.

>> The federal government has received 10 tons of Individual Protection Equipment (IPEs) from the United Arab Emirates. The plane with the donations arrived in Brazil on July 6, bringing masks, quick tests, gloves, sanitizers and medical clothes to fight the new coronavirus. The Ministry of Defense will be the organ responsible for the logistics for later distribution by the Ministry of Health. Donations of services and materials - among them alcohol, mechanical ventilators and hospital food, key items in the fight against Covid-19 - surpassed the R\$29 million (US\$28 million) mark. This was one of the largest donations received so far by Brazil.

>> Resolution No. 7 of the Crisis Committee for Supervision and Monitoring of Covid-19's Impacts was published, establishing procedures to be adopted by agencies and entities of the Federal Executive Branch in relation to requests for transportation of equipment, medication and inputs to combat Covid-19. The cabinet has representatives from several ministries, including the Ministry of Economy. The new resolution establishes, for example, that in the case of national transport, operations may be authorized by the Ministry of Defense or by the highest authority of the body or entity holding and operating the transport modal.

July 3rd

>> The reduction of the IOF rate on credit operations was extended by 90 days. The decision is in Decree No. 10,414 of July 2, 2020, published in the Federal Official Gazette on Friday (3/7). This measure was initially announced in April of this year, valid for the period from April 3 to July 3, 2020 (Decree No. 10,305 of April 1, 2020). With the publication of the new decree, the IOF reduction on credit

operations was extended and will be valid until December 2 of this year. In addition, the additional IOF rate of 0.38% will also be reduced for the same period, which has a greater impact on short-term operations at a time when individuals and companies need greater liquidity. Such measure benefits both individuals and legal entities, including those opting for Simples Nacional. The estimated tax waiver for the quarter is R\$ 7.051 billion.

>> Ordinance no. 15,459 partially reallocates the expense groups within the Ministry of Health, reinforcing actions to combat Covid-19, in the amount of R\$ 272 million.

>> Companhia de Entrepósitos e Armazéns Gerais de São Paulo (Ceagesp) extends the deadline for the response plan to Covid-19. The decision is set forth in Resolution 8, published in the Official Gazette. The set of actions aims at reducing the possibility of exposure to the new coronavirus of people who work or visit the site.

>> The Manaus Free Trade Zone Superintendence regulates procedures to confront Covid-19. The measure establishes, for instance, the maintenance of the suspension of visits, ordinary and extraordinary surveys and technical inspections - related to the follow-up services of industrial projects. The decisions are contained in Ordinance No. 445, published in the Official Gazette.

>> Revenue reinforces the protection of servers with the edition of Ordinance RFB No. 1.086. RFB Ordinance No. 696 already provided for rules on remote work of the Revenue Service's servers, but the new regulatory instrument adjusts compliance of devices by servers, due to the pandemic of the new coronavirus.

>> The Federal Revenue Department (DRF) in Anápolis (State of Goiás) has allocated hospital equipment to the city's Municipal Health Department that totals more than R\$ 1.5 million in seized goods. For the DRF/Anápolis, the destination of goods under custody brings administrative benefits, such as more agility in the outflow, reduction in the time spent in warehouses - freeing up space for new seizures and reducing costs with controls and storage - in addition to avoiding obsolescence and depreciation of goods. For the municipality, the benefits will be even more important, since the receipt of hospital equipment, even more so at a time when the country is facing a serious health crisis, is essential for the improvement of care for the local community.

>> The INSS, in São Paulo, created the "[Express Demand](#)" documentation delivery system, which works as a thru drive. The alternative, adopted in view of the closure of many of the Institute's agencies due to the coronavirus pandemic, will allow insured people to deliver copies of documents quickly. Those who choose the Express Demand will have to insert a copy of the documentation in an envelope and leave it in the ballot boxes available at the INSS units in the state of São Paulo. It is essential that the copies are legible and free of erasures. To know which documents should be presented, the interested party should consult the telephone number 135, My INSS (on the website gov.br/meuinss or

on the mobile application) or contact the cards, whose telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are posted on the doors of the agencies. The envelope can be delivered to any INSS agency in São Paulo, from Monday to Friday, from 7am to 1pm. There is no need for prior scheduling for delivery. The Expressive Demand in São Paulo is a pilot project that should be expanded to the rest of the country. The requirements to the insured can be fulfilled by attaching the documentation by My INSS.

July 2nd

>> The Ministry of Economy's Special Secretariat of Finance has released an updated balance sheet, according to which the measures adopted and being implemented by the federal government to combat the economic and social effects of the crisis generated by Covid-19 reached R\$ 521.3 billion in primary impact in 2020, which represents a total of R\$ 508.5 billion in new expenses and R\$ 12.8 billion in revenue reduction. The figures prove that Brazil has been acting vigorously to contain the effects of the new coronavirus. In the previous bulletin, released on May 22, the primary impact reached R\$ 417.7 billion. Since then, therefore, the fiscal impact has been increased by more than R\$ 103 billion.

>> The Quarterly Public Debt Projections Report, which incorporates the impacts of the arrival of the new coronavirus pandemic in Brazil, was released. Prepared based on the Focus scenario, the work brings projections from 2020 to 2029 for the evolution of the public debt. According to the basic scenario, the general government's gross debt (GGBD) is expected to reach 98.2% of GDP by the end of 2020, which represents an increase of 22.4% of GDP compared to the end of 2019 (75.8%). In the following years, the DBGG would be practically stable, reaching 98.6% of GDP in 2024 and then would enter a downward trajectory, closing 2029 at 92.2% of GDP.

>> The National Institute of Social Security (INSS) receives authorization to pay advances on sickness benefits and the Continuous Cash Benefit (BPC). According to Decree No. 10,413, the advances will be paid until October 31. The advance payment of sickness benefit in the amount of one minimum wage (R\$ 1,045.00) will be granted without medical expertise. To request the benefit, the insured must attach a medical certificate with the application, by means of a declaration of responsibility for the document presented, through the portal or My INSS application.

>> Ordinance No. 15.797 has been published, which allows the postponement of up to six months of the deadlines set forth in Regulatory Norm No. 13 (NR-13) for the periodic safety inspection of pressure vessels, piping and metallic storage tanks, provided that additional prevention measures are met. The subject was discussed at the 2nd Extraordinary Meeting and the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the Permanent Tripartite Parity Commission (CTPP). During the discussions, the workers' bench expressed their agreement with the measure and reported that there were unions that were already negotiating with companies about this postponement of the stoppage for inspection, a procedure that generates

agglomeration of workers. The employers' group also favored postponing the inspection for the same reason and defended that sectors of the economy should not be paralyzed.

July 1st

>> Decree 10,412 was published in the Official Gazette, extending the period for the payment of emergency aid (as established by Law 13,982/2020). The rule establishes an additional period of two months, in the event of an application made until July 2, 2020, provided that the applicant is considered eligible under the criteria of the law.

>> Provisional Measure 988, published in the Official Gazette, opens an extraordinary credit of R\$ 101.6 billion, in favor of the Ministry of Citizenship, for the action of Emergency Aid for Social Protection of People in Vulnerability Situations, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

>> The General Coordination of External Financing authorized the granting of a non-reimbursable financial contribution of Covid-19 humanitarian aid to the municipality of São Bernardo do Campo (SP), by the Andean Development Corporation (CAF). The amount authorized is up to US\$100,000, as established in Cofix Resolution No. 11, published in the Official Gazette.

>> The General Coordination of External Financing authorized the preparation of the IDB-BNDES Global Emergency Credit Program for Financing Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) for the Defense of the Productive Sector and Employment. The financing entity is the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), with a loan amount of up to \$750 million and a counterpart of at least \$150 million. The decision is present in Cofix Resolution No. 12, published in the Official Gazette.

>>The General Coordination of External Financing authorized the preparation of the Global Credit Program for the Defense of the Productive Sector and Employment in the State of Espírito Santo, with a loan amount of up to US\$ 30 million, by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The borrower will be the Banco de Desenvolvimento do Espírito Santo SA (Bandes), with the Federative Republic of Brazil as guarantor. The decision is contained in Cofix Resolution 14/2020, published in the Official Gazette. The contracting of the foreign credit operation and the granting of a Federal Government guarantee are conditional on the borrower's submission to the Ministry of Economy to analyze its payment capacity and offer sufficient counter guarantee. In addition, the borrower must prove compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, the Fiscal Responsibility Law, the Senate Resolutions and other rules applicable to the credit operation and the granting of Federal Government guarantees, with a view to obtaining authorization from the Federal Senate and the Minister of Economy.

>> The deadline for entering into the modalities of extraordinary transaction and adhesion-based transaction was extended until July 31 by the National Treasury

Attorney General's Office (PGFN), with the publication of Ordinance No. 15,413 and Public Notice No. 4. The extraordinary transaction allows the entry, in up to three months, of 1% of the total amount of debts of individuals or legal entities with the PGFN. Payment of the balance may be divided into up to 81 months for legal entities in general. In the case of individuals, micro or small companies, educational institutions, Santas Casas de Misericórdia, cooperative societies and other civil society organizations covered by Law No. 13,019 of July 31, 2014, the balance may be paid in up to 142 months. The transaction by adhesion contemplates taxpayers that have not committed fraud and that have debts registered in Federal Active Debt (DAU) with a total value of up to R\$ 15 million, considered irrecoverable or difficult to recover by PGFN. The discounts offered may reach 50% for the option of payment in a single installment and the term may reach up to 84 months. If the debtor is an individual, a micro-company and a small company, the discount for a single installment may reach 70% and the payment term may reach 100 months.

>> The period for adhesion to the exceptional transaction in the collection of the Federal Active Debt was opened due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the capacity of generating results of the legal entity and on the commitment of the income of individuals. The new modality will be available for adhesion on the [REGULARIZE](#) portal until December 29, 2020. The benefits (reduced entry, discounts and differentiated terms) will be granted according to the taxpayer's payment capacity, for debts of up to R\$ 150 million. In the case of debts above this amount, the taxpayer must resort to the Individual Transaction Agreement to negotiate. The exceptional transaction does not cover debts with the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS), the Simples Nacional and relating to criminal fines.

>> Joint Ordinance No. 1,072/2020, issued by the Federal Revenue Service and the National Treasury Attorney General's Office (PGFN), was published in the Federal Official Gazette to clarify points of Complementary Law No. 173/2020, which instituted the Federal Program to Confront the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus (Covid-19). The Joint Ordinance explains that the suspension of payments determined by the Supplementary Law applies only to the installment payments entered into based on Law No. 13,485 of 2017 between the Federal Government and the municipalities, and to the installments whose maturity dates fall between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. The rule also evidences that the suspension of payments determined by the Supplementary Law does not apply to current obligations regarding social contributions due by the municipalities as contractors of workers insured under the General Regime of Social Security (RGPS), to the installments celebrated with the states or the Federal District, based on Law No. 13,485/2017, or any other law, or to other installments celebrated with the municipalities.

>> The National School of Public Administration (Enap) launched a public notice to select researches that generate subsidies for the understanding and confrontation to the Covid-19 pandemic by the Public Administration. In total, ten research grants will be offered, in the amount of R\$ 5 thousand per month,

starting on July 20, 2020 and lasting a maximum of three months. This is the first time that the School adopts the fast track modality in the selection of this type of scholarship. The model allows for the generation of quality knowledge in a time compatible with the urgency of the public sector to have agile responses to face the crisis.

>> The Jorge Duprat Figueiredo Foundation for Occupational Safety and Medicine (Fundacentro) has extended the deadline for social contact restriction measures to July 15. The decision is present in Ordinance nº 182, of Fundacentro, published in the Official Journal of the Union.

June 30th

>> The federal government has announced the extension of emergency aid for a further two months. The benefit is intended for informal workers, the unemployed, individual micro-entrepreneurs (MEIs) from low-income families and intermittent workers who are currently inactive. According to data from the Citizenship Ministry, the initiative will benefit 64.3 million Brazilians and aims to tackle the difficulties faced by the population in the face of the new coronavirus pandemic.

>> Law 14.017/2020 and Provisional Measure 986 establish emergency actions for the cultural sector to be adopted during the state of public calamity recognized by Legislative Decree 6/2020. The Union will deliver to the states, the Federal District and the municipalities, in a single installment, in the year 2020, the amount of R\$ 3 billion for application, by the local Executive Powers, in emergency actions to support the cultural sector. Among the lines of action are the granting of monthly emergency income to cultural workers and the release of monthly subsidies for the maintenance of artistic and cultural spaces, micro-companies and small cultural enterprises, cooperatives, institutions and community cultural organizations that have had their activities interrupted due to social isolation measures.

>> The Special Secretariat of Welfare and Labor informed that the Emergency Benefit of Preservation of Employment and Income (BEm) has already carried out around 12 million individual and collective agreements, which has been fundamental for the improvement of the economy and the resumption of hiring. In addition, R\$ 17.4 billion are already in payment in the account of Brazilian workers assisted by BEm. The measure is part of the effort that the federal government has been making together with workers and employers to confront Covid-19.

>> Decree nº 10,407 is published in the Official Gazette, regulating Law nº 13,993/2020, which prohibits exports of medical, hospital and hygiene products essential to the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic in the country. There are possibilities of exclusion from the export ban, such as humanitarian reasons and supply of diplomatic missions.

>> The National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro) extends special deadlines and conditions for conducting compliance assessment during the pandemic. The decision is contained in Ordinance No. 225, published in the Official Gazette. The decision was made in response to the demands of the productive sector. The deadline and exceptional conditions for compliance assessment activities, such as audits and trials, without face-to-face actions, were extended to December 31 of this year. Inmetro will continue to accept remote audits, in addition to tests in the manufacturers' own laboratories or even the use of tests performed before the certification process. Inmetro is a federal agency linked to the Special Secretariat of Productivity, Employment and Competitiveness of the Ministry of Economy.

>> The Special Secretariat of the Brazilian Federal Revenue Service, through the Regional Superintendence of the 1st Fiscal Region, issued Ordinance No. 58, of June 26, 2020, extending to July 31, 2020 the deadline for restricting face-to-face service at the Taxpayer Service Center (CAC) of the Brazilian Federal Revenue Service in Cuiabá-MT. The ordinance determines that only essential services will be attended to, upon prior scheduling and those related to the regularization of CPF for receiving emergency assistance. The services previously scheduled in each password will be related to a single taxpayer, and no addition of new services, by the taxpayer himself or by another taxpayer, will be allowed. The measure was taken because of the public health emergency of international importance resulting from Covid-19.

>> Through Ordinance No. 56 of June 26, 2020, the Regional Superintendence of the 1st Fiscal Region of the Special Federal Revenue Secretariat of Brazil extended, until July 31, 2020, the temporary transfer of the face-to-face service at the Federal Revenue Agency (ARF) in Tangará da Serra/MT to the remote service channels (e-CAC, Chat RFB, Contact Us and corporate e-mail: atendimentoorfb.01@rfb.gov.br). The rule states that the period may be extended while the situation arising from the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) persists.

>> The Federal Revenue Service, the Federal Police and the Comptroller General participated in Operation Sangria, which investigates the acquisition of lung respirators, with dispensation from bidding, by the government of the state of Amazonas. On that occasion, the agencies identified the chain of acquisition and resale of the ventilators and verified that third parties acted only as intermediaries of the sale, increasing the costs for the state of Amazonas. Twenty search and seizure warrants and eight temporary arrests are being executed, aiming at the investigation of crimes of bid rigging, embezzlement of federal public resources and money laundering.

June 29th

>> The National Treasury Attorney General's Office (PGFN) extended, until July 31, 2020, the temporary suspension of collection acts as a result of the pandemic caused by the new coronavirus (Covid-19). Installments that are due to be rescinded for lack of payment will not be rescinded during the suspension period.

At the end of this period, the taxpayer who lets accumulate arrears may be excluded from the installment payment program, if the situation is not regularized. The installments related to the months of May, June and July (which had their due dates extended to August, October and December 2020, respectively) will not count as overdue installments. Although, in the system, the unpaid May installment may be recorded as overdue, in practice this pendency will not be considered a cause for termination of the installment until the new maturity date - August 2020. The suspension of collection acts was established by Ordinance of the Ministry of Economy No. 103 of March 17, 2020 and regulated by Ordinance PGFN No. 7,821 of March 18, 2020, which was extended by Ordinances PGFN No. 13,338 of June 4, 2020 and No. 15,413 of June 29, 2020.

June 26th

>> Provisional Measure No. 985 was published in the Official Gazette, opening an extraordinary credit of R\$ 300 million for the Ministry of Defense to carry out actions to confront the public health emergency of international importance due to the coronavirus. The MP also authorizes the contracting of an internal credit operation to cover these expenses.

>> Auditors from the Regional Superintendence of Labor in Goiás (SRTb-GO) - the Ministry of Economy's Special Secretariat of Labor and Social Security - have embargoed the construction work on the East/West corridor, between 74th Street, in downtown Goiânia, and the GO-403 Highway, which gives access to Senator Canedo (GO). At the construction site, there were 40 workers at risk for health and safety. The auditors verified that the workers were taking water from the thermal bottles, which were shared. There was also agglomeration during meals and absence of water and soap for washing hands and sanitary facilities. Shortcomings were also found in the orientation of workers on the Covid-19 pandemic and in the supply of masks and gel alcohol.

June 25th

>> The Secretariat of Personnel Management and Performance (SGP), of the Ministry of Economy, sent a letter to all bodies and entities of the Federal Public Administration with recommendations on the execution of activities in the current context of Covid-19. The document lists the main protection measures that should be adopted and guidelines for the organization of work, in order to preserve the health of employees and ensure the provision of public service to society. The text reaffirms the autonomy of the agencies in defining how the work should be carried out - remotely or in person - guiding that decisions take into account the nature of the activities performed by the agency, the location of its units and the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and local authorities. The communiqué is based on the guidelines elaborated by the Ministry of Health, together with the Secretariat of Welfare and Work, of the Ministry of Economy, through the Interministerial Ordinance 20, published last Friday (19/6), and the Normative Instruction 19, of March of this year.

>> The Secretariat of Foreign Trade, of the Ministry of Economy, published Ordinance no. 40/2020, which facilitates the importation of products used in the fight against the pandemic, such as lung ventilators, vital signs monitors, infusion pumps, oximetry equipment, capnographs and stretchers for the transportation of patients. These purchases are exempt from the requirements set forth in a previous rule (art. 41 of Secex Ordinance No. 23/2011), which establishes criteria for purchases abroad of used equipment. One of the rules provided that "the importer should present a demonstration of representative entity of the industry, nationwide, which proves the absence of production in the country of the goods to be imported. The new ordinance ensures, therefore, greater access to equipment needed to help patients affected by the new coronavirus.

>> Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Trustees of the Severance Premium Reserve Fund published Resolution no. 968/2020. In practice, this Resolution exempts the provisions of Resolution 702 of 2012, which states that there should be a liquidity reserve based on the amount of withdrawals in the last three months of the fund. Therefore, so that the amount of the Emergency Withdrawal does not impact this liquidity reserve, the new resolution excludes from the amount this exceptional movement for purposes of calculating this reserve, since it is an extraordinary withdrawal authorized by Provisional Measure No. 946, of April 7, 2020.

June 24th

>> The Ministry of Economy has regulated the holding of virtual hearings of the Investment Partnership Program (PPI) to ensure the progress of projects and bidding processes amid the challenges brought to the work dynamics by the Covid-19 pandemic. The rules are present in Resolution 136/2020, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 24. The resolution guides that public audiences, in a virtual and remote way, should use a technological platform with wide, direct and interactive access to interested citizens, besides ensuring the integrity and traceability of the information generated. Interested parties may access and view the recordings of public hearings until the date of the project's bidding.

June 23rd

>> The Board of Trustees of the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS) approved the temporary suspension of the payment of financing for companies in the urban mobility sector. The measure aims to mitigate the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic on the financial health of public transport providers. The decision was taken at the 175th Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held by videoconference. The suspension lasts up to six months and includes payments to the FGTS of financing made by private urban public transportation companies through the Refrota sub-programme, the Pro-Transportation program, of the Ministry of Regional Development. The impact of the suspension of these payments is estimated at about R\$ 51 million.

>> The Federal Revenue Customs at the Port of Vitória has published Ordinance No. 19, which allows remote physical verification of goods, by means of images, on import or export. The measure reduces the need for mobility of the servers responsible for the dispatch (tax auditors and analysts of the Federal Revenue Service), reducing the chances of exposure to the new coronavirus. In addition, it should speed up customs procedures. Remote verification does not prevent the server responsible from going personally to the customs office whenever he deems it necessary in order to solve doubts about the quantification or identification of the goods.

>> The National Institute of Social Security (INSS) published Ordinance no. 689/2020, establishing new criteria for the assessment of productivity in the analysis of the processes of recognition of rights, social security compensation and verification of evidence of irregularity within the scope of the INSS. This mechanism aims at promoting greater speed in the processes of analysis and concession of social security benefits. The measure gains even more importance within a broad strategy for the improvement of services, which involves elements such as telework, automatic concession and digitalization of services.

>> The INSS has published Ordinance 480/2020, which provides guidance on advance payments for applicants of the Continuous Cash Benefit (BPC) and sickness benefit, established by Law 13,982/2020. The law established exceptional social protection measures to be adopted during the period of confronting the public health emergency of international importance due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The new ordinance determines, for example, that if the right to the benefit is not recognized, the return to the treasury of the amounts received is waived, except for proven fraud or bad faith.

June 22nd

>> The reopening of Social Security Agencies on July 13th was confirmed by the federal government with the publication, on Monday (22/6), of Joint Ordinance No. 22. The ordinance also regulates the gradual return of face-to-face care, considering the specificities of each agency, in order to preserve people's health and life. The service through remote channels will continue to be performed, even after the reopening of the agencies. The strategy was built to ensure the health security of servers, contractors and service users.

>> Ordinance no. 14,816, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 22nd, regulated the suspension of the payment of employer social security contributions and the installment payment agreements by municipalities that have their own Social Security Regimes (RPPS). The measure was provided for in Supplementary Law No. 173/2020, which established the Federal Program to Confront the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus (Covid-19). This regulation allows municipalities to suspend, upon approval of a municipal law, the unpaid installment payment terms and employer contributions for the months of March to December 2020. The measure has a potential financial impact of R\$ 22.1 billion.

>> The Management Executive Committee of the Foreign Trade Chamber granted a temporary reduction to 0% in the rate of the Import Tax on products necessary to help the country face the pandemic of the new coronavirus. Items such as some types of respiratory filters and anesthesia circuits are on the list. The decision is included in Resolution No. 51 of the Committee, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 22.

>> The Secretariat of Foreign Trade published Ordinance 39/2020, which establishes rules for the processing of notifications and communications to interested parties under the special procedures for non-preferential origin verification (as originally provided for in SECEX Ordinance 38/2015) in the current pandemic period of the new coronavirus. This type of communication will be transmitted by the Undersecretariat for International Negotiations, of the Ministry of Economy, by e-mail to interested parties. Notifications and communications to interested parties regarding the other actions carried out under this procedure will also be processed electronically. Stakeholders may send complaints, questionnaires, complementary information, letters, documents, petitions and other files by e-mail to the Sub-Secretariat for International Negotiations of the Ministry of Economy at deintnpref@mdic.gov.br.

>> The Special Secretariat of Welfare and Labor, of the Ministry of Economy, published Ordinance no. 14.782, disciplining procedures related to the appeal of embargo and interdiction in essential activities (as defined in Decree no. 10.282/2020), during the confrontation of the state of public calamity and public health emergency of international importance due to the new coronavirus. The new rule establishes, for example, deadlines for submission of additional information and compliance with procedures.

June 18th

>> Ordinance No. 680/2020 of the National Institute of Social Security (INSS) was published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 18, establishing guidelines on protective measures to deal with the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19). The measure extended, for another 60 days, the interruptions of the routines for updating and maintaining benefits administered by the INSS. The Institute may again extend the deadlines for the duration of the state of emergency due to the pandemic. INSS policyholders who need to provide proof of life and meet other requirements to maintain their benefits, such as submission of a prison declaration and submission of the CPF, for example, will benefit from the ordinance. With this, benefits will also not be denied to those who are unable to authenticate and present documents in person, since direct service at the agencies was suspended in March of this year.

>> Resolution no. 52 of the Management Executive Committee of the Foreign Trade Chamber granted a temporary reduction, to zero per cent, of the rate of the Import Tax, on products such as respiratory filters, anesthesia circuits and cameras that measure the temperature of people in circulation in public spaces.

The measure was taken with the aim of facilitating the fight against the new coronavirus pandemic.

>> The Federal Revenue Service has published Regulatory Instruction RFB No. 1,960 establishing measures to reduce the economic impacts of the pandemic caused by Covid-19 in relation to the beneficiaries of the Special Customs System for Industrial Warehouses under Computerized Control (Recof) and the Special Customs System for Industrial Warehouses under Computerized Control of the Public Digital Bookkeeping System (Recof-Sped). Recof and Recof-Sped are special regimes that allow the beneficiary company to import or purchase in the domestic market, with suspension of tax payments, goods to be submitted to industrialization operations of products intended for export or the domestic market. In order to remain as beneficiaries, the companies must export industrialized products in the minimum annual value equivalent to 50% of the total value of the goods admitted in the regime, as well as apply annually, in the production of the goods that they industrialize, at least 70% of the goods admitted. With the new Normative Instruction, the industrialization and export indexes required to remain in the regime were reduced by 50% for the ascertainment periods, closed between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021. In addition, for goods admitted between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020, it was also proposed that the period of validity of the regimes, or their extension, be increased by one year.

June 17th

>> The National Monetary Council (CMN) approved Resolution no. 4,826, which defines the procedures to be adopted by financial institutions to implement the measures related to credit operations set forth in Complementary Law no. 173, of 2020, which established the Federal Program to Confront the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus (Covid-19). This Program allowed the addition of credit operations of states, Federal District and municipalities to the financial system, enabling the suspension of payments in 2020. The additions will undergo a simplified rite, as regulated by this resolution. The verification of compliance with the limits and conditions related to the execution of the contractual amendments for suspension of payment of debts in fiscal year 2020 will be made directly by the creditor financial institutions. The resolution also defines simplified procedures for the contracting of credit operations by such entities in situations of public calamity decreed by the National Congress, regulating provisions brought by the Supplementary Law in question.

>> The National Treasury Attorney General's Office (PGFN) has regulated the Exceptional Transaction in the collection of the Federal Government's active debt, due to the effects of the pandemic by the new coronavirus on the legal entity's ability to generate results and on the compromising of individuals' income. The new modality will be available for adhesion on the [REGULARIZE](#) portal between July 1 and December 31, 2020. The benefits - such as reduced entry, discounts and differentiated terms - will be granted according to the taxpayer's payment capacity, for debts of up to R\$ 150 million. The Exceptional Transaction

does not cover debts with the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS), the Simples Nacional and criminal fines; and, in the case of debts over R\$ 150 million, the taxpayer must resort to the [Individual Transaction Agreement](#) to negotiate.

>> The deadline for payment of the employer's social security contribution due by the companies and by the domestic employer, of the PIS/PASEP contribution and of the Social Security Financing Contribution (COFINS), which should occur in June 2020, was postponed to November 2020. The decision is set out in Ordinance No. 245/2020 of the Ministry of Economy, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 17. There will be no interest or late payment penalty on the amount due, if the payment is made within this deadline. The total value of the deferred resources is around R\$ 40 billion. With this decision, the government gives breath to the economy, at a time when employers and employees need to have more resources on hand to face the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic.

>> Ordinance No. 244 and Normative Instruction No. 45, published on June 17 in the Federal Official Gazette, simplify the proof of life for more than 700,000 Union retirees and pensioners who receive their benefits through the Integrated Human Resources Administration System (SIAPE). The measures also apply to civil political amnesties and their pensioners included in Law 10,559 of November 13, 2002. The regulations authorize the use of new technologies, such as proof of life using biometrics in mobile applications and in self-service banking terminals. This will allow beneficiaries, even if they are abroad, with no travel conditions or even without a nearby place to perform the proof of life, to have access to the service at any time and anywhere. With this decision, the government reduces the need for social contact, avoiding the risk of exposure of the insured to the new coronavirus.

June 12th

>> The Federal Revenue Service published in the Official Gazette the Normative Instruction RFB No. 1,959, which deals with the payment of interest on the refund of Personal Income Tax for the year 2020. According to the new rule, the initial term for credit valuation will be July 2020. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the deadline for submission of the Annual Individual Income Tax Return (DIRPF) for the year 2020, calendar year 2019, was extended to June 30, 2020. The purpose of the new rule is to clarify that the amounts to be refunded determined in DIRPF/2020 will only have the addition of Selic interest from July 1, 2020, because Law No. 9,250, 1995, establishes in its Article 16, that there is only correction "from the date scheduled for submission of the statement. Therefore, with respect to the refunds in the first lot already released on May 29, as well as with respect to the refunds in the second lot, to be released on June 30, there is no correction to be made in the amount determined in DIRPF/2020 by the taxpayer, for lack of legal basis.

>> The federal government announced the receipt of a donation of 146,761 units of food supplements to help combat Covid-19. These products, valued at about

R\$ 3.7 million, can be used in a liquid diet for oral use or by tube. In total, the Ministry of Economy (ME) has already received R\$ 29.8 million in donations from companies and citizens during this period of public calamity. In addition to this donation, health inputs such as masks, alcohol gel and respirators, as well as notebooks, desktops, tablets and logistics services have also been donated. More information about the materials received is available at the [Government Procurement Portal](#).

>> The Federal Budget Secretariat's Normative Instruction No. 41 was published in the Federal Official Gazette, establishing technical guidelines for identifying expenditure authorizations related to confronting the national public calamity resulting from the pandemic. The rule establishes, for example, that the authorizations for expenses related to the confrontation of the national public calamity resulting from a pandemic, which is dealt with in art. 1 of Constitutional Amendment no. 106, of 2020, must contain the complement "Covid-19" in the title or subtitle of the budget action, if the budget programming has as its exclusive purpose the confrontation of Covid-19 and its effects. The new determinations increase transparency in the application of public resources in actions to combat the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic.

>> Law No. 14,010/2020 was published in the Federal Official Gazette, providing for the Emergency and Transitional Legal Regime for Private Law Relations (RJET) during the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19). Article 8 of this new law, for example, establishes that until October 30, 2020, the application of article 49 of the Consumer Protection Code is suspended in the event of home delivery of perishable products or immediate consumption and medication. The article suspends the acquisition periods for real estate or furniture property, in the various types of usucaption, as of the entry into force of this Law until October 30, 2020. There were vetoes, as in the case of the article that provided for the reduction of the percentage of retention of the value of the trips by a company that operates in the remunerated individual transport of passengers, guaranteeing the transfer of this amount to the driver. This point was [vetoed](#) because it violates the constitutional principle of free enterprise, in addition to the possibility of generating harmful effects on the free functioning of the affected market.

June 10th

>> On June 10, the federal government launched the Operations Guarantee Fund (FGO), with resources from the National Treasury in the amount of R\$ 15.9 billion, which will guarantee loans for micro and small businesses in the National Program to Support Microenterprises and Small Businesses (Pronampe). The credit, aimed at small businesses, will be managed by Banco do Brasil and will be available at agencies of financial institutions that are already being accredited. Entrepreneurs will be able to get to know the banks that will be operating this credit line through the [Entrepreneur's Portal](#).

>> The Federal Revenue Service announced on Wednesday the suspension of automatic debits from installment payments due in May, June and July 2020. These installments were extended to August, October and December 2020, respectively, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The decision was taken in compliance with ME Ordinance No. 201, of May 11, 2020, which determined the extension of the installment payment programs. If the taxpayer is interested in paying the installments before the new due date, the Federal Revenue Collection Document (Darf) may be issued through the internet or the e-CAC Portal. The installment must be issued within the month in which it will be effectively paid.

June 9th

>> The Federal Revenue Service will begin sending a notice to Microenterprises (ME) and Small Enterprises (EPP), with information on the amount of gross revenue, based on the declarations of these taxpayers to the tax authorities, in order to make possible the analysis of the credit line of the National Support Program for Microenterprises and Small Enterprises (Pronampe), with financial institutions. In this first stage, the ME and EPP opting for Simples Nacional will receive the notice, as of June 9, via Domicílio Tributário Eletrônico do Simples Nacional (DTE-SN). In a second stage, which will start on June 11th, the communication will be sent via Caixa Postal located in the e-CAC to the ME and EPP not included in Simples Nacional. Ordinance No. 978/2020, of the Federal Revenue Service, was published in the Official Gazette, establishing the rules on the provision of information for analysis purposes for granting credits to microenterprises and small businesses under the Pronampe.

>> The Ministry of Economy established new procedures for the payment of fines from administrative contracts applied to federal government suppliers. The Normative Instruction no. 43, published in the Official Gazette this Tuesday (9/6), will allow the supplier to request the installment payment, compensation and postponement of the collection to 2021. Every year, the Federal Public Administration contracts around R\$ 48 billion. The measure aims to maintain the economic breath of companies during the confrontation of the pandemic of the new coronavirus (Covid-19). Before the publication of this regulatory instruction, there was no possibility of negotiating administratively the conditions of payment of these fines.

>> With publication of Ordinance No. 13,338 in the 9/6 Federal Official Gazette, the National Treasury Attorney General's Office (PGFN) extended temporary measures to prevent contagion from the new coronavirus (Covid-19), as a suspension of some administrative collection measures. The previous rule provided for suspension for 90 days, starting March 18. The new ordinance establishes the suspension until June 30.

June 8th

>> In view of the state of emergency in public health of international importance due to the coronavirus, the Foreign Trade Secretariat of the Ministry of Economy

decided to suspend, for two months, the closure of the probationary phase and the subsequent deadlines regarding the review of antidumping measures applied to Brazilian imports of butyl acrylate. The decision mentions that, in the current context, it is impossible "for the Brazilian investigating authority to carry out on-the-spot verifications of the information in response to the questionnaire and the additional information provided by the producers/exporters and the Brazilian importer related to a foreign producer". The Decision is set out in Circular No 37 published in the Official Gazette of 8 June. A similar extension was applied by Circular No. 38 to the case on the import of cargo tires. The longer term will also be applied to the case of imports of polypropylene resin (Circular nº 36).

>> Ordinance No. 13,699 of the Special Secretary of Social Security and Labor has updated rules regarding the processing and payment of the Emergency Benefit. The new ordinance establishes, for instance, that "employment contract entered into, for purposes of application of the provisions of item II of the caput, shall be considered employment contract initiated up to April 1, 2020 and informed in the e-social or on the basis of the National Social Information Registry (CNIS) up to April 2, 2020".

>> Ordinance No. 13,519 of the Special Secretariat for Productivity, Employment and Competitiveness extended by three months the deadlines for fulfilling the obligations related to the Rota 2030 - Mobility and Logistics Program and the technological development and production projects. The decision was made considering the public health emergency situation of international importance due to the coronavirus (Covid-19), the deadline is extended by three months.

June 5th

>> The economic team reinforced on Friday (5/6) in a press conference that the protection of the most vulnerable Brazilians from the impacts of the new coronavirus pandemic remains the government's priority, with a guaranteed budget to provide all assistance to the population. Within this goal of protecting the most unassisted Brazilians and leaving no one behind at this time of crisis, resources are assured for the payments of Bolsa Família and Emergency Aid.

>> The federal government has surpassed 150 services turned into digital since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic in March. Among the highlights are 46 new services from the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa), considered a priority in the fight against Covid-19, and the Domestic Employee Unemployment Insurance, which generates annual savings of R\$ 357.9 million for the public coffers and society. In all, 58 federal services were digitalized in March, 45 in April and 53 in May. More than reflecting promising numbers, the digital transformation of the Brazilian government impacts the lives of citizens at a time of instability generated by the pandemic. This is the case of the users of the Emergency Aid of R\$ 600. In all, 50 million people have already registered to withdraw the aid, available in digital form since the beginning of April to the population in social vulnerability.

>> Resolution nº 6 of the General Coordination of External Financing (Cofix) authorized the obtaining of non-refundable financial cooperation of Covid-19 Humanitarian Aid for the municipality of Joinville (SC) with the Financial Fund for the Development of the Silver Basin (FONPLATA). The amount of the donation is up to US\$ 100,000.

>> Resolution nº 7 of the General Coordination of External Financing (Cofix) authorized the obtaining of non-refundable financial cooperation of Covid-19 Humanitarian Aid for the municipality of Vila Velha (ES) with the Financial Fund for the Development of the La Plata Basin (FONPLATA). The amount of the donation is up to US\$50,000.

>> Resolution No. 9 of the General Coordination of External Financing (Cofix) authorized obtaining non-reimbursable financial cooperation for Covid-19 Humanitarian Aid for the municipality of Salvador (BA) from the Andean Development Corporation (CAF). The amount of the donation is up to US\$100,000.

>> Resolution 10 of the General Coordination of External Financing (Cofix) authorized obtaining non-reimbursable financial cooperation for Covid-19 Humanitarian Aid for the municipality of Fortaleza (CE) from the Andean Development Corporation (CAF). The amount of the donation is up to US\$100,000.

June 4th

>> Ordinance No. 13,474 opened additional credit of R\$ 84 million in favor of the Presidency of the Republic. The money will recompose the budget that was reduced during the consideration of the Budget Bill 2020 in the National Congress. This recomposition is authorized by article 4, caput, item V, of Law no. 13,978, of January 17, 2020 (LOA 2020).

June 3rd

>> The Federal Revenue Service in Foz do Iguaçu (PR) has allocated to the Ministry of Health 560 kilos of multi-purpose gloves and 135 kilos of protective masks to combat the new coronavirus. The goods were seized at Dry Port during routine inspections. In addition, 100 oximeters will be sent to the City Hall of Foz do Iguaçu and 300 to the State Health Secretariat of Paraná. The material was seized on May 26 in a commercial establishment for having been imported irregularly.

June 2nd

>> Provisional Measure 975/2020, published in the Official Gazette, establishes the Emergency Program for Access to Credit. The objective is to facilitate, during the calamity period, the access of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to new loans. The Program will act in the granting of guarantees to financial agents and

aims to facilitate the obtaining of credit by SMEs, contributing to the sustainability of Brazilian companies. It is estimated that it will be able to serve companies that employ 3.3 million workers. With the publication of the Provisional Measure, the Ministry of Economy is immediately authorized to contribute R\$ 5 billion to the program, which will be operated by BNDES, along the lines of the Guarantee Fund for Investments (FGI). New Treasury contributions may be made until the end of 2020, in the total amount of up to R\$20 billion, by decision of the Ministry of Economy, according to the performance of the Program and the need to grant guarantees.

>> Published in the Federal Official Gazette, Resolution no. 4,820 of the National Monetary Council, extended until December 2020 prohibitions on the remuneration of shareholders' equity, the increase in the remuneration of managers, the repurchase of shares and the reduction of capital stock. These rules should be followed by financial institutions and other institutions authorized to operate by the Central Bank of Brazil, considering the potential effects of the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) on the National Financial System. The rule refers to transitional prudential requirements to strengthen the financial institutions' resource mattress and ensure its immediate availability. The objective is to maintain credit in the economy and ensure the eventual absorption of future losses. The previous rule (CMN Resolution 4,797/2020) determined that these rules would only be valid until the end of September this year.

>> The Special Secretariat of Productivity, Employment and Competitiveness of the Ministry of Economy (Sepec) launched the public call notice, through Ordinance 13.469, of June 2, 2020, to select private companies or civil society organizations that wish to enter into a partnership with the federal government for the development of actions aimed at the productive sector to face the crisis generated by the new coronavirus.

>> The Federal Revenue Service Customs in Ponta Porã (MS) suspended until June 26 the face-to-face service at the city's Taxpayer Service Center (CAC), as a measure to protect Covid-19. The decision is present in Ordinance ALF / PA No. 35, published in the Official Gazette on Tuesday (2 / 6). Previously, as a protection measure to deal with the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus, the service had been suspended until May 29 (ALF/PPA Ordinance No. 26/2020).

June 1st

>> On June 1, the federal government launched a new version of the transparency panel on hiring related to the fight against the pandemic caused by the new coronavirus (Covid-19). Data from the "[Covid-19 Purchasing Panel](#)" reveal that R\$1.8 billion has already been invested in combating the pandemic through public procurement. Since the publication of Law No. 13,979 of February 6, 2020, more than 3,600 processes have been carried out for the acquisition of 11,500 items, ranging from health supplies such as masks, alcohol gel, gloves to more complex equipment such as respirators.

>> The deadline for submitting the proposal to reformulate the budgets of the Severance Premium Reserve Fund for the four-year period 2020-2023 to the FGTS Board of Trustees has been extended, exceptionally, to the month of June. Under the [original rule](#), the deadline would be in May. The decision is present in Resolution No. 964 of the FGTS Board of Trustees, published in the Official Gazette on Monday (1/6). The measure took into consideration the unavailability of the FGTS 2019 Final Balance Sheet, due to the postponement of the deadlines for presentation of the financial statements of companies invested by the FI-FGTS, made possible by Provisional Measure No. 931/2020.

>> The National Institute of Social Security (INSS) announced that, with the disclosure of the final result of the simplified selection process for hiring temporary employees, a total of 587 professionals will begin, next Monday, June 8, to work exclusively on the analysis of requirements to speed up the response to the insured. This is the team that already integrates the Social Security Career. A total of 5,332 servers were selected, which will be hired temporarily. The results, both selection process and the analysis of resources, were published by the Institute in the Official Gazette (DOU) of 29/5 and are available on the [official page](#) of the Public Call and Selection Process.

>> The Federal Revenue Service extended until June 30 the temporary measures adopted on account of the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) concerning the rules for in-person care and various administrative procedures adopted in Ordinance No. 543/2020. The amendment was made official in Ordinance RFB No. 936/2020, published in an extra edition of the Federal Official Gazette of 29/5. The administrative procedures that remain suspended until June 30 involve, among others, the automated electronic issuance of collection notices and summons for payment of taxes; notification of entry of the individual's tax net and registration of pending regularization in the Individual Taxpayer Registry (CPF) due to lack of declaration, in addition to registration of unfitness in the National Register of Legal Entities (CNPJ) due to lack of declaration. The deadline for complying with subpoenas from the tax system of individuals and submitting contestation to notices of entry, also from the PF tax system, and the decisions on refund, reimbursement and compensation claims are extended until June 30.

>> The Federal Revenue Service has extended until June 30th - due to the state of health emergency caused by the pandemic of the new coronavirus - the rule that makes the delivery of documents more flexible. The RFB Normative Instruction 1.956/2020, published in an extra edition of the Official Gazette of 29/5, allows the delivery of simple copies of documents, in digital or physical format, without the obligation of presenting the original document until the end of the semester. The Federal Revenue Service's employees are responsible for verifying the authenticity of the document by means of searches with the agencies responsible for its issuance, and other steps that may be necessary. The purpose of the measure is to reduce the presence of citizens in the IRS units and possible exposure to Covid-19.

May 29th

>> Secretariat of Economic Policy of the Ministry of Economy (SPE/ME) released an informative note in which it presents an analysis of the 1.5% reduction in economic growth in the first three months of this year compared to the same period in 2019, already with the seasonal adjustment. This index was announced by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) and reflects the impact of the pandemic, caused by the new coronavirus, on Brazilian economic activity. The study by SPE also shows that, on the demand side, there was an increase in investments (3.1%), a decrease in family consumption (-2.0%) and a slight increase in government spending (0.2%). In relation to the external sector, exports shrank -0.9%; while imports had a positive adjustment of 2.8%. The result for the first quarter of 2020 was slightly below the SPE's projection (-1.3%), held on May 5 and published in the MacroFiscal Bulletin for the month.

>> The Federal Revenue Service's Normative Instruction No. 1,956 was published in an extra edition of the Official Gazette, simplifying rules regarding the presentation of documents to the agency, within the context of the public health emergency situation caused by the new coronavirus. This new rule eliminates requirements established by previous determinations. Therefore, the obligation that "the simple copy of a document presented for obtaining services within the RFB must be accompanied by the original document in order to allow its authentication by the public server to which it is presented" (RFB Ordinance No. 2860/ 2017) is suspended. It is also temporarily dispensed with the determination that "the documents submitted must be originals or certified copies" (Normative Instruction RFB No. 1.956/2015). These suspensions of requirements related to the fulfillment of the Revenue will be effective until June 30, 2020.

>> Ordinance No. 921/2020 of the Federal Revenue Service amended old rules, simplifying requirements related to requirements and procedures for customs clearance of places and enclosures. The new rule, for example, suspended in the year 2020 the need for the Customs Commission to conduct an annual assessment and prepare a report on the situation of each place or enclosure bonded (by modifying RFB Ordinance No. 3,518/2011). It also expands the possibility of areas that may be bonded (by improving Ordinance RFB No. 3,518/2011).

>> Ordinance 936/2020 of the Federal Revenue Service, published in an extra edition of the Federal Official Gazette, establishes that, for several services, face-to-face assistance at the Revenue Service Units will be restricted until June 30, 2020. The deadlines for procedural acts within the IRS are also suspended until this date. Also suspended are the administrative procedures for registration of pending regularization in the Cadastro de Pessoas Físicas (CPF) due to lack of declaration and registration of unfitness in the Cadastro Nacional da Pessoa Jurídica (CNPJ) due to lack of declaration.

>> Joint Ordinance 16/2020 of the Secretariat for Personnel Management and Performance and the National School of Public Administration Foundation

(ENAP) extended, on an exceptional basis, deadlines related to the National Policy for the Development of People (PNDP), due to the state of international emergency caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The delivery of the Consolidated Plan of Development Actions, for example, was postponed from October 5 to November 13, 2020.

>> The Jorge Duprat Figueiredo Foundation for Occupational Safety and Medicine (Fundacentro) published Ordinance 148/2020, extending until June 15 a set of protection measures to deal with the public health emergency of international importance due to the coronavirus. The measures refer, among other points, to the determination that the employees with chronic diseases, over 60 years and pregnant women should stay at home, performing their activities remotely, as directed by the immediate manager, and the suspension of access of the external public to the library, study rooms, auditoriums and other places of collective use on the premises of Fundacentro. The decision was made taking into consideration the persistence of the pandemic caused by Covid-19, and the need to ensure the security of the servers and users of the Foundation's services, restricting social contact.

>> Brazil will have up to US\$ 4.01 billion in resources from multilateral banks and international development agencies for the Emergency Income Support Program for Vulnerable Populations Affected by Covid-19 in the country. The amount will be invested in shares of Basic Emergency Income, the expansion of the Bolsa Família, the Emergency Program for the Maintenance of Employment and Income and Unemployment Insurance, partially financing the benefits offered by these social programs. The Emergency Program was prepared by the Ministry of Economy and approved by the Foreign Financing Commission (Cofix), which issued Resolution No. 1/2020, published this Friday (29/5) in the Official Gazette.

>> The National Institute of Social Security (INSS) selected 5,330 temporary employees to work in the social security area, in attendance to the public and in the analysis of benefit requests. The results of the selection process and the analysis of resources were published this Friday (29/5) in the Federal Official Gazette (DOU) and are available on the [institute's website](#). From the total of enrolled, 1,969 inactive military personnel, 1,900 from the social security career and 1,461 retirees from the other areas of the Special Social Security Policy (RPPS) were selected. In all, 585 temporary members of the social security career start their activities on June 8 and will work exclusively on the analysis of applications, which will speed up the response to the insured.

May 28th

>> The President of the Republic, Jair Bolsonaro, sanctioned Complementary Law No. 173/2020, which will allow the granting of federal aid of around R\$ 60.15 billion to states, municipalities and the Federal District to strengthen actions to combat the new coronavirus. The new law was approved with some vetoes from the president in relation to the text approved by the National Congress, coming from Complementary Law Project No. 39. The text institutes the "Federative

Program to Confront the Pandemic caused by Covid-19" and amends the Fiscal Responsibility Law. In addition to the potential savings obtained from the prohibition of increases in personnel expenses, the new law has a total reach of R\$ 120.2 billion in cash for states and municipalities. On the one hand, there is the reinforcement in transfers of more than R\$ 60 billion. On the other hand, there are other R\$ 60.05 billion in savings in spending, due to renegotiation of bonds with the Union (R\$ 35.34 billion); renegotiation with public banks (R\$ 13.98 billion) and with international organizations (R\$ 10.73 billion).

>> Provisional Measure nº 973 was published in the Federal Official Gazette, relaxing the requirement made to companies that operate in the Export Processing Zone (ZPE) that 80% of their total gross revenue be obtained from exports. With the concession, companies that have been harmed because of the Covid-19 pandemic and cannot maintain the flow of sales abroad or reach the minimum percentage arising from exports required by law will not need to answer for non-compliance with the requirement.

>> Provisional Measure 974 authorized the extension of 3,592 contracts for a fixed period of time for health professionals to work in federal hospitals in the State of Rio de Janeiro. The decision was made taking into consideration the need to meet the temporary need of exceptional public interest, in view of the crisis generated by the arrival of the new coronavirus in Brazil. The extension cannot exceed November 30, 2020.

>> The appointment of successful candidates in the public tender for the positions of the Federal Highway Police Staff of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security was authorized through the publication of Decree No. 10,378 in the Official Gazette. The decision releases the appointment of 609 new professionals.

>> Decree No. 10,377, which exempts the Covid Account credit operation from Financial Operations Tax (IOF), was published in the Federal Official Gazette. The measure will allow the reduction of the financial costs of the loan benefiting consumers of electric energy throughout the country. The Covid Account was regulated by Decree 10,350. The credit operation of this mechanism will be structured in the form of a syndicated loan - coordinated by the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES) and with the participation of public and private banks - guaranteed by tariff assets in accordance with Provisional Measure No. 950. The IOF exemption, now authorized by the Government, aims at further reducing the financial costs of the operation, as opposed to normal market costs.

>> Resolution No. 864 of the Deliberative Body of the Workers' Support Fund (Codefat) presented rules regarding the extension of the term for contracting credit operations and the collection of remuneration and reimbursement of special deposits from the Workers' Support Fund (FAT) by financial institutions during the period of the new coronavirus pandemic. Financial institutions that operate with resources from FAT's special deposits are authorized to adopt, until

December 31, 2020, special procedures in the operationalization of credit lines from the Program for the Generation of Employment and Income - Proger (Working Capital, Export and Investment), FAT Taxista, FAT Turismo Investimento, Pronaf and FAT Fomentar, for contractors with annual gross operating income of up to R\$ 10 million. The financing term of operations may be extended for up to 12 months.

May 27th

>> Law 14.005, published in the Federal Official Gazette this Wednesday (27/5), opened supplementary credit of R\$ 776 million for the reinforcement of the budget appropriations of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security.

>> Ordinance nº 56/2020, from the Federal Revenue Service, changed the hours of service to citizens at the Federal Revenue Service Center (CAC) in the Port of Itajaí (SC). The service will be provided from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the public health emergency due to the new coronavirus.

May 26th

>> Provisional Measure No. 970 was published in the Official Gazette, opening an extraordinary credit of R\$ 29 billion for the ministries of Health and Citizenship. Of this total, a portion of R\$ 28.7 billion will reinforce the operations of the emergency social protection aid program for people in vulnerable situations due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

>> The hiring of up to 5,158 professionals, as of May 2020, to act in assistance and support activities to health care in the fight against the new coronavirus was authorized with the publication of Interministerial Ordinance No. 12,683 in the Official Gazette. The contracts will be valid for up to six months. The state of public calamity established by Legislative Decree No. 6/2020 will endure. The contracts will be funded with budgetary resources from the publication of a Provisional Measure to open an extraordinary credit to face the state of public calamity. The Ministry of Health will define the remuneration of professionals and the distribution of the team throughout the country. Specialists such as doctors, nurses and intensive care physiotherapists, psychologists and speech therapists will be hired.

>> The Federal Revenue Service's Normative Instruction No. 1,955 updated the [rules](#) governing customs clearance of imports as a result of the pandemic of the disease caused by the coronavirus identified in 2019. The decision facilitates the import of inputs to combat the effects of Covid-19.

>> The Ministry of Economy (ME) opened on May 25 the Public Call No. 5/2020 for donations without cost or charge of materials destined to the Federal University of Acre (UFAC) to combat Covid-19. Inputs such as surgical masks, alcohol gel, disposable facial shields and 3D printers for making protective masks may be donated. The materials will be used by the UFAC servers for the

maintenance of the institution's activities during the period of public calamity. Citizens and companies can help through Reuse.gov.br, a platform that receives donations with or without burden to the government.

May 25th

>> The National Institute of Social Security (INSS) began to pay on Monday (25/5) the 13th of retirees and pensioners. The deposit of the second part of this annual allowance will be made from May 25th to June 5th, according to the [2020 Payment Table](#). The anticipation of the 13th is one of the measures announced by the federal government to confront the Covid-19 pandemic. For those who receive a minimum wage, the advance payment will be made between May 25 and June 5, according to the final benefit number, without taking into account the verifying digit. Insured with monthly income above the national floor will have their payments credited between June 1st and 5th.

>> Teleservices, civil construction, slaughterhouses, health services and supermarkets companies now have a specific tool for labor self-diagnosis in relation to the necessary measures to avoid the transmission of the coronavirus and fight Covid-19 within the work environment. Questionnaire with a filling time of approximately 30 minutes, the labor self-diagnostic allows the identification of the basic situation of the company, including in relation to the main safety and health risks at this time of health calamity. To make the self-diagnosis, just access the [Federal Government Services Portal](#).

>> A survey released by the Federal Revenue Service showed that in the period of 46 days (18/3 to 2/5), the institution released 19 thousand tons of medical products used in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. The total of all these goods, which reached the mark of almost R\$ 1 billion, had customs clearance in time 33% less compared to the period before the pandemic. Among the most significant items are masks and protective clothing (R\$ 532 million), test kits for Covid-19 of various types (R\$ 110 million), ventilators and medical respirators, parts and accessories (R\$ 37 million) and medicines and their raw materials (R\$ 146 million).

>> Operations of request, alteration or cancellation of authorization for import and export of controlled products - considered a priority in the fight against the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) - are now carried out by the Federal Government Services Portal. The digitalization of nine services related to controlled products is part of the Digital Plan of the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa), which began to be implemented last year. Since then, 99 Anvisa services have been turned into digital.

>> Law no. 14.002/2020 was published in this Monday's Official Gazette (25/5), authorizing the Federal Executive Branch to establish the Brazilian Agency for International Promotion of Tourism (Embratur). The law establishes a series of functions that the new Embratur will be able to perform immediately to help combat the effects of the new coronavirus. In case of war, social upheaval, public

calamity, imminent risk to the community or any other circumstance that justifies the decree of a state of emergency, Embratur may, for example, hire lodging services in the Brazilian territory to house health professionals or people in need of social isolation for whom isolation in their own homes proves ineffective or unfeasible. The institution is also authorized to hire means of transportation of passengers and cargo for the return of Brazilians from abroad and the adoption of other procedures necessary for repatriations. The law is signed by President Jair Bolsonaro and the Ministers of Economy, Paulo Guedes, of Infrastructure, Tarcisio Gomes de Freitas, and of Tourism, Marcelo Henrique Teixeira Dias.

May 22nd

>> The remote assistance, at Social Security agencies, to the insured and beneficiaries of the National Institute of Social Security (INSS) was extended until June 19, as determined by Joint Ordinance No. 17, published in the Official Gazette. The measure aims to protect the community during the period of confronting the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic. During this period, cases that depend on medical expertise will be analyzed in a non-presential manner, simply by attaching the medical certificate through the portal or My INSS application. The institute will anticipate part of the benefit due to the insured remotely.

>> Decree No. 10,360, published in the Federal Official Gazette, established the form of identification of expense authorizations related to the confrontation of a national public calamity resulting from a pandemic and its social and economic effects. This determination will ensure even greater transparency for the allocation of public resources for actions to combat the effects of the new coronavirus.

May 21st

>> The economic team presented the updated figures of the Union aid to states and municipalities due to the health emergency caused by the new coronavirus. With the green light given by President Jair Bolsonaro on the sanction of PLP 39/2020, which will reinforce the income of states, municipalities and the Federal District by R\$ 60.15 billion to combat the effects of the coronavirus, the emergency aid project foreseen in PLP 39 should generate benefits of R\$ 125.8 billion for the entities.

>> Ordinance No. 12,553 of the Special Secretariat of Finance opened additional credit of R\$ 137 million in favor of the Ministries of Education; Justice and Public Security; and Health and Regional Development. The funds will be applied to projects such as "Support for the Expansion, Restructuring and Modernization of Institutions of the Federal Network of Professional, Scientific and Technological Education" and "Restructuring and Modernization of Federal University Hospitals".

May 20th

>> Provisional Measure No. 969 was published in an extra edition of the Federal Official Gazette, opening an extraordinary credit of R\$ 10 billion for the Ministry of Health. The resources will be applied in actions to confront the public health emergency of international importance due to the coronavirus. The MP also authorizes the contracting of an internal credit operation in the amount of R\$ 8.1 billion to cover this expense.

>> The deadline for [receiving donations](#) to face the pandemic situation caused by Covid-19 was reopened by the Ministry of Economy (ME) until 6 pm on May 29. Companies and citizens can donate equipment such as desktops, notebooks and tablets on the Government Procurement Portal, which will be used by federal servers to carry out activities via remote work. In all, the Ministry of Economy has already received more than R\$24 million in donations to fight Covid-19. Health inputs such as masks, alcohol gel and respirators, and logistics services were obtained.

>> In the fourth round of the online event "InovAtiva Conecta: Covid-19 - Solutions for Micro and Small Businesses (MPEs)", held this Wednesday (20/5), startups presented solutions aimed at Distance Education (EAD) and Health Care and Hygiene for micro and small business entrepreneurs in the country. The event, organized by the Secretariat of Productivity, Employment and Competitiveness (Sepec) of the Ministry of Economy, in partnership with Sebrae, seeks to show, on a weekly basis, innovative products and services that can help the MPEs face the challenges brought by the new coronavirus and the measures of social isolation.

>> The federal government has created 130 new digital services since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic in the country, further accelerating the evolution of the era from paper to online government. As a result, this week it reached the mark of 700 digitalized services since January of last year and doubled, in one month, the number of accesses to Gov.br. In all, in April, 14 million people accessed the government's unique portal, where the population finds public services, follows the progress of their requests and obtains the results of the demands.

>> Provisional Measure 968 was published in the Official Gazette. The decision authorized the extension of contracts for a fixed period within the Ministry of Justice and Public Security. These are contracts aimed at providing assistance in situations of public calamity and assistance to public health emergencies, according to the rules of Law 8.745/1993. The MP is signed by President Jair Bolsonaro and the Ministers of Justice and Public Security, André Mendonça, and of Economy, Paulo Guedes.

>>The Federal Supreme Court (STF) ratified in May 20, the agreement between the Union and the states that foresees the forwarding to the National Congress of legislative measures that will discipline a new transfer of R\$ 58 billion by the

Union to the states, in the period from 2020 to 2037, putting an end to the legal impasse of decades related to the [Kandir Law](#). On May 20, 2005, the Federal Official Gazette also published a [dispatch](#) from the Minister of the Economy, Paulo Guedes, authorizing the agreement that provides for the preparation and forwarding of regulatory acts to the National Congress on the transfer of funds by the Union to the states and to the Federal District, in exchange for the states' acknowledgement of the settlement of alleged amounts due, past due and falling due in connection with ICMS compensation. These decisions pave the way for strengthening the state treasury at this time of urgency in actions to combat the new coronavirus.

>> The Special Treasury Office published Ordinance No. 12,540, which opened additional credit of R\$ 424.6 million for the Presidency of the Republic and the Ministries of Education; Mines and Energy; Foreign Affairs; Health; Infrastructure; and Regional Development. The funds will be allocated to various activities, such as "Operation and Management of Federal Hospital Institutions" and "Consular Services and Assistance to Brazilians Abroad".

>> The Federal Budget Secretariat has published Ordinance no. 12,485, adjusting the Union's budget in order to increase the total resources allocated to the Emergency Benefit Program for the Maintenance of Employment and Income by approximately R\$ 51.6 billion.

>> The Collegiate Board of Directors of the National Superintendence of Complementary Social Security published Instruction No. 28, 2020, extending the deadline for presentation and obtaining a certificate issued by an independent certifying institution during the period in which the state of public calamity is in effect. The postponement was granted in another 90 days after the end of the public calamity status recognized by Legislative Decree no. 6/2020.

May 19th

>> Extra edition of the Federal Official Gazette of 19/05 reduced to zero the rate of the Tax on Manufactured Products (IPI) levied on the digital thermometer. Decree No. 10352 establishes that the tax rate reduction will remain in effect until September 30, 2020. The taxation of the product is reinstated as from October 1.

May 18th

>> Another 118 products used in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic in Brazil had the Import Tax reduced to zero by decision of the Foreign Trade Chamber (Camex), an inter-ministerial body chaired by the Ministry of Economy. The measure, approved in a virtual meeting of the Camex Management Executive Committee (Gecex), includes more than 80 medications used in the treatment of hospitalized patients and in the direct fight against coronavirus, meeting the demand of the National Council of Municipal Health Secretariats and parameters of the World Health Organization (WHO). Gecex Resolution N° 44/2020, published in the Official Journal of the Union this Monday (18/5), covers products

classified under 55 Mercosur Common Nomenclature (NCM) codes. With the new list, reaches 509 the number of products that had import tariffs reduced to zero to combat the pandemic.

>> Resolution 155 of the Management Committee of the National Simple was published in the Official Gazette this Monday (18/5), establishing rules on the exceptional extension of installment payment terms and formalization of option within the scope of the National Simple, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The rule applies to taxes assessed under the Special Unified Tax Collection Regime and Contributions due by Microenterprises and Small Businesses (Simples Nacional) and the System of Collection in Monthly Fixed Values of Taxes covered by Simples Nacional (Simei). The extension does not imply the right to restitution or compensation of any amounts already collected. Check out the new deadlines:

Deadline	New deadline
May 2020	August 2020
June 2020	October 2020
July 2020	December 2020

>> Ordinance No. 853 of the Special Secretariat of the Federal Revenue was published in the Official Gazette of the Federal Government, regulating the virtual attendance of the Special Secretariat of the Federal Revenue held through the Chat RFB. The measure is gaining strong importance at this time when electronic channels are strengthening in the effort to serve the public in the face of the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic. The Chat RFB is the virtual service channel accessed through the Virtual Service Center of the RFB (e-CAC Portal), available at receita.economia.gov.br. The service through the RFB Chat will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., on working days.

May 15th

>> Palácio do Planalto presented the balance of the actions of the [first 500 days of the government](#), with emphasis on several actions of the Ministry of Economy, especially for the [Emergency Program for the Maintenance of Employment and Income \(BEm\)](#) and the guarantee of resources for the payment of emergency aid to the most vulnerable in the face of the pandemic of the new coronavirus. Also noteworthy were measures such as extending the payment deadlines for taxes and contributions, credit for citizens and companies, tax reductions, advance payment of benefits to retirees and pensioners of the INSS and the granting of the new FGTS withdrawal, which should benefit over 60 million workers.

>> Sanctioned, with 11 vetoes, Law No. 13,998, which promotes changes in the payment of emergency aid of R\$ 600 per month to help the vulnerable population face the effects of the arrival of the new coronavirus pandemic in Brazil. The President of the Republic vetoed, for example, the application of a new criterion for maximum per capita family income to receive the Continuous Cash Benefit

(BPC), which would increase from 25% of the minimum wage to 50%, which would increase the list of beneficiaries. The item that provided for authorizing federal public financial institutions to hire non-financial payment and capital transfer institutions (fintechs) for the operationalization of the payment of emergency assistance was also forbidden. The presidential vetoes took into consideration the Ministry of Economy's warnings of the need to maintain the criteria of fiscal rigor, avoiding the creation of new mandatory expenditures without a source of funding.

>> Ordinance no. 210 of the Ministry of Economy was published in the Official Gazette this Friday (15/5). This decision regulates the measures and deadlines for the execution of transfers and other procedures necessary to comply with the provisions of Provisional Measure No. 946, which abolished the PIS-Pasep Fund. This Provisional Measure defined that resources not yet drawn from the PIS/PASEP Fund be transferred to individual accounts of the same ownership that will be registered in the Severance Premium Reserve Fund, providing the necessary liquidity to grant withdrawals of up to R\$ 1,045 without compromising the FGTS budget for popular housing, urban infrastructure, sanitation and health.

>> Ordinance No. 211 of the Ministry of Economy amended the Internal Regulations of the National Financial System Resources Council (CRSFN), allowing for the adaptation of routine activities to the current situation of the new coronavirus pandemic. The decision opens to the president of CRSFN the attribution of regulating the adoption and operation of an electronic system for processing administrative processes in the Council, as well as for formalizing, communicating and transmitting the acts and procedural terms by electronic means, and editing complementary regulations regarding the organization and operation of face-to-face, virtual and videoconference sessions. The public distribution sessions may be scheduled for this exclusive purpose and shall be held in person or by videoconference.

>> Ordinance 212 of the Ministry of Economy amended the Internal Regulations of the Council of Resources of the National Private Insurance System, Open Private Pension Fund and Capitalization (CRSNSP), also in accordance with the scenario of the emergency situation generated by the Covid-19 pandemic. The rule establishes that public distribution sessions may be scheduled for this exclusive purpose and will be held in person or by videoconference.

May 14th

>> Provisional Measure No. 965 guaranteed new R\$ 408 million for the Ministry of Justice and Public Security to carry out activities to combat the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic. These are extraordinary credit resources. The funds will reinforce the budgets of the Federal Highway Police and the National Indian Foundation (Funai).

>> Provisional Measure No. 966 established rules on the accountability of public agents for action and omission in acts related to the covid-19 pandemic. The

measure reinforces those of accountability of public servants in taking the necessary measures to face the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic. Measures to combat malice, gross errors and collusion among agents are highlighted.

>> Resolution No. 4 of the Civil House established the Working Group for the Coordination of Strategic Information Technology Actions, in response to the impacts related to the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19). The group is responsible for supporting the Crisis Committee for Supervision and Monitoring of Covid-19's Impacts on issues related to the use of information and communication technologies to combat the effects of Covid-19; and for receiving, evaluating and selecting proposals for solutions and partnerships with civil society involving intensive use of information and communication technology. Representative of the Special Secretariat for Debureaucratization, Management and Digital Government of the Ministry of Economy will coordinate the group.

>> Receita Federal offers the public the application [CPF Digital](#), developed by Serpro, with the digital version of the CPF card. The app also brings a ChatBot (computer program that simulates human conversation in a chat) to assist the citizen in filling out the Declaration of Income Tax 2020 (IRPF). The Digital CPF is already available for download on [Google Play](#) and [App Store](#).

May 13th

>> The Secretariat of Economic Policy (SPE) presented this Wednesday (13/5) the [Macrofiscal Bulletin](#) for the month of May. The publication brings projections for the main macroeconomic variables, such as GDP and inflation. The SPE also released two studies assessing the impact of the new coronavirus pandemic on Brazil's economy. The data indicate that the immediate costs are R\$ 20 billion per week during the paralysis. With the situation accumulated so far, it is projected a retraction of 4.7% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2020.

>> The Secretariat of Economic Policy released the [Information Note - Economic Impacts of Covid-19](#). The work points out that the economic impacts of the coronavirus crisis are directly related to the determination of social isolation and can be broken down into three components: immediate impact in the face of restrictions on production and consumption; duration of the recovery period; impact on the long-term trajectory of the economy.

>> The Secretariat of Economic Policy also presented the [Informative Note - An Analysis of the Crisis generated by Covid-19 and the Economic Policy Reaction \(05/13/2020\)](#). The work presents an analysis of the crisis generated by the new coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19), as unique in recent history. In the Modern Age, except for wars, the crisis only finds a parallel in the Spanish flu of 1918. The magnitude and multiplicity of negative shocks resulting from the pandemic, on the supply side and on the demand side, lead us to consider it as one of the greatest economic policy challenges ever faced by Brazilian society.

>> The Federal Revenue Service has extended the deadline for the transmission of the Digital Accounting Books (ECD) for the calendar year 2019 to July 31. The measure responds to requests from class entities in the accounting area, which claim to be having difficulties in carrying out their activities due to the restrictions resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. RFB Normative Instruction No. 1950, published in the Federal Official Gazette on Wednesday (05/13), changes from the last working day of May to the last working day of July the deadline for delivery of the ECD, including in cases of extinction, merger, consolidation and total or partial spin-off of the legal entity. The rule does not alter the other provisions relating to the ECD, set forth in Normative Instruction RFB No. 1.774 of 2017.

>> The Federal Revenue Service has adopted yet another measure to avoid agglomerations and reduce the need for displacement to the service units, contributing with the government effort to reduce the spread of the new coronavirus. With the publication of Normative Instruction RFB No. 1,951 in the Federal Official Gazette, the rules for receiving digital documents are revised, allowing for authentication by access code for services provided by Digital Service Dossier (DDA). Previously, it was necessary to use the digital certificate in person to use the DDA.

>> Ordinance nº 11.540, of the Secretariat of Management and Performance of Personnel of the Ministry of Economy, established guidelines to the organs and entities integrating the direct federal, autarchic and foundational Public Administration, about the recess for the commemoration of the end-of-year parties. Deadlines for compensation are established considering the current scenario of Emergency in Public Health of National Importance due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

>> Normative Instruction No. 38 of the Management Secretariat of the Ministry of Economy was published in the Official Gazette, changing the deadline for the implementation of rules for the Unified Supplier Registration System (Sicaf), within the Federal Executive Branch. The Secretariat of Personnel Management and Performance (SGP) of the Ministry of Economy updated the information collected in the survey on the remote work and confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the scope of the Civil Federal Executive Branch. Data collected during the week of May 4 to 8 showed 48.62% of federal civil servants working at home. The confirmed cases of COVID-19 registered in the system are 827.

>> The Special Secretariat of Productivity, Employment and Competitiveness (Sepec) of the Ministry of Economy and Sebrae, in partnership with the Brazilian Association of Startups (ABStartups), carried out this Wednesday (13/5) another edition of the virtual demoday "InovAtiva Conecta: Covid-19 - Solutions for MPEs". Eight Startups presented applications, technologies and solutions in the areas of Finance and Process and Control Management that can help small businesses face the crisis of the new coronavirus. The event was broadcast live over the Internet.

>> The [Todos por Todos](#) platform has completed a month and a half of launch by the federal government already offering 810 services donated or released on an emergency basis to the Brazilian population, as a measure to confront the coronavirus pandemic and reduce its negative impact. The space has emerged with some services of the federal agencies themselves, such as distance learning courses at the National School of Public Administration (Enap) and universities, or entertainment options in museums. Quickly, companies, entities, associations and other public agencies joined the novelty.

May 12th

>> Ordinance No. 201 of the Ministry of Economy is published in the Official Gazette this Tuesday (05/12). The measure extends, in view of the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic, the monthly installment payment deadlines for installment payment programs administered by the Federal Revenue Service and the National Treasury Attorney General's Office (PGFN). Installments due in May are postponed to August. Those in June are postponed to October. And the July installments are only due in December. The extension does not apply to Simples Nacional tax installments.

>> Ordinance No. 11649 of the Ministry of Economy reinforces the amount of resources of the Federal Budget in actions to face the public health emergency of international importance due to coronavirus. The measure aims at greater effectiveness in the use of public resources to combat the effects of Covid-19, reinforcing the federal universities' box.

>> Circular 4.017 of the Central Bank has been published in the Federal Official Gazette. The measure improves the calculation methodology for collection of the financial costs to which the institutions that incur in deficient application in the requirements of directing resources to rural credit are subject to.

>> The National Institute of Social Security (INSS) publishes Joint Ordinance No. 11. The measure suspends the migration of benefits paid by intermediaries of affiliated entities that carry out complementation until the return of all activities in person at Social Security agencies.

>> Reduced the equalizable limits of agricultural financing. The decision is present in a dispatch from the National Treasury Department published in the Official Gazette of the Federal Government this Tuesday (05/12). The measure gives impetus to the agricultural and cattle raising sector.

>> The National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) publishes the results of the telework program, according to the policy of activities executed in face of the new coronavirus pandemic. The results are present in Ordinance No. 173, published in the Federal Official Gazette. The remote work exceeded the contracted goals by 48%.

May 11th

>> The Special Secretariat of Foreign Trade and International Affairs of the Ministry of Economy published Ordinance No. 25 in the Official Gazette of the Union this Monday (11/5), with provisions on the import of lung ventilators, vital signs monitors, infusion pumps, oximetry equipment and capnographs, used. With the decision, the requirements established by a previous rule (SECEX Ordinance 21/2011) for the purchase of such equipment are extraordinarily removed. The flexibilization will only be valid while the period of Emergency in Public Health of National Importance due to Human Infection by the new Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), as established by the Ministry of Health.

>> Ordinance No. 11,259, of the Special Secretariat for Debureaucratization, Management and Digital Government of the Ministry of Economy, was published in the Official Gazette. The decision authorizes the hiring, for a determined time, of up to 4. 117 professionals to work in health care assistance and support activities in the following units: Andaraí Federal Hospital (HFA), Bonsucesso Federal Hospital (HFB); Lagoa Federal Hospital (HFL); State Servants Federal Hospital (HFSE); Ipanema Federal Hospital (HFI); Cardoso Fontes Federal Hospital (HFCF); National Institute of Cardiology (INC); National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics (INTO); and José Alencar Gomes da Silva National Cancer Institute (INCA).

>> Ordinance no. 11,535 extended by eight months, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the deadline for compliance with the obligation to prepare or review the Integrated Management Plan (PGI) of the Orla Project by the municipalities that adhered to the Beach Management Adhesion Term (TAGP). The decision is made by the Ministry of Economy's Special Secretariat for Desestatization, Disinvestment and Markets.

>> The amount of R\$ 69 million was allocated, through supplementary credit, to the Ministries of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communications; Health; Infrastructure; Environment; and Citizenship, in a decision present in Ordinance No. 11,600 of the Special Secretariat of Finance. The decision was also published this Monday (11/5) in the Official Gazette. Among the activities foreseen for the application of the resources are "Structuring the Network of Basic Health Care Services - National" and "Research, Technological Development and Innovation in Health."

May 8th

>> This Friday (May 8th), the federal government released R\$ 5 billion in financing for the tourism sector. The resources will be used to support companies in the segment that are suffering due to the new coronavirus pandemic. Companies such as tourism agencies, lodging facilities, tourist transportation companies, guides, convention centers, entertainment and leisure enterprises, water and theme parks, car rental companies, event organizers, as well as restaurants, cafes and bars, for example, may have access to credit. It is

expected that 80% of the volume of resources will be allocated to micro, small and medium enterprises. Normative instrument: Provisional Measure of Extraordinary Credit 963 (in force).

May 7th

>> The government published in this Thursday's Official Gazette (7) the Provisional Measure 961/2020, which relaxes the rules on bids and contracts, for the entire public administration, until December 31 of this year, the deadline for the state of public calamity related to the coronavirus pandemic. The more flexible rules will be valid for the federal, state and city governments. The MP authorizes advance payments in bids and contracts during the state of public calamity, as long as it is indispensable to obtain the good or ensure the provision of service.

>> Also published in the Official Gazette was Provisional Measure 962/2020, which opens extraordinary credit for the Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communications and for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in R\$ 418.8 million). The amount will be used in activities to confront the public health emergency of international importance due to the coronavirus.

>> Ordinance No. 194 of the Ministry of Economy expanded [the list of products](#) served with tax reductions on imports under the Simplified Taxation Regime. The list includes items designed to combat the effects of the new coronavirus, such as medicines, antiseptic gel, disinfectant for medical devices and protective gloves, which will have import taxes reset to zero by next September. The list is aimed at products that arrive in Brazil by mail or international air parcel and that normally pay a 60% tax on the value of imported products.

>> Resolution No. 961 of the Board of Trustees of the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (Codefat) was published. In recognition of a public emergency situation of international importance arising from the new coronavirus, an exceptional and transitional rule was established for installment payment contracts to be signed until December 31, 2020. A 90-day grace period may be granted for the beginning of the maturity of the agreement installments, a grace period that will not apply to the termination FGTS debts.

>> Resolution 963 of the Codefat was also published in the Official Gazette, regulating the temporary suspension of payments related to financing for basic sanitation, due to the measures adopted to face the Covid-19 pandemic. The objective is "to guarantee the continuity of this essential service and to contribute to the maintenance of the financial health of the companies that provide this service, to face the public health emergency and its consequences in the country's economy".

>> Law no. 13,995/2020 was sanctioned, which guarantees aid of R\$ 2 billion to holy houses and philanthropic hospitals. The goal is to prepare the holy houses and philanthropic hospitals that receive these resources for joint action with the Ministry of Health and state, district and municipal SUS managers in controlling

the advance of the epidemic of the new coronavirus in the Brazilian territory and in serving the population.

>> Constitutional Amendment 106/2020, which institutes an extraordinary fiscal, financial and hiring regime to confront the public calamity resulting from the pandemic, was enacted this Thursday (7/5) by the National Congress. The measure, originating from the "War Budget PEC" (PEC 10/2020), simplifies federal government spending to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The decision will speed up purchases, construction work, the hiring of temporary staff and services needed to combat the effects of the new coronavirus.

May 6th

>> Law no. 13,995, which ensured the Union's financial aid to holy houses and philanthropic hospitals, was published in the Official Gazette of the Union this Wednesday (6). The emergency aid is up to R\$ 2 billion to promote actions that allow these units to work, in articulation with the Ministry of Health and the state, district and municipal managers of the SUS, to control the advance of the Covid-19 epidemic in the Brazilian territory and to assist the population.

>> Law no. 13,996, which authorizes the Ministry of Agriculture to extend temporary contracts for veterinary doctors who perform agricultural fiscal auditing activities, was published in the Federal Official Gazette this Wednesday (6/5). The decision avoids the finalization of contracts and services essential to the functioning of the defense and supply system during the Covid-19 pandemic. Law 13.996 originates from MP 903/2019, approved by the Senate in April.

>> Ordinance no. 189 of the Ministry of Economy was published in the Official Gazette this Wednesday (6/5). This measure authorizes, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the holding of raffles for the directors of the Administrative Tax Appeals Council (CARF) outside the environment of face-to-face trial sessions. The operational procedures and controls adopted by CARF to provide for the integrity of the conduct of the lottery of cases for councilors will be supervised by the Special Office of Internal Control (AECI) of the Ministry of Economy.

>> New ordinances from the Ministry of Health were published in an extra edition of this Wednesday's Official Gazette (6/5), guaranteeing transfers of resources to state and municipal health systems in actions to combat the new coronavirus (Covid19). The main focus is the qualification of new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds, with resources from the Coronavirus Group (COVID 19). Check below:

Ordinance No. 1,111 R\$ 2.9 million - Ceará

Ordinance nº 1.109 R\$ 17.3 million – Amazonas, Goiás, Espírito Santo, Maranhão, Distrito Federal, Mato Grosso, Pernambuco, Amapá, Rondônia e Sergipe

Ordinance nº 1.093 R\$ 720 thousand – Minas Gerais

Ordinance nº 1.092 R\$ 12.9 million – Rio Grande do Norte

Ordinance nº 1.091 R\$ 1.4 million - Pernambuco

Ordinance nº 1,089 R\$ 33.7 million – São Paulo

Ordinance nº 1.088 R\$ 11 million - Paraíba

Ordinance nº 1,087 R\$ 864 thousand - Piauí

Ordinance nº 1.086 R\$ 3.6 million - Piauí

Ordinance nº 1.085 R\$ 720 thousand - Paraíba

>> Ordinance nº 1,089, for example, enabled new ICU beds and guaranteed R\$ 33.7 million for hospitals and holy houses in the state of São Paulo. Ordinance no. 1,111, in the same way, assured R\$ 2.9 million to the Municipal Health Fund of the city of Ceará, resources that will be destined to the General Hospital of Fortaleza. Ordinance No. 1,085 allocated R\$ 720 to Paraíba and the money will strengthen the actions to combat Covid-19 provided by the District Hospital Senador Ruy Carneiro.

>> Ordinance No. 1,091 allocated R\$ 1.4 million to the Jaboatão dos Guararapes Memorial Hospital (PE). Ordinance 1,087 guaranteed R\$ 864,000 for the Dirceu Arcoverde State Hospital, in Parnaíba (PI). Ordinance 1,093 allocated R\$ 720 thousand to the Municipal Health Fund of Coronel Fabriciano (MG), to support the actions of Hospital José Maria Moraes. Ordinance No. 1,109 released R\$ 17.2 million for health units in (AM, GO, ES, MA, PE, MT, AP, RO and SE) and the Federal District.

>> It was announced that the Hospital Doutor João Machado, located in an area of the Union in the city of Natal (RN), will be used for the emergency installation of 20 beds of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to fight the coronavirus pandemic. The state government of Rio Grande do Norte has published an emergency announcement to hire a company specialized in installing the beds. The Hospital, founded 67 years ago, is a psychiatric unit that will be used to fight Covid-19.

May 5th

>> Resolution nº 2 of the General Coordination of External Financing (Cofix) was published in the Official Journal of the Union this Tuesday (5/5), authorizing the donation of US\$ 50,000 by the Financial Fund for the Development of the Silver Basin (FONPLATA) to the municipality of Corumbá (MS). Resolution nº 3 similarly allocates US\$ 50 thousand to the municipality of Ponta Porã (MS) and Resolution nº 4, another US\$ 50 thousand to the municipality of Criciúma (SC).

In all cases, this is a non-refundable Financial Contribution of Humanitarian Aid to COVID-19.

>> CMN Resolution no. 4,807 was published in the Official Gazette and authorizes measures related to rural credit to mitigate the negative effect of social distancing due to Covid-19, and drought. Resolution 4,806 extends to June 30, 2021 the deadline for contracting the credit line with resources from the National Economic and Social Development Bank (BNDES) for cereal companies to invest in civil works and in the acquisition of machinery and equipment necessary for the construction of warehouses and the expansion of grain storage capacity.

>> The Mint published in the Federal Official Gazette the [prevention measures](#) established by the institution within CMB's Contingency Plan to Covid-19. Since March 16, employees over 60 years of age have been released from those with chronic diseases (hypertension, diabetes, coronary diseases or respiratory diseases), the Museum and the Mint Library have been altered and the remote work regime has been adopted, among other measures.

>> The Federal Revenue Service has expanded the list of products that will have priority import clearance to help fight the Coronavirus pandemic. The Normative Instruction RFB No. 1,944, published in an extra edition of the Federal Official Gazette on Monday (4/5), provides for the priority dispatch for raw materials intended for the manufacture of medicines, in addition to consolidating [the list of products](#) that already had the priority dispatch.

>> It is already possible for employees to check in the Digital Workbook the information about the payment of the Emergency Benefit of Preservation of Employment and Income (BEm), created to face the economic effects of the covid-19 pandemic. To access the data, workers should consult the benefits tab, where there will be a table above the respective areas for unemployment insurance and salary bonuses.

May 4th

>> The Provisional Measure no. 960, published in the Official Gazette on Monday (4/5), extended for one year the deadline for exports through the special drawback regime (in this regime, there is suspension or elimination of taxes on imported inputs for use in exported products). In the scope of combating the effects of Covid-19, the decision involves US\$ 23 billion in exports committed in the regime and not yet materialized. This gives breath to the companies to fulfill the export commitments after overcoming the crisis generated by the pandemic. In 2019, US\$ 49.1 billion were exported using the drawback mechanism, which represented 21.8% of Brazil's total foreign sales in the period.

>> Ordinance 11,007 of the Ministry of Economy reallocated resources, within the budget, reinforcing the allocation of funds for health actions to combat the coronavirus that were in need of more money. This adjustment involved the amount of R\$ 58.4 million, resources from extraordinary credit, and involves

activities to confront the public health emergency of international importance due to coronavirus in Amapá, Mato Grosso do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul and Tocantins.

>> Resolution 855 of the Brazilian Securities Commission (CVM) was published in the Official Gazette on Monday (4/5). The new procedure will allow the call for new sessions already this month of May and should be used while the protection measures to face the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, which restrict the agglomeration of large numbers of people, persist. The CVM is an autarchy linked to the Ministry of Economy.

>> The Emergency Benefit (BEm) began to be paid to workers with a portfolio signed on Monday (4/5). The payments will be processed by Banco do Brasil (BB) and CAIXA and will be paid for up to three months. Instituted through Provisional Measure 936, BEm will be paid to the worker who has made an agreement with the employer for proportional reduction of working hours and salary or for temporary suspension of the employment contract.

>> Government receives donation of more than a thousand notebooks and tablets. The Ministry of Economy's Purchase Center received a donation last week of 950 tablets and 200 notebooks for servers to work remotely, due to the pandemic situation caused by Covid-19. Considering the reference value of the market, the donation represents approximately R\$ 2 million in equipment. The equipment received so far will be distributed, on a preliminary basis, to the ministries of Health, Economy and Justice and Public Security.

>> The Ministry of Economy reported that the federal government has already received R\$ 20.3 million in donations to strengthen the fight against the new coronavirus pandemic. Citizens and companies donated hospital supplies such as masks, alcohol gel, thermometers and jackets, and even more complex equipment, such as respirators, as well as tablets and computers to assist public servants in remote work. The deadline to register for donations was extended from Monday (4/5) to May 15, following the rules of the Public Call No. 1/2020.

May 1st

>> The Special Secretariat of Finance presented a balance sheet of the measures taken by the Ministry of Economy to protect the country from the effects of the coronavirus. The additional fiscal effort in the confrontation of Covid-19 has already reached the mark of R\$ 349.4 billion. The primary impact equivalent to 4.81% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) puts Brazil ahead of advanced countries (whose average in these actions is 4.3% of GDP) and well above emerging countries (2.3% of GDP). The balance also showed that of the total of R\$ 253 billion in new expenses authorized so far to confront Covid-19, R\$ 59.9 billion have already been paid. In terms of expenses already paid, the action with the greatest volume so far is emergency aid for people in vulnerable situations: R\$ 35.6 billion.

April 30th

>> Resolution 33 of the Foreign Trade Chamber (CAMEX) reduced to zero the rate of Import Tax on a series of products necessary to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. Items such as filters for medical ventilators, hospital stretchers and helmets for protection for use in medicine are on the list established by the resolution.

>> The National Monetary Council (CMN) has relaxed the rules regarding rural credit operations to adapt them to the social distancing measures adopted to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic caused by Covid-19. In general terms, the changes established with Resolution 4,810 allow for the temporary waiving of some requirements normally required in such operations, such as registration of documents at a notary's office, delivery of invoices and face-to-face inspection of rural properties.

>> Resolution 4,812 of the National Monetary Council (CMN) authorized credit, financing and investment (financial) companies to issue Certificates of Deposit (CDBs). The purpose of the measure is to expand the options of funding instruments available for this segment of the National Financial System and, thus, mitigate the effects of the economic crisis caused by the fight against Covid-19. The financial ones are important for the competition and for the access to the National Financial System by families and small and medium size companies.

>> The National Monetary Council (CMN) has temporarily reduced the capital requirement for institutions in Segment 5 (S5), which are the smallest and simplified risk profile. Resolution no. 4,813 has the potential to release approximately R\$1.3 billion from the regulatory capital requirement of S5 institutions. The measure has the objective of increasing the capacity of S5 institutions to go through the crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and to maintain the flow of credit to the economy.

>> The National Monetary Council (CMN) has postponed to November 3, 2020 the entry into force of the new regulation on the registration of payment card receivables. With this, the National Financial System gains space to focus its actions on fighting the crisis generated by Covid-19. The forecast was for the new regulation to come into force on August 3 of this year. The decision is present in Resolution no. 4,809.

>> Resolution no. 860 of the Deliberative Council of the Workers' Support Fund (Codefat) was published in the Official Gazette on April 30th, authorizing the creation of a digital labor intermediation platform, within the National Employment System (Sine). This platform will promote and facilitate the hiring of professionals to act in the face of the public health emergency of the new coronavirus pandemic.

>> Resolution nº 36 of the National Council of Complementary Welfare was published in the Official Gazette, extending the deadline for delivery of the

obligations of the Closed Complementary Welfare Entities (EFPC) related to the sending of documents and information, as a result of the Covid pandemic¹⁹. The decision authorizes the National Superintendence of Complementary Welfare to extend the deadline for the delivery of obligations during the period of decree of a state of public calamity.

April 29th

>> Provisional Measure No. 959 was published in an extra edition of this Wednesday's Official Gazette (29/4), facilitating citizens' access to the payment of the Emergency Benefit for Preservation of Employment and Income and the monthly emergency benefit. The decision will allow Caixa and Banco do Brasil to be more agile in paying the emergency benefit through a digital account, which will be opened automatically and free of charge in the event of non-validation or rejection of the credit in another account indicated by the beneficiary. This is to overcome bureaucracy and ensure that the money really reaches the Brazilians who are in need.

>> Ordinance No. 543 of the National Institute of Social Security (INSS) authorizes the transfer of benefit payments to the current account modality. The goal is to avoid the displacement of citizens to banks and thus protect citizens from eventual exposure to the coronavirus. The application for the transfer of the benefit to the current account will be made exclusively through My INSS and for the user who is authenticated.

>> Ordinance no. 544, also of the INSS, established permission for the Social Security Agencies of Attendance of International Agreements to proceed, through the institutional e-mail, with the sending or reception of the necessary documents for the application of the International Social Security Agreements with the Liaison Bodies of the agreeing countries. The measure will be valid while the public health emergency lasts. The measure reduces the need for displacement of applicants.

>> INSS Ordinance No. 552 authorized the automatic extension for six times in the granting of sickness benefits while the National Institute of Social Security (INSS) agencies are closed for the duration of the public emergency caused by the new coronavirus pandemic. When they become effective, they will generate automatic extension of the benefit (PMAN). The acts practiced since March 12, 2020 are valid.

>> Ministry of Economy, Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (Sebrae) and Brazilian Startups Association (ABStartups) held on Wednesday (29/4) a virtual event to present startups with logistics and e-commerce solutions in face of the current scenario of social isolation generated by the coronavirus pandemic. Demoday Inovativa Conecta: Covid-19 - Solutions for Micro and Small Businesses presented solutions such as an intelligent cabinet that acts as a storage, transit and quarantine point for products and objects. To check it out, just access the [InovAtiva Brasil channel on Youtube](#).

April 28th

>> The federal government has exceeded the R\$ 1 billion mark in total public purchases of goods and services needed to protect Brazilians from coronavirus under Law 13,979 of February 6. This law made it unnecessary to tender for the purchase of items necessary to combat Covid-19 more quickly and with less bureaucracy to protect Brazilians, so that there is no shortage of material to serve the population, especially in the network of the Single Health System (SUS). Through this new mechanism, 2,140 dispensations have been made so far for the purchase of health supplies. Among the items acquired are alcohol gel, liquid soap, digital thermometers, masks and more complex equipment such as respirators. All these data are available for free consultation by anyone through the tool "[Transparency of Dispensing Data for Covid-19](#)", developed by the Ministry of Economy.

>> Resolution nº 36 of the National Council of Complementary Welfare was published in the Official Gazette, extending the deadline for delivery of the obligations of the Closed Complementary Welfare Entities (EFPC) regarding the sending of documents and information, due to the Covid pandemic19. The decision authorizes the National Superintendence of Complementary Welfare to extend the deadline for the delivery of obligations during the period of decree of a state of public calamity.

April 27th

>> Provisional Measure (MP) No. 958, which suspends until September 30 a series of requirements for contracting credit operations with public financial institutions, was published in the Official Gazette on Monday (27/4). The purpose of this Provisional Measure is to make the process of releasing funds by families and companies more agile and efficient, giving everyone the impetus to face the crisis generated by the new coronavirus. In addition to simplifying the process of analysis and granting credit, at this time of strong restrictions to the cash flow of companies, the new legislation frees individuals to prove regularity before the Electoral Justice at the time of contracting credit, removing possible additional obstacles to the granting of credit in this period of public calamity. Normative instrument: Provisional Measure of Extraordinary Credit 957 (in force).

>> Provisional Measure 957, also published in the Official Gazette on Monday (27/4), secured new R\$ 500 million for the Ministry of Citizenship. The resources will be used to purchase products from family farmers through the Food Acquisition Program (PAA), to guarantee the food and nutritional security of Brazilians. The resources represent yet another action by the federal government to confront the crisis generated by the new coronavirus pandemic. Around 85,000 farming families will benefit, in addition to 12,500 entities and 11 million socially vulnerable families who will receive the food.
Normative instrument: Provisional Measure of Extraordinary Credit 957 (in force).

>> A new set of ordinances from the Ministry of Health, published in the Official Gazette on Monday (27/4) ensured the transfer of more resources to states and municipalities in actions to combat Covid-19. Ordinance no. 1,103, for example, allocates more than R\$ 16 million to Alagoas, besides enabling new ICU beds in several health units in the state. In the same line, Ordinance no. 1,014 guaranteed R\$ 20 million for the population of Goiás. Ordinance No. 1,011 allocates R\$ 35.4 million to Pernambuco.

April 24th

>> The Ministry of Economy has extended the deadlines for the implementation of the Model of Excellence in Transfer Management (MEG-Tr). The objective is to extend the training period for federal, state and municipal agency employees who will have to implement the model. The new deadlines are listed in Normative Instruction 33 (in force).

>> The National Institute of Social Security (INSS) began paying the first installment of the 13th of retirees and pensioners this Friday (24/4). The anticipation of the first part of the allowance for April is part of the list of measures announced by the federal government to mitigate the effects of the pandemic among the most vulnerable population.

>> Provisional Measure No. 956, this Friday (24/04) has already been published in an extra edition of the Official Gazette. The decision opens extraordinary credit, in favor of the Ministry of Citizenship, of R\$ 25.7 billion. As determined by the MP, the money will be destined to "Social Inclusion through the Bolsa Família and the Articulation of Public Policies", within the line of special operations of "Emergency Aid for Social Protection of People in Situations of Vulnerability, Due to the Pandemic of COVID-19".

>> A series of ordinances was also published by the Ministry of Health in this Friday's Official Gazette (24/04), guaranteeing transfers of resources to state and municipal health systems in actions to combat the new coronavirus (Covid19). The main focus is the qualification of new ICU beds, with resources from the Coronavirus Group (COVID 19).

Ordinance 893, for example, enabled new ICU beds and guaranteed R\$ 14.6 million, in a single installment, for hospitals of nine hospitals, in six states (MS, PA, PE, PR, RN and SC). Ordinance 894, on the other hand, released R\$ 14.6 million for seven hospitals in Maranhão, also enabling new ICU beds. Ordinance 902 assured almost R\$ 26 million for Ceará. Ordinance 898 allocated R\$ 93.6 million to São Paulo.

>> Ordinance no. 1,183 of the Ministry of Regional Development was also published in today's Official Gazette with the recognition of the State of Public Calamity in the State of Rio Grande do Norte. This decision, which recognizes an abnormal situation with damages to the population, allows for faster actions of federal support to the state government.

Check out the main ordinances of the Ministry of Health published in the Official Gazette this Friday that ensure the transfer of resources to state and municipal health systems:

Ordinance No. 893 - R\$ 14.6 million (Mato Grosso do Sul, Pará, Pernambuco, Paraná, Rio Grande do Norte, Santa Catarina)

Ordinance No. 899 - R\$ 6.4 million (Sergipe)

Ordinance nº 894 - R\$ 14, 6 million (Maranhão)

Ordinance No. 865 - R\$ 7.3 million (Bahia)

Ordinance No. 861 - R\$ 7.4 million (Rondônia)

Ordinance No. 901 - R\$ 7.6 million (Santa Catarina)

Ordinance No. 903 - R\$ 25.9 million (Ceará)

Ordinance nº 902 - R\$ 4.4 million (Minas Gerais)

Ordinance No. 926 - R\$ 4.6 million (Pará)

Ordinance nº 895 - R\$ 1 million (Mato Grosso do Sul)

Ordinance No. 928 - R\$ 1.4 million (Acre)

Ordinance No. 900 - R\$ 1.4 million (Piauí)

Ordinance nº 896 - R\$ 720 thousand (Mato Grosso do Sul)

Ordinance No. 858 - R\$ 11.7 million (Distrito Federal)

Ordinance No. 924 - R\$ 2.1 million (Mato Grosso do Sul)

Ordinance No. 927 - R\$ 2.6 million (Mato Grosso do Sul)

Ordinance nº 925 - R\$ 720 thousand (Mato Grosso do Sul)

Ordinance No. 898 - R\$ 93.6 million (São Paulo)

April 23rd

>> The Ministry of Economy made available the number of jobs preserved by the Emergency Benefit of Preservation of Employment and Income (BEm), created to face the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The data can be consulted through the website: <https://servicos.mte.gov.br/bem/>. In an

information extraction carried out last Wednesday night (22/4), at 9:50 pm, the data showed that 3,511,599 jobs had already been preserved, with amounts to be paid totaling R\$ 6,983,378,703.58 and agreements signed by 569 thousand employers.

>> Federal Public Administration bodies and entities have until July 3 to update their Protocolizing Units (UP) in the National Electronic Process Management Portal (PEN). The measure was established this Wednesday (22/4) by the Ministry of Economy and the National Archive, through the publication of Interministerial Normative Instruction No. 32 of April 20, 2020. The change in the deadline was made due to the state of emergency caused by the new coronavirus, allowing agencies and entities more time to survey the Protocol Units.

April 22nd

>> The Attorney General's Office of the National Treasury published this Monday (22/4) Ordinance 10.205 suspending, for 90 days, the termination of installment payments of taxpayers that may be in arrears as of February 2020. This new ordinance amends the previous one (7,821) of March 18, 2020, which established temporary measures to prevent contagion by the new coronavirus (Covid-19) under the PGFN. Legal instrument: Ordinance 10.205 (in force)

>> Balance Sheet of the Secretariat of Personnel Management and Performance of the Ministry of Economy (SGP/ME) updated the information collected in the survey on remote work and confirmed cases of Covid-19 within the Civil Federal Executive Branch. The survey registered 46.13% of the servers working remotely and 285 confirmed Covid-19 cases. The data are from the week of April 13 to 17 collected from the personnel management units of the civil federal public agencies.

>> The government announced that it is preparing the socioeconomic program Pró-Brasil. The medium to long term program foresees initiatives to recover employment in the country, stimulate productive chains and boost infrastructure.

>> Ordinance No. 10,486 (in effect) with rules on the processing and payment of the Emergency Benefit for the Preservation of Employment and Income (BEm) has been published.

April 20th

>> On Monday (April 20), the Caixa Econômica Federal and the Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (Sebrae) announced a credit line worth R\$ 7.5 billion for micro and small businesses and individual micro-entrepreneurs (MEIs). The objective is to support small businesses in the face of the crisis caused by Covid-19. In practice, the initiative will allow for a reduction of about 40% in the fees charged to this public today.

The credit limits will be R\$ 12,500 for individual microentrepreneurs, with a 1.59% monthly fee, a nine-month grace period to start paying and a payment term of up to 24 months; R\$ 75,000 for microenterprises, with a 12-month grace period, a 1.39% monthly fee in up to 30 months; and R\$ 125,000 for small businesses, a 12-month grace period, a payment term of 36 times and an interest rate of 1.19% a month.

The funds come from the Savings Bank with complementary guarantees offered by Sebrae through the Micro and Small Business Guarantee Fund (Fampe).

>> Today, the government announced that 18 million Brazilians have already benefited from the emergency aid of R\$ 600. In total, R\$ 12.2 billion have already been paid so far and more than 10 million digital savings accounts opened by Caixa, free of charge. In addition, 38 million citizens have already registered, requesting the benefit.

>> In this second (20/4), the government also revoked Provisional Measure (MP) 905 (in force), which instituted the Green and Yellow Labor Contract, and announced that it will issue a new MP defining new rules for this contract to be in force during the Covid-19 crisis in the country. The revocation was made official through the publication of MP 955, in today's Extra Edition of the Official Gazette.

>> The Federal Revenue Service also published on its [website](#) a list of questions and answers on recently edited measures to combat the economic impact caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

>> The Federal Revenue Service has extended to June 30 the deadline for municipalities and the Federal District to send information on the Value of the Bare Earth (VTN) of land located in their domains. The Bare Earth Value is used for the purpose of arbitrating the basis for calculating the Rural Territorial Property Tax (ITR). It must be ascertained by professionals linked to the Federal Council of Engineering and Agronomy and sent by the municipalities and Federal District by the last working day of April each year. However, due to the logistical difficulties caused by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, this deadline is being extended. Legal instrument: Normative Instruction RFB No. 1,939 (in force).

>> The Federal Revenue Service has reduced to zero the rate of the Tax on Imports of goods sent from abroad by means of postal consignments or international air orders destined to combat the epidemic caused by the new coronavirus. Among the products that will have the tax rate zero are medicines, individual protection equipment such as gloves and masks, and hospital equipment such as artificial respirators. Legal instrument: Normative Instruction RFB nº 1.940 (in force).

>> Federal Revenue Service released the entry of 9 million masks and coronavirus test kits. Cargoes arrived from China by air and were released at the port of São Francisco do Sul, in Santa Catarina, and distributed throughout the country.

April 17th

>> One month after the creation of the Crisis Office of the Ministry of Economy to face the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the agency presented a balance of the measures adopted by the economic team so far: the Economic Health Plan. The initiative has already reached a total of R\$1.169 trillion, with a fiscal impact of R\$ 307.9 billion and a primary impact of R\$ 285.4 billion. Thus, the fiscal cost for the Covid-19 confrontation in the country reaches about 3.8% of GDP. Of this total (R\$ 1.169 trillion), up to R\$ 212.4 billion were destined to the most vulnerable population and workers; up to R\$ 133.4 billion for support to states and municipalities; R\$ 24.3 billion for combating the pandemic, such as sending resources and measures to guarantee inputs, treatment and protection to people; R\$ 524.4 billion in cash flow measures and employment program for companies, in addition to R\$ 274.1 billion in credit measures that reach from companies to the health sector and INSS retirees.

>> This Friday (17/4), we also zeroed the Import Tax on an additional 141 products needed to combat Covid-19. With the measure, the number of products that had the import tariff zeroed reaches 318. In today's list, medicines such as dipyrone and paracetamol were included; hospital equipment, such as ultrasound for diagnostics; supplies for medicines and hygiene items. Normative instrument: Resolution 32 of Camex (in force).

April 16th

>> On Thursday (16/4), Complementary Law 172 (in force) was published in the Federal Official Gazette, authorizing the states, the Federal District and the municipalities to carry out the transfer of financial balances remaining from previous years, contained in their Health Funds and that come from transfers from the Ministry of Health, to carry out public health actions and services. These transfers may only be carried out during the state of public calamity resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

>> Provisional Measure 953 (in effect) was published in the Official Gazette of the Federal Government and allocated R\$ 2.5 billion to the Ministry of Citizenship for actions to combat the pandemic. The resources will be used basically to strengthen social assistance initiatives for the most vulnerable population. The resources will prioritize the municipalities with the highest incidence of Covid-19.

>> The INSS has also suspended requirements for the special rural insured for 120 days. The objective is to avoid the displacement of the population to Social Security Agencies. Thus, the authentication of documents in the INSS service units and the deadlines for compliance with requirements that cannot be met by remote channels are suspended. The objective is to speed up the service and safeguard the rights of the beneficiaries due to the coronavirus pandemic. Normative instrument: Ordinance 295 (in force)

>> Products destined to combat coronavirus sent to Brazil by mail or by international air order will have import tax rates zeroed until September 30th of this year. Thus, the Import Tax rates of these products will be reduced from 60% to zero. In addition, these goods will be exempt from IPI and PIS/COFINS. The measure will benefit a large amount of products donated by people from various parts of the world and components required for the production of artificial respirators such as medications, personal protective equipment such as gloves and masks and hospital equipment such as artificial respirators; Normative instrument: Ordinance 158 of the Ministry of Economy (in force).

>> The Ministry of Economy, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, created an electronic address ventiladorespulmonares@mdic.gov.br to locate damaged pulmonary ventilators in Brazil. The objective is that people can send information about the whereabouts of fans without use, regardless of the region of the country. In the midst of the new coronavirus pandemic, 3.7 thousand stopped lung ventilators were mapped by the government for lack of repair in the public and private health network in Brazil. This represents about 1/4 of the total amount of equipment the country has to offer to Covid-19 patients who present respiratory difficulties. Currently, around 1,000 are under maintenance.

April 15th

>> The government announced on Wednesday (15/4) that the economic impact of the measures to confront the Covid-19 pandemic will reach 46.03% of GDP in 2020. The primary impact on public accounts - which disregards the payment of debt interest - reaches 3.76% of GDP. Regulatory measures account for 35.53% of GDP while other initiatives reach 6.74%. The fiscal cost of confronting the coronavirus in Brazil will be 3.76%, very close to the average for developed countries (3.82%). The average for emerging countries is 1.71%.

>> It was also announced that the total number of jobs preserved through agreements signed by the Emergency Program for the Maintenance of Employment and Income reached 1.7 million. The program foresees the concession of the benefit of partial complementation of the salaries of workers who have their working hours reduced and the temporary suspension of contracts, in addition to the emergency aid for intermittent workers with formalized employment contracts; Normative instrument: Provisional Measure 936 (in force).

>> In this fourth (15/4), Provisional Measure 951 (in force) was published in the Official Gazette of the Union, which will allow public bodies and entities to purchase health products jointly with exemption from bidding. The measure amends Law No. 13,979/2020 to enable joint purchase through the Price Registration System (SRP). The legislation also reduces from eight to two to four working days the period for institutions to express interest in participating in acquisitions. With the new rules, the purchase of goods, services, including engineering, and inputs intended to combat the coronavirus can be made in a single purchase process, more quickly.

>> The government also authorized the temporary hiring of 70 nursing technicians (middle level), for a fixed period of time, to meet the needs resulting from the Covid pandemic. Normative instrument: Portaria Interministerial 8.043 (in force).

>> In addition, the Ministry of Economy announced that it will streamline procedures for evaluating and authorizing public sector projects and programs seeking external funding. The goal is to accelerate the release of financing for these initiatives with resources from international organizations such as the World Bank, the New Development Bank (NBD), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), among others. The measure is valid for actions by municipalities, states and the Federal District aimed at preventing and combating the new coronavirus and its economic effects. The simplification of procedures is valid as long as the state of calamity resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic lasts. Normative instrument: Cofix Resolution 2 (in force).

April 14th

>> The government proposed this Tuesday (14/4) a new support package for states and municipalities totaling R\$127.3 billion. Of this total, R\$49.9 billion are measures already announced and being implemented by the federal government and R\$77.4 billion represent new initiatives. The proposal aims to promote the strengthening of the Brazilian Federation at this critical moment in the fight against the new coronavirus pandemic. Of the new amounts: R\$ 40 billion are direct transfers to states and municipalities; R\$ 22.6 billion in suspension of debt payments, for six months, from these entities to the Union and R\$ 14.8 billion referring to the suspension of debts with public banks (Caixa and BNDES) in 2020. The plan foresees the prioritization of the transfer of resources according to the per capita criteria. Normative instruments: Provisional Measure and Complementary Law Project (PLP).

April 13th

>> On Monday (April 13), the government announced a R\$4.7 billion contingency plan for traditional peoples and communities - such as indigenous peoples, quilombolas and gypsies - to fight the pandemic. The plan covers the payment of emergency aid of R\$ 600 reais for three months for 1.8 million families of traditional peoples and communities of the Bolsa Família. In total, more than 6.4 million people from this public will benefit, in an investment of more than R\$ 3.2 billion.

>> Still within this contingency plan, for states and municipalities, R\$ 1.5 billion will be transferred for school meals that will reach 40 million students. Among them, 274.2 thousand indigenous people, 269.3 thousand quilombolas and almost five million rural students. There will be 150,000 schools benefited, of which more than 58,000 serve students from traditional peoples and communities.

>> In addition to 80 beds in a campaign hospital in Boa Vista (RR), the federal government will supply one million preventive equipment, such as masks and gloves, for indigenous health professionals, in an investment of R\$ 60 million. Another measure will be the distribution of two basic food baskets to around 154,400 indigenous families and 7.3 quilombola families. The total investment of the measure is over R\$ 40 million.

>> The government also announced that 1 million agreements have been made between employers and workers under the Emergency Program for the Maintenance of Employment and Income. The initiative allows for the reduction of working hours and wages or the suspension of employment contracts during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, through the programme, the government bears part of the loss of wages obtained by the worker.

>> Also published in the Official Gazette was Ordinance 696 of the Federal Revenue that suspends internal rules that limited the percentage of servers destined to remote work in the agency. Faced with the pandemic, the initiative aims to safeguard the health of IRS employees and ensure the maintenance of services provided by the institution throughout the country. Normative Instrument: Ordinance 696 RFB (in force).

April 9th

>> On Thursday (9/4), the Caixa announced an incentive package for the real estate market worth R\$ 43 billion that should benefit 5 million families and avoid 1.2 million layoffs across the country. The funds will be allocated to housing credit for new real estate financing, to pay for the 90-day housing loan pause, to renegotiate the financing of clients with overdue installments and to anticipate resources for the production of new real estate ventures, among other measures. Individuals and companies will have a six-month grace period to begin paying the installments of these loans. The package aims to avoid the paralysis of works and unemployment in the sector. Normative Instrument: Administrative Act of the Caixa.

>> On Thursday (9/4), the National Monetary Council (CMN) announced measures to reduce the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on rural producers. Producers' debts with banks may be extended and negotiated. The extension (until Aug. 15) is valid for producers harmed by the social isolation measures and the renegotiations are aimed at producers who have suffered droughts and droughts. Special funding credit was also authorized for farmers. Normative Instrument: Resolution Bacen 4.802 (in force).

>> The government also reached R\$ 703 million in public purchases that will be destined to the acquisition of inputs to prevent and confront the pandemic, such as alcohol gel, liquid soap, digital thermometers, masks and more complex equipment, such as respirators. The possibility of purchasing these inputs via dispensation from bidding was established by Law No. 13,979/2020.

>> The Federal Revenue Service also announced that it will regularize CPFs with pending elections so that Brazilians in situations of difficulty can receive the emergency aid of R\$ 600. At the moment, the regularization of the documents cannot be performed in the electoral registries since they are closed. For this reason, the IRS has begun processing the documents to promote this regularization.

>> Also published in the Official Gazette on Thursday (9/4) was Decree 10,318 which zeroes the PIS/Pasep and Social Security Financing Contribution (Cofins) rates on domestic market sales and imports of zinc sulfate used for medicines. The measure - valid until September 30 - contributes to reduce the tax cost of inputs related to the fight against Covid-19. The expected tax waiver is approximately R\$ 566 million. Normative instrument: Presidential Decree 10,318 (in force).

April 8th

>> This Wednesday (8/4), we zeroed the import tax on a further 41 products to fight the new coronavirus pandemic. Resolution number 31 of the Chamber of Foreign Trade (Camex), published in the Official Gazette, raised to 177 the number of items with zero tariff to increase the supply of goods, machinery and inputs used in the national manufacture of products to combat the pandemic. Normative instrument: Resolution 31 of Camex (in force).

>> We also opened a new extraordinary credit in the amount of R\$ 2.6 billion for the Ministry of Health for actions to confront the new coronavirus. Normative instrument: MP 947 (in force).

>> Provisional Measure (MP) 948 (in effect) was also published, which deals with the cancellation of services, reservations and events in the tourism and culture sectors due to the new coronavirus pandemic. According to the measure, in case of cancellations, entrepreneurs will not be obliged to immediately reimburse the amounts paid by consumers, as long as they guarantee rebookings or the availability of credit for future use or abatement, or even enter into another agreement with the consumer. Customers may opt for one of these alternatives at no additional cost, as long as they make the request within 90 days from the publication of the MP. If the consumer still opts for the refund of the amounts paid, the businessmen will have up to 12 months from the end of the state of emergency to make the refund.

>> To mitigate the damages caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the government granted, on Wednesday (8/4), exemption from the payment of the electric energy bill for more than 9 million low-income families, for a period of three months. Normative instrument: Provisional Measure 950 (in force).

>> To compensate for the loss of revenue resulting from the exemption of these families from paying their electricity bills, we transferred R\$ 900 million to the Ministry of Energy Mines. The funds are intended to compensate the burden paid by the distribution companies to the government to provide for the energy development of the states and guarantee competitiveness to alternative energy sources in the country. Normative instrument: Provisional Measure of Extraordinary Credit 949 (in force).

April 7th

>> On Tuesday (7/4), the government launched the "Emergency Aid" application to make possible the registration of Brazilians who are entitled to the R\$ 600 benefit due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The support is aimed at informal workers, the unemployed, individual micro-entrepreneurs (MEIs) and individual taxpayers from low-income families, as well as intermittent workers who are currently not receiving it. The federal government estimates an impact of R\$98 billion for the payment of aid that should benefit 54 million Brazilians. Decree 10,316 (in force) regulating the payment of emergency aid was also published in the Diário Oficial da União.

>> Also published this Tuesday (7/4) was Provisional Measure 946 (in force) which extinguishes the PIS-Pasep Fund and transfers its resources (R\$21.5 billion) to the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS). The measure also releases the withdrawal in the amount of one minimum wage (R\$1,045) per worker. The amounts may be withdrawn from June 15 and will remain available until December 31. More than 60 million Brazilians will be directly benefited and R\$ 36.2 billion will be injected into the country's economy.

>> Also published this Tuesday (7/4) in the Official Gazette of the Union was the Presidential Decree 10.314/2020 (in force), which extends forms of donations to the federal government by citizens and companies. According to the decree, the government may assume the counterpart for receiving the donations, as long as it does not involve financial compensation to the donor. Examples of counterpart are: the government bears the costs and logistics of transportation for the delivery and compliance with a certain public policy indicated by the donor.

>> Joint Ordinance No. 9,381 (in vigor) of the National Institute of Social Security (INSS) and the Special Secretary of Welfare and Labor, published this Tuesday (7/4), in the Official Gazette of the Federal Government, allowed the anticipation of a minimum wage for INSS insured persons who are entitled to sick pay. The rule is authorized by art. 4 of Law no. 13.982/2020, which established exceptional social protection measures to be adopted during the period of facing the international public health emergency arising from Covid-19. The benefit will have a maximum duration of three months, counting from the date of the beginning of the benefit. The concession will occur without the performance of medical expertise, as long as the reduced on-call duty regime at Social Security Agencies continues.

>> The federal government also extended until December 31 the deadline for voluntary transfers from the Union that would be due throughout the year to states, municipalities and the Federal District. The measure was made possible by Decree 10,315, published this Tuesday (7/4) in the Official Gazette, and will allow for the continuity of 27,717 agreements and contracts throughout the country aiming at the execution of government programs, projects, activities, services and acquisition of goods. The guaranteed transfers reach R\$ 27.6 billion and are used by the other entities of the federation, mainly, for works such as paving streets, construction of sports courts and implementation of water supply system, for example.

April 6th

>> The federal government posted on Monday (6/4) the website of the [Emergency Program for the Maintenance of Employment and Income](#) that allows employers to communicate the agreements they make with their workers from the program. The website directs information to the categories of domestic employer, individual employer, corporate employer and workers. The initiative integrates labor measures - aimed at preserving employment and income, the continuity of labor and business activities, and reducing the social impact arising from the consequences of the state of public calamity due to the Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

>> The World Bank launched [The World Bank Trade and Covid-19 Guidance Note: Managing Risk and Facilitating Trade in the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) which emphasizes the role of international trade in mitigating the impacts of the coronavirus. The document highlights the tariff reduction, trade facilitation and customs expediting policies adopted by the Brazilian government as examples to be followed.

>> The Federal Revenue Service is also supporting the repatriation of some 700 Brazilians living in Bolivia, which is scheduled to take place in the coming days. The Customs of Corumbá, in Mato Grosso do Sul, has ceded its structure to set up a logistic base to receive these Brazilians. On site, the sanitary surveillance and migration procedures of these citizens will be carried out.

>> The Federal Revenue Service in Pelotas, Rio Grande do Sul, donated 34,491 bottles of alcoholic beverages seized from the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Rio Grande do Sul, the Federal University of Pelotas and the Federal University of Pampa. These institutions, together with the Catholic University of Pelotas, are using the beverages as raw material for the production of alcohol gel and derivatives, supplying the demand of hospitals and SUS units in the region to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

April 4th

>> This Saturday (4/4), the Provisional Measure 944 was published in the Official Gazette that will allow the government to fund the payroll of small and medium enterprises. The estimated impact of the measure is R\$ 40 billion. The government will pay up to two minimum wages for two months. During this period, the company that accepts the financing - which will offer reduced interest of 3.75% per year and zero bank spread (the rate normally charged by banks to make the loan) - will not be able to fire its employees. The measure benefits 1.4 million companies and about 12 million workers throughout the country. Salaries will be deposited directly in workers' accounts and will be linked to employees' CPFs. The initiative was announced by the government on March 27. Normative Instruments: Provisional Measure 944 (in force) and CMN Resolution

>> The IRS released 7.7 million disposable masks and 500,000 Covid-19 quick test kits from China that had arrived at Guarulhos/SP International Airport. The customs transit was carried out with priority and quickly released 73 tons of products that will be destined for distribution in the southern region of Brazil. The cargo filled six trucks.

April 3rd

>> This Friday (3/4), the Ministry of Economy published in the Official Gazette (Diário Oficial da União) Ordinance 139 (in force) that changed the forms of contribution for PIS/Pasep; for the Social Security Financing Contribution (COFINS) that is levied on companies' revenues; and for the employer's social security contribution that must be paid by companies and public entities for two months. The contributions that should be paid in April and May should be paid in August and October. The estimated impact of the measure is R\$ 80 billion that will be injected into the companies' cash flow.

>>We also zeroed the Import Tax on 25 products used in the manufacture and operation of respirators and lung ventilators and protective masks. The objective is to increase the supply of inputs necessary for the national production of goods destined to fight the Covid 19 pandemic, reducing the manufacturing costs of these goods in the country and increasing their availability to the Brazilian health system. Normative instrument: Gecex Resolution 28.

>> To support individual micro-entrepreneurs, we extend for six months the payment of INSS, which is a federal tax; of ICMS, which is a state tax; and ISS, which is a municipal tax. For the other options of Simples Nacional, the payment of ICMS and ISS is extended for three months, while that of INSS is extended for six months. Normative instrument: Resolution CGSN 154.

>> The federal government has also invested more than R\$ 313 million in public procurement to combat Covid-19 for the acquisition of inputs to prevent and combat coronavirus, such as alcohol gel, liquid soap, digital thermometers, masks and more complex equipment, such as respirators. The data were extracted from the Federal Government Procurement System (Comprasnet).

>> To reduce the impacts caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Economy created a platform that offers entrepreneurs and workers access to qualification courses free online professional offered by various institutions. The courses are on the [Todos por Todos](#) platform.

April 2nd

>> On Thursday (2/4), Law 13.982 (in force) and Provisional Measure 937 (in force) of extraordinary credit were published in the Official Gazette, making possible the payment of emergency aid of R\$ 600 for informal workers, the unemployed, individual micro-entrepreneurs (MEIs) from low-income families and intermittent workers who are inactive and therefore not receiving it. Mothers who are the only ones responsible for supporting their families can receive up to R\$1,200. There will be more than R\$98 billion destined to the most vulnerable population of the country at this time of crisis.

>> Another initiative published this Thursday (2/4) were the Provisional Measures 938 (in force) and 939 (in force) that will guarantee the transfer of R\$ 16 billion to states and municipalities in the next four months, guaranteeing for these entities the same levels of the Participation Fund of the States (FPE) and the Participation Fund of the Cities (FPM) of the same period in 2019. The measures made official the commitment assumed by the government on March 23rd.

>> Furthermore, Provisional Measure 940 (in force) that opened an extraordinary credit in the amount of R\$ 9.4 billion for the Ministry of Health for actions to confront the coronavirus went into effect. For the National Health Fund, R\$ 8.98 billion were allocated, in addition to R\$ 457 million for the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz).

>> Also published was Provisional Measure 941 (in effect), which increases the Social Assistance Budget by R\$2.1 billion, as announced by the government on March 23.

>> Due to the pandemic, the Ministry of Economy revised, on Thursday (2/4), the primary result forecast in 2020 to R\$ 419 billion.

>> In line with the Ministry of Health's guideline for the maximum number of Brazilians to remain in social isolation, the federal government has reached the number of 600 digital public services offered to citizens. These services include: application for the issuance of a work permit, entry into retirement and issuance of an international vaccination certificate. In the context of the coronavirus pandemic, services such as: registration of Brazilians with flight cancelled abroad as a result of Covid 19 and communication of collective vacations were recently included.

>> The deadline for individuals and companies to donate medical and hospital products for the prevention of coronavirus, such as masks, alcohol gel and digital thermometers, was also extended until April 13. The donations can be delivered

anywhere in the country. To help, those interested can register online (by e-mail: seges.central.doacao@planejamento.gov.br, via electronic protocol, or via electronic petition) or make a direct delivery to the headquarters of the Ministry of Economy in Brasilia. Normative instrument: Public Call n°1/2020.

>> In addition, we expedite the issuance of electronic certificates by the commercial boards. The idea is to make it easier for legal entities to issue digital certificates, avoiding displacement and reducing costs. Normative Instruction 78 (in force).

>> To better guide entrepreneurs in the industry, commerce and services sectors and the population in general, the federal government has launched the Q&A: [Let's Win: Support Measures for the Productive Sector](#). The publication will gather official and daily updated information on the emergency work done by the government to support the productive sector at this critical moment.

>> After announcing, last April 1st, the extension to June 30th of the deadline for the submission of Individual Income Tax returns, the federal government stated that it will maintain the restitution schedule foreseen for 2020. This year, the traditional seven lots, which ran from June to December, will be replaced by five lots to be paid between May and September and will inject a total of R\$26 billion into the country's economy. The first lot - which will take place in May - as usual, will prioritize the elderly, people with disabilities and serious diseases.

April 1st

>> On Wednesday (1/4), the President sanctioned the bill that institutes the emergency aid of R\$600 for informal workers, the unemployed, individual micro-entrepreneurs (MEIs) from low-income families, and intermittent workers who are inactive at the moment and, therefore, without receiving it. Mothers who are solely responsible for supporting their families may receive up to R\$1200;

>> Provisional Measures Nos. 935 and 936 were published, which guarantee complementary salaries for workers who will have their workloads and salaries reduced for up to three months. Thus, the PMs institute the emergency benefit for the preservation of employment and income that will be based on the monthly amount of unemployment insurance that workers would be entitled to if they were fired. The measure costs more than R\$ 51 billion. The reductions established are 25%, 50% and 70% that will be negotiated based on individual and collective agreements, according to the workers' salary ranges. The value of the working hour will be preserved. The initiative reaches 24.5 million workers and even domestic workers. MP 936 also allows for the suspension of the employment contract, for a maximum of two months, with the payment of 100% of the respective unemployment insurance. However, the value of the unemployment insurance for workers will not be impacted. The resources used by the program will be funded by the National Treasury. Legal instrument: Provisional Measures 935 and 936 (in force);

>> The government also announced the exemption from the Tax for Financial Operations (IOF) for credit operations for 90 days. The tax is paid when a citizen makes a loan, buys foreign currency or hires insurance, for example. The measure is in line with the broad program of special credit lines that the government will offer to the productive sector, with reduced interest. In practice, the measure will further reduce the cost of credit operations. The total impact of the exemption is R\$ 7 billion. Normative Instrument: Decree 10,305 (in force);

>> The government also announced the change in the form of contribution to PIS/Pasep, for the Contribution for the Financing of Social Security (Confins) which is levied on the revenue of the companies and the employer's social security contribution which must be paid by the companies and public entities for two months. The contributions that should be paid in April and May should be paid in August and October. The estimated impact of the measure is R\$ 80 billion that will be injected into the cash flow of companies;

>> In addition, it was announced a two-month extension of the deadline for individuals to file their income tax returns from April 30 to June 30. Federal Revenue Normative Instruction 1930 (in force);

>> The IRS has also extended the list of products that will have the Tax on Manufactured Products (IPI) rates zeroed. These are materials such as laboratory or pharmacy articles, gloves and clinical thermometers. The initiative aims to reduce the tax cost of products used in the prevention and treatment of coronavirus. The measure is valid until September 30 and has a tax impact of R\$ 26.6 million. The objective is to reduce the tax cost of products used in the prevention and treatment of coronavirus (Covid-19). The measure had been announced on March 16 and was already in effect by Decree 10,285 (in effect) now expanded by Decree 10,302/2020 (in effect).

March 31st

>> The Minister of Economy, Paulo Guedes, said on Tuesday (31/3) that it would be R\$ 750 billion already destined to the health of Brazilians and the maintenance of jobs. He emphasized that these resources will continue to rise in the coming days in order to guarantee the health of Brazilians and the maintenance of jobs;

>> This Tuesday (31/3), the Provisional Measure 932 (in force) was published in the Official Gazette, making official, for three months, the 50% reduction in contributions by companies to the S System, announced on March 16;

>> The government announced that it has entered into an agreement with the pharmaceutical industry to allow the increase in medicines to be postponed for two months. Legal Instrument: Provisional Measure No. 933 (in force);

>> In addition, the Ministry of Economy and the Comptroller General's Office (CGU) have relaxed the terms of contracts that are signed with funds from

transfers from the Union to states, municipalities and private non-profit entities. Normative instrument: Interministerial Ordinance No. 134/20 (in force);

March 30th

>> On Monday (3/30), the Federal Senate approved an emergency aid of R\$ 600, for three months, aimed at informal workers, the unemployed and individual micro-entrepreneurs (MEIs) that integrate low-income families. In the text, the Senate included intermittent workers who are currently inactive as beneficiaries of the initiative. The category is made up of professionals who have employment ties, but who only receive them when they are working with companies. Normative instruments: Bill to be sanctioned by the President of the Republic, Presidential Decree and Provisional Measure of Extraordinary Credit;

>> A public notice has been opened for the donation of new and used computers and tables. The equipment will be used for servers that are performing remote activities, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Donations may be made by both individuals and corporations;

>> Registrations for donations can be made until April 8 by e-mail seges.central.doacao@planejamento.gov.br, via electronic protocol or electronic petition. Donations can be made anywhere in the country. Normative instrument: Public Call nº2/2020 (in force);

>> On this Monday, the government also allowed, on an exceptional basis, that companies - corporations (S.A.) and limited liability companies (Ltda) - and cooperatives may hold their ordinary general meetings or shareholders' meetings up to seven months after the end of their fiscal year. The purpose of the measure is to reduce the concentration of people in these events and contribute to the efforts to combat the new coronavirus. Normative instrument: Provisional Measure 931 (in force).

March 29th

>> The National Economic and Social Development Bank (BNDES) detailed the new initiatives that were announced on March 27 to strengthen the health system and preserve jobs. With R\$2 billion, the "BNDES Emergency Support to Fight the Coronavirus Pandemic" program will lead to the delivery of 3,000 new ICU emergency beds, 15,000 respirators, 5,000 monitors and 80 million surgical masks by offering credits to health companies;

>> The National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES) has included fintechs - companies (startups) that use technology to facilitate and innovate financial services - in companies eligible for the R\$ 5 billion credit line aimed at expanding working capital for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).

March 27th

>> A reduced-interest financing line was announced for micro and small companies in the amount of R\$ 40 billion. The objective is to fund the payroll of these companies and guarantee jobs. Through this initiative, the government will pay up to two minimum wages (R\$ 2,090) for two months. Legal instrument: Provisory Measure and CMN Resolution.

March 25th

>> The estimates are that the economic measures aimed at reducing the impacts of Covid-19 reached R\$ 306.2 billion;

>> A further R\$ 3.4 billion in extraordinary credit was released for the ministries: Science and Technology; Foreign Affairs; Defense and Citizenship;

>> Of this total, R\$ 3 billion are directed to the expansion of the Bolsa Família, as announced last Monday (23/23). Legal Instrument: Provisional Measure 929 (in force);

>> The Ministry adapted public procurement procedures to offer more agile tools. The main actions are focused on debureaucratizing access to health inputs and encouraging the country's economy. All the guidelines in public logistics in the fight against Covid-19 are gathered and can be found in the Government Procurement Portal. Legal Instrument: Provisional Measure No. 926 (in force);

>> The Ministry also confirmed that it received the donation of 25 thousand masks to strengthen the fight against Covid-19. Both citizens and companies can donate medical and hospital products to be used by servers in the prevention of the disease. If the government were to buy the product, considering the market price, it would have spent around R\$1.4 million. Normative instrument: Public Call ME 1/2020 (in force).

March 24th

>> The National Treasury Attorney's Office (PGFN) and the Special Federal Revenue Service (RFB) have extended the validity period of Certificates of Negative Federal Tax Credits and Active Federal Debt (CND) and Positive Certificates with Negative Federal Tax Credits and Active Federal Debt (CPEND). Legal Instrument: Joint Ordinance No. 555.

March 22nd

>> The federal government and the National Economic and Social Development Bank (BNDES) announced emergency measures to help mitigate the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic in Brazil;

>> The news, which totals R\$ 55 billion:

- (I) Transfer of resources from the PIS-PASEP Fund to the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS), in the amount of R\$ 20 billion (as already announced on March 16);
- (II) Temporary suspension of payments of direct financing installments for companies in the amount of R\$ 19 billion;
- (III) Temporary suspension of payments of indirect financing installments for companies in the amount of R\$ 11 billion;
- (IV) Expansion of credit for micro, small and medium-sized companies (MSMEs), through the partner banks, in the amount of R\$ 5 billion;

>> The federal government put the Todos por Todos platform online, so that companies, entities and associations, in addition to public agencies, can now offer services and products free of charge or on an emergency basis. The page is accessible via the link www.gov.br/todosportodos (only in Portuguese) and concentrates a citizen-focused network so that everyone can access services and information on the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

March 21st

>> The federal government established new procedures to simplify and expedite public procurement to address the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus. As of this Saturday (March 21), the bidding for the acquisition of goods, services - including engineering - and health supplies destined to fight the Covid-19 pandemic is waived. Legal Instrument: Provisional Measure No. 926.

March 20th

>> Considering the extent of the Covid 19 pandemic around the world, the Ministry of Economy revised the projection for Brazilian GDP in 2020 from 2.1% to 0.02%. (Bimonthly Revenues and Expenditure Report Jan/Feb 2020);

>> The Congress concluded the recognition of the State of Emergency, which exempts the Government from the primary result goal this year that was estimated at a deficit of R\$ 124.1 billion. The measure opens fiscal space for the adoption of measures to confront the new coronavirus. The limits to the Government's expenses and the compliance with the Golden Rule are maintained. Legal instrument: Legislative Decree No. 6 of 2020 (in force);

>> The Ministry of Economy (ME) announced that it is studying a way to anticipate the resources of contracts signed from public purchases for federal government suppliers. To this end, it opened a public consultation to verify the feasibility of the procedure with financial institutions, entrepreneurs, public managers and citizens. Those interested have until Friday, 27/3, to participate. Legal Instrument: Normative Instruction (IN) of the Ministry of Economy (to be adopted).

March 18th

>> The Federal Government asked National Congress to declare a State of Emergency so that more resources can be spent to guarantee the health and employment of Brazilians. With this, the Ministry of Economy will be able to reassess the primary result goal of 2020;

>> The rates of importation of products for medical-hospital use have been reduced to zero;

>> The Foreign Trade Board (Camex) zeroed Import Tax on 50 products to combat the coronavirus. The Resolution includes goods such as gloves, masks and ethyl alcohol to respirators, to facilitate the care of the population and minimize the economic impacts of the pandemic;

>> The National Treasury Attorney General's Office (PGFN) will suspend collection acts and facilitate the renegotiation of debts as a result of the pandemic. The measures will be published in the Official Gazette;

>> The Federal Revenue Service will simplify customs clearance of products for medical and hospital use intended for Covid-19 combat;

>> Suspension, for one hundred and twenty days, of the requirement of annual re-registration of retirees, pensioners and civil political amnesties, as well as of technical visits, for proof of life.

>> Increases in the amounts allocated to emergency measures from up to R\$ 147.3 billion, initially, to R\$ 169.6 billion. Of this total, R\$ 11.8 billion will be directly allocated to combat the pandemic; up to R\$ 98.4 billion to assist the most vulnerable population; and up to R\$ 59.4 billion to maintain jobs;

>> The Government announced the creation of an emergency aid of R\$ 200 per person for three months to support informal workers, the unemployed and individual micro-entrepreneurs (MEIs) who are part of low-income families. The measure will benefit 15 to 20 million Brazilians and inject up to R\$ 5 billion per month into the economy, being financed with Union resources;

>> This emergency aid cannot be accumulated with social security benefits, Continuous Cash Benefit (BPC), Family Allowance or unemployment insurance;

>> Creation of a program to avoid layoffs during the pandemic period. The Ministry of Economy will create the Anti-employment Programme. The objective of the initiative is to facilitate labour negotiations in order to reduce the costs of the labour contract and preserve the employment ties, within the limits foreseen in the Federal Constitution;

>> The program foresees the adoption of the following measures: home office, anticipation of individual vacations, decree of collective vacations, adoption and expansion of compensation hours, proportional reduction of wages and working hours, anticipation of non-religious holidays, in addition to the deferment of Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS) collection during the state of emergency, which had already been announced;

>> Due to the urgency of the Covid 19 crisis, the Census that would be carried out by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) was postponed to 2021. With this, the resources (R\$2.3 billion) previously expected to be allocated in this activity will be directed for Health.

>> A non-automatic license for the export of products necessary to combat Covid-19 will be adopted, such as alcohol gel, antiseptics, masks and respirators. The objective is to prioritize the supply of these products in the internal market.

>> Non-automatic licensing will allow the government to assess export requests for products needed to combat Covid-19. Normally, exports of these products are not subject to any type of restriction. From now on, and for as long as necessary, the Brazilian government will monitor these exports to ensure full domestic supply of items essential to the fight against Covid-19, at the same time as it can release foreign sales of the productive surplus.

March 17th

>> The interest rate on consigned loans for retirees and pensioners of the National Institute of Social Security (INSS) will go from the current 2.08% per month to 1.80% per month, while the rate for the credit card will be reduced from 3% per month to 2.70% per month;

March 16th

>> Some of the measures announced are estimated to inject R\$ 147.3 billion into the economy. Most of this (R\$ 83.4 billion) will go to the older population and almost R\$ 60 billion will go to maintaining jobs;

>> In order to give more working capital to the companies, the government has extended the payment by companies of the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS) and also the part related to the Union's share in the Simples Nacional;

>> In this sense, the contributions due to the S System (group of 10 institutions that play a very important role in the provision of education and training) will be reduced by 50% for three months so as not to affect the companies' cash flow;

>> The government has anticipated the second instalment of the 13th salary of retirees and pensioners of INSS for the month of May (instead of December). Previously, the government had already announced that the first instalment would be brought forward to April (usually paid in July);

>> To put even more resources to move the economy, the government will transfer the amounts not drawn from PIS/Pasep to the Severance Premium Reserve Fund (FGTS) to allow new withdrawals and bring forward to June the payment of the salary allowance;

>> To strengthen Health, the government will allocate the balance of the DPVAT fund (R\$ 4.5 billion) to the Unified Health System (Sistema Único de Saúde - SUS);

>> Tax on Industrial Products (IPI – Imposto sobre Produtos Industrializados) will be temporarily suspended for domestically produced or imported goods that are necessary to combat the Covid-19;

>> Renegotiation of credit operations of companies and families, as the government has exempted banks from increasing the savings they have to leave in cash (provisioning) in case this renegotiation occurs in the next six months;

>> The government gave more artillery to the banks to carry out the eventual renegotiations and to maintain the flow of new loans because we lowered the need of equity for the so-called "leverage". In practice, banks will need to have less cash to make the transactions. This change alone can increase the lending capacity by around R\$ 637 billion.
