



## **COVID-19**

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Regulation of the state of emergency decreed by the  
President of the Portuguese Republic

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, it was published on “Diário da República” the Decree no. 3-E/2021, which regulates the state of emergency decreed by the President of the Portuguese Republic on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as follows:

**I. Extension of the validity of the Decrees no. 3-A/2021, dated from January 14th and no. 3-D/2021, of January 29th**

It is extended the validity of the Decrees no. 3-A/2021, of January 14<sup>th</sup>, and no. 3-D/2021, of January 29, until 11:59 pm of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The mentioned Decrees proceed to the regulation of the state of emergency previously decreed by the President of the Portuguese Republic.

**II. Retail establishments that sell several types of goods**

The Decree no. 3-E/2021, dated from February 12<sup>th</sup>, amends article 25 of the Decree no. 3-A/2021, dated from January 14. In accordance with the new wording of this article, notwithstanding the government member responsible for the economy area being able to order the prohibition of sale of certain goods or goods categories by retail establishments that remain open, considering those are usually sold in retail establishments currently closed or with their activity suspended by administrative order, books and school material/stationery shall continue available to students and citizens in general.

**III. Electronic communication services**

It is revoked article 27 of the Decree no. 3-A/2021, dated from January 14<sup>th</sup>, regarding the priority of the continuity of the provision of critical services by companies that provide public communications networks or publicly available electronic communications services.

The Decree no. 3-E/2021, dated from February 12<sup>th</sup>, entered into force on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at midnight.

To access the full text of these legal acts, please click [here](#).

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