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Regulation of the strategy for purposes of the progressive lifting of containment measures

On June 4th, 2021, it was published on “*Diário da República*” the Council of Ministers Resolution no. 70-B/2021, which defines the strategy for the lifting of containment measures, following the epidemiological situation of COVID-19, among which we highlight the following, which are applicable to the entire continental national territory:

- **Phase 1: from June 14th**

1. Teleworking

- Teleworking is no longer mandatory and is now recommended when feasible.

2. Restaurants and similar establishments

- Restaurants, cafes and pastry shops (inside, with a maximum of 6 persons per group; outside, with a maximum of 10 persons per group) until 12 a.m. for entry purposes, and closing at 1 a.m.

3. Cultural, recreational, sports or social facilities and events

- Cultural facilities until 12 a.m. for entry purposes, and closing at 1 a.m.; with a reduction in capacity of up to 50% in order to guarantee an interval seat between spectators;
- Artistic events outside fixed venues, with marked seats, distance rules and other specific rules defined by “*Direção-Geral da Saúde*” (DGS);
- Sports events with public in training levels and amateur competitions with marked seats and distance rules defined by DGS:
 - In sports venues, with 33% of the capacity;
 - Outside sports venues, with capacity and rules to be defined by DGS;
- Weddings and baptisms with 50% of the capacity.

4. Trade

- Retail food and non-food trade comply with the respective licensing time schedule;
- All shops and shopping centre comply with the respective licensing time schedule.

5. Public services

- All decentralised public services without prior appointment, except “*Lojas de Cidadão*”.

6. Transports

- Public transports with no capacity restriction when there are only seating positions; maximum occupancy of 2/3 when there are seating and standing positions;
- Taxis and Individual and Paid Transport of Passengers in Uncharacterized Vehicles (TVDE) with capacity limited to back seats.

- Phase 2: from June 28th to August 31st

1. Teleworking

- Teleworking is recommended when feasible.

2. Sporting events

- Sports events with public in professional competitions or similar, with marked seats and with distance and access rules to be defined by DGS:
 - In sports venues, with 33% of the capacity;
 - Outside sports venues, with capacity and rules to be defined by DGS.

3. Public Services

- “*Lojas de Cidadão*” without prior booking.

4. Transports

- Public transports with no capacity restriction;
- Taxis and Individual and Paid Transport of Passengers in Uncharacterized Vehicles (TVDE) with capacity limited to the back seats.

- Special measures applicable to certain municipalities

- The Council of Ministers Resolution No. 70-B/2021, of June 4th, also defines the measures applicable to municipalities that present a high risk level (those that present, in two consecutive evaluations, a 14 day cumulative incidence per 100,000 inhabitants greater than 120/100,000) and a very high risk level (those that present, in two consecutive evaluations, a 14 day cumulative incidence per 100,000 inhabitants greater than 240/100,000).

- High risk municipalities
 - Mandatory teleworking when feasible;
 - Restaurants, cafes and pastry shops (inside, with a maximum of 6 people per group; outside, with a maximum of 10 people per group) until 10:30 p.m.;
 - Cultural shows until 10:30 p.m.;
 - Weddings and baptisms with 50% of the capacity;
 - Food and non-food retail trade until 9 p.m.;
 - Permission to practice all sports, without public;
 - Permission to practice physical activities outdoor and in gyms;
 - Outdoor events with reduced capacity, to be defined by DGS;
 - “Lojas do Cidadão” with face-to-face service by appointment.

- Very high risk municipalities:
 - Mandatory teleworking when activities allow it;
 - Restaurants, cafes and pastry shops (inside, with a maximum of 4 people per group; outside, with a maximum of 6 people per group) until 10:30 p.m. during the week, and until 3:30 p.m. on weekends and public holidays;
 - Cultural shows until 10:30 p.m.;
 - Weddings and baptisms with 25% of the capacity;
 - Food retail trade until 9 p.m. during the week, and until to 7 p.m. on weekends and holidays;
 - Non-food retail trade until 9 p.m. during the week, and until 3:30 p.m. on weekends and public holidays;
 - Permission to practice sports modalities of medium risk, without public;
 - Permission to practice physical activity outdoors up to six people and gyms without group classes;
 - Outdoor events with reduced capacity, to be defined by DGS;
 - “Lojas do Cidadão” with face-to-face service by appointment.

The Council of Ministers Resolution no. 70-B/2021, of June 4th entered into force on the day following its publication and this measures will remain in force until August 31st, 2021.

To access the Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 70-B/2021, of 4th of June, full text please click [here](#).

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