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Recent Developments in Administrative Legislation: Urgent Measures Relating to Covid-19 Pandemic

This Briefing provides an overview of the Ministerial Decisions implementing Administrative Legislation as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic

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A. Modifications to the Validity of Building Permits

1. The validity of building permits that have been issued and which expire within the period from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2020 is extended until 30 September 2020 (Article 54 (4) of the Act of Legislative Content of 30 March 2020).
2. In particular, the validity of building permits in relation to which the bearing structure of the building has already been completed, is extended until 31 December 2020 for the purposes of completion of the building's façade and/or roof (Article 54 (1) of the Act of Legislative Content of 30 March 2020).
3. The deadlines for the revision of building permits issued from 1 March 2020 and expiring on 30 June 2020, is also extended until 30 September 2020 (Art. 54 (5) of the Act of Legislative Content of 30 March 2020).

B. Derogations from and Modifications to Public Procurement Law Procedures

1. The Social Security Fund (*e-EΦKA*), the Organization for the Employment of Labor Force (*ΟΑΕΔ*) and the Organisation for Welfare Benefits and Social Solidarity (*ΟΠΕΚΑ*) may proceed to direct awards for the supply of particular goods and materials or for:
 - a. the provision of particular services by way of derogation from any national public procurement provision; the supplies and services include in particular:
 - i. the expansion and updating of IT systems and supply of relevant materials, including the purchase of computers, creation and installing applications related to the safe handling of information and personal data;
 - ii. the creation of new platforms to support employers, employees and the unemployed, as well as vulnerable groups within the population; and
 - iii. the development of an online portal providing information to employees on health, safety and other matters (Article 26 of the Act of Legislative Content of 30 March 2020).

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2. The Hellenic National Blood Establishment (*EKEA*) is empowered to carry out Covid-19 diagnostic laboratory examinations and for this purpose it is entitled to proceed to direct awards for the supply of particular goods, materials and reagents for tests by way of derogation from any national public procurement provision (Article 34 (1) & (2) of the Act of Legislative Content of 30 March 2020).
3. The Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation (*INEΔIBIM*) may proceed to direct awards for the provision of accommodation services to students by way of derogation from any national public procurement safety provision (Article 50 of the Act of Legislative Content of 30 March 2020).

C. Sanctions for Violations of Emergency Measures

1. Businesses which operate supermarkets with a total annual turnover exceeding €90m for the 2018 fiscal year, are obliged to inform the competent Authority of the Ministry of Development and Investments of their pricing of certain products.
2. Businesses which fail to comply or do not comply properly with this provision can be sanctioned with an administrative fine ranging from €1,000 to €100,000 (Article 16 of the Act of Legislative Content of 30 March 2020).

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