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COVID-19: EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY UNTIL 25 APRIL 2020

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By means of Presidential Decree 97/2020, of 9 April 2020 (“PD 97/20”), the President of the Republic of Angola has extended the duration of the state of emergency for an additional 15-days period, i.e. until 25 April (11:59pm).

PD 97/20 generally maintains the temporary derogatory measures adopted under Presidential Decree 82/2020, of 26 March 2020 (“PD 82/20”) - please refer to our previous legal [Flash](#) on the subject –, although adding some important changes to the latter, including, among others, the following:

- Employers are now statutorily required to issue a credential and work pass to their employees as a condition for the latter being in a position to commute and attend work in person; authorities are entitled to block an employee that is travelling to/from service without holding the named documents;
- State’s central and local administration’s public services remaining open to the public, including, among others, Ministerial Departments, Provincial Governments, Municipal, Communal and Urban District Administrations, as well as the Angolan Central Bank and Tax and Insurance Offices, will be attending the public in a reduced schedule running from 8am to 13pm;
- The opening hours for wholesale and retail food stores is reduced to 8am to 16pm;
- On-site inspection services to the oil & gas sector are suspended;
- Conversely to PD 82/20, PD 97/20 is silent on the validity of tourism and work visas that have expired pending the term of the state of emergency;
- Pregnant women and women with children under 12 years of age in their care, no longer fall under the category of particularly vulnerable citizens and therefore cannot keep enjoying from the special transitory regime

- applicable to the same;
- Rail transportation is limited to goods;
 - The carrying-out of maritime activities for leisure is suspended;
 - Discriminatory treatment of citizens infected or suspected of being infected with COVID-19 is expressly prohibited.

At the same day that PD 97/20 was enacted, the President of the Republic also approved Presidential Decree 98/2020 (“PD 98/20”), which sets-forth a number of addition measures that are aimed at ease the negative impact of the of the Covid-19 pandemic on the economy and financial sector.

A detailed analysis of PD 97/20, PD 98/20 and other related statues recently enacted will soon be available for consultation on our website.

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