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Developments in Employment Legislation as Result of Covid-19

This Briefing provides an overview of the recent Circular of the Ministry of Employment providing clarifications on the Joint Ministerial Decision 17788/346/8.5.2020

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Circular 19221/379/19.5.2020 (the Circular) Provides Clarifications on the Joint Ministerial Decision 17788/346/8.5.2020 (Government's Gazette B' 1779/10.5.2020)

The Circular provides clarifications on the following:

- The extension of the suspension of employment contracts of employees employed by employersbusinesses:
 - a. whose operation has been suspended and will not re-operate during May 2020 by virtue of a public authority order;
 - which are in operation again after the lifting of the prohibition of operation by virtue of a public authority order; and
 - c. which are seriously affected by Covid-19 and

have suspended the employment contracts for part or of all their employees.

The Circular also provides clarifications on the extension of the suspension of fixed-term employment contracts for the abovementioned employers-businesses.

- 2. The implementation of the measure of Article 9 of the Act of Legislative Content dated 20 March 2020, ie the operation with security personnel (rotation employment) by businesses which are seriously affected by Covid-19 or which are in operation again after the lifting of the prohibition of operation.
- 3. The obligation of the employer to grant employees annual leave of at least two continuous weeks in conjunction with the special purpose leave.

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