



ECONOMY AND DIGITAL TRANSITION

Ordinance No. 71/2020

of 15 March 2020

Summary: Restrictions on access to and use of spaces in commercial, catering or drink establishments.

In the light of the public health emergency at international level, as declared by the World Health Organisation on 30 January 2020, and its classification of the virus as a pandemic on 11 March 2020, it is now important to provide strategically for the establishment of contingency rules for the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic.

The current exceptional situation and the proliferation of recorded cases of COVID-19 contagion require the enforcement of urgent and extraordinary measures, including actions to increase opportunities for social distancing and prophylactic isolation.

In accordance with Article 12 (2) and (3) of Decree-Law No 10-A/2020 of 13 March 2020, the allocation of spaces accessible to the public of other catering or drink and commercial establishments shall comply with the rules on occupation to be defined by order of the member of Government responsible for the economy, which may impose total or partial restrictions on the allocation of spaces accessible to the public.

Therefore:

The Government, through the Minister of State for Economy and Digital Transition, pursuant to the joint provisions of Article 12 (2) and (3) of Decree-Law No 10-A/2020 of 13 March 2020 and Article 9 (1) of Decree-Law No 169-B/2019 of 3 December 2019, which approved the rules governing the organisation and operation of the XXII Constitutional Government, hereby orders the following:

Article 1

Restrictions on access to commercial premises

1 — The allocation of publicly accessible spaces to retail shops, commercial stores and shopping complexes must comply with a maximum occupancy of 0.04 persons per square metre of area.

2 — For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, “area” means an area intended for the public, including areas for collective use or movement, excluding areas reserved for vehicle parking.

3 — The limits laid down in the preceding paragraphs

a) Do not include officials and service providers who carry out their duties in the spaces concerned;

b) Do not apply to wholesale trade shops.

Article 2

Restrictions on access to catering or drink establishments

The allocation of spaces accessible to the public of catering or drink establishments shall be limited by one third of their capacity as defined in Article 133 of the Annex to Decree-Law No 10/2015 of 16 January 2015, as amended



Article 3

Management and monitoring duties

The managers, supervisors or owners of the spaces and establishments referred to in the preceding articles shall make every effort to:

- a) Carry out a balanced management of public access in accordance with the provisions laid down in the preceding articles;
- b) Monitor refusals of public access in order to avoid, as far as possible, the concentration of persons at the entrance of the spaces or establishments.

Article 4

Review

The solutions prescribed in the preceding articles may be reviewed if the conditions determining the respective provision are modified.

Article 5

Entry into force

This Ordinance shall enter into force the day after its publication

The Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition, *Pedro Gramaxo de Carvalho Siza Vieira*, on 14 March 2020.

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