

French national measures

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In response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, the government has put in place immediate business support measures:

1. Deadlines for the payment of social and/or fiscal instalments (URSSAF, direct taxes);
2. In the most difficult situations, direct tax rebates that can be decided in the individualized review of applications;
3. The deferral of payment of rent, water, gas and electricity bills for the smallest companies in difficulty;
4. Aid of EUR 1 500 for the smallest enterprises, the self-employed and microenterprises of the most affected sectors due to the solidarity fund financed by the State and the Regions;
5. The mobilisation of the State to the tune of 300 billion euros to guarantee lines of credit banking services that businesses may need as a result of the epidemic;
6. Support from the State and the Banque de France (credit mediation) to negotiate with its bank a rescheduling of bank loans;
7. The maintenance of employment in companies through the simplified short-time working scheme and reinforced;
8. Support for the handling of a conflict with customers or suppliers by the companies;
9. The recognition by the State and local authorities of the Coronavirus as a case of strength major for their public contracts. Consequently, for all state and local government procurement and of local authorities, penalties for delays will not be applied.

You will also find this information here:

<https://www.economie.gouv.fr/files/files/PDF/2020/Coronavirus-MINEFI-10032020.pdf>.

At company level, trade union and employers work together to put in place protection measures for employees obliged to maintain production, distribution and maintenance activities. However, on some sites, trade unions are encountering difficulties in enforcing these measures.

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