



## Colombian state of emergency

On Tuesday, March 18, President Iván Duque issued Presidential Decree 417 of 2020, declaring a State Of Economic, Social And Ecological Emergency (State of Emergency), by means of article 215 of the Constitution, in order to face the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition, the Colombian government has adopted several supporting measures by means of legislative decrees.

In a [presidential address on March 20, 2020](#), President Duque announced Mandatory Preventive Isolation throughout the country, starting Tuesday, March 24, at 11:59 pm, until April 13, at 00:00 am. Later, it was moved until April 26 11:59pm, and to May 30th for seniors and schools. The full scope of the measure is further reviewed in the decree that will make it official ([Decree 457 of 2020](#)) and [Decree 531 of 2020](#).

Said Measure was extended until April 26 at 11:59 pm and until May 30 for seniors (65+) and college and university students. The full scope of the measure is discussed further in Decree 457 of 2020 and Decree 531 of 2020.

In a presidential address on April 20, the mandatory isolation measures were extended until May 11, 2020 (decree pending publication), including the following basic measures during the validity of the State of Emergency:

1. The prohibition of international flights is maintained, except for those corresponding to cargo and humanitarian reasons.
2. There will be no domestic flights except for the exceptions provided in the decrees mentioned below, except for the exceptions described below.
3. There will be no inter-municipal land transportation, except for the exceptions described below.
4. Mass transportation systems must operate with strict protocols and a capacity of no more than 35%. Other transport mechanisms such as the bicycle are recommended.
5. The protocols of the additional sectors to be enabled will be delivered and those of those already operating will be strengthened.
6. Deepening teleworking at its best.
7. No massive events will be allowed. The restrictions of bars, restaurants and clubs will continue.
8. The use of addresses will be encouraged.
9. Universities, colleges or kindergartens will be closed.
10. Continue protection for the elderly, preventing them from going outside.
11. The State's social programs will continue.
12. Individual sports disciplines will be enabled.
13. Recovery protocols of small and intermediate municipalities will be reviewed with Governors and Mayors.

As a consequence of the State of Emergency, the Colombian president will be entitled to issue several legislative decrees to impede the extension of the current health crisis. These include the following:

1. Reallocation and use of several state special purpose funds for obtaining any necessary resources
2. Creation of the Emergency Mitigation Fund or FOME (*Fondo de Mitigación de Emergencias*) to address any adverse consequences on health, the economy and productive activities
3. Protection, reduction and optimization of capital measures destined to any financial institutions where the state has a direct participation, and/or title emission for supporting the Central Bank (*Banco de la República*) liquidity statements
4. Strengthening of the National Guarantee Fund or FNG (*Fondo Nacional de Garantías*) to enable additional access to credit for natural and legal persons.
5. Passing of tax measures aimed at mobility and reduction of public congregations, as well as the mitigation of any effect on the economy, employment, industry and commerce
6. Distribution of relief packages, including tax and financial mitigation measures for natural and legal persons
7. Reorganization and insolvency legal measures mean to recover labor, social, productive and financial capacities.
8. Measures related to IT, communications and communication services that may ensure telework or personal isolation
9. Distribution of relief packages designed to protect the health sector
10. Public entities user support flexibility and suspension of legal and administrative terms
11. Creation of litigation and administrative electronic procedures/mechanisms to assure the continuity of the justice, notary public, registrar, penitentiary and health Systems.
12. Simplification of the Administrative Sanctioning System.
13. Reform of the labor system
14. Fuel importation and commercialization
15. Authorization of direct public contracting in the health, social prosperity, education and defense sectors
16. Authorization of aid packages targeting beneficiaries of the following social expenditure programs: families (*Familias en Acción*), elderly individuals (*Protección Social al Adulto Mayor - Colombia Mayor*), young people (*Jóvenes en Acción*) and VAT tax returns
17. Modification of the National Royalties System directing resources to the National Health System

## State of emergency decrees

The following decrees have already been enacted by means of Decree 417 of 2020 (click on the topics):

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<b>State of Emergency and Mandatory Lockdown</b>			
<a href="#">Decree 579 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Housing	Lease Measures	<p>Effective for the term of the State of Emergency and until June 30, 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Suspends eviction actions;</li><li>2. Deferred readjustment of lease fees;</li><li>3. It generates the obligation of settlements during the State of Emergency;</li><li>4. Postpones leases that expire;</li><li>5. It prohibits the collection of default interest and passes it to a 50% of ordinary.</li><li>6. Use of the Contingency Fund for current costs of the Co-ownership.</li><li>7. Readjustment of administration fees.</li></ol> <p>It applies to lease contracts governed by the Civil Code and the Commercial Code and on properties of commercial</p>

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			<p>destination in which the lessee is a natural person, micro, small or medium company.</p> <p>Allows Co-Ownership Assemblies virtually or one month after the end of the State of Emergency.</p>
<a href="#">Decree 554 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	TV Content	Restates the measures of decree 417 of 2020 on percentages of national production content during the State of Emergency.
<a href="#">Decree 541 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Measures on Military Service	Increases to 3 more months.
<a href="#">Decree 546 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Justice	Home Prison by State of Emergency	Replacing the prison sentence and the preventive detention measure in penitentiary establishments with home prison to avoid contagion. Applies for over 60 years, pregnant mothers or with children under 3 years, people with base illnesses, with reduced mobility, convicted of wrongful crimes, penalties of up to 5 years in prison, and those who have served 40% of the pain. There is an extensive list of crimes to which the measures do not apply. The measure will last for the duration of the State of Emergency.
<a href="#">Decree 531 de 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Extension of preventive isolation.	<p>It presents the following news regarding Decree 457 of 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extends preventive isolation from April 13, 2020 (00:00 a.m.), until April 27 (00:00 a.m.).</li> <li>2. People who belong to the excepted activities must follow Biosafety measures that the Ministry of Health provides.</li> <li>3. Allows Governors and Mayors to present additional exceptions as long as they are reported and coordinated with the Ministry of the Interior.</li> <li>4. Governors and Mayors are ordered to ensure the rights of medical personnel and others related in order of not being discriminated in any way.</li> </ol> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> for a complete analysis.</p>
<a href="#">Decree 516 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Measures for the provision of the broadcast	<p>During the State of Emergency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Modifies the percentages and national production minimum programming hours.</li> <li>2. The news schedule is kept unchanged.</li> </ol>

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		television service (public).	
<a href="#"><u>Decree 476 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Additional functions for the Ministry of Health and the National Institute for Drug Surveillance and food INVIMA	In practice, these functions give regulatory power to make various procedures of the Ministry and INVIMA's competences necessary to ward off the COVID-19 outbreak. It also exempts from the apostille against these procedures, if the documents are issued abroad.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 457 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Instructions to implement preventive isolation in the national territory by COVID-19.</b>	Through the following measures: 1. Preventive isolation for all inhabitants of the National Territory from March 25 (00: 00hrs) until April 13, 2020 until 00: 000. Limits the free movement of vehicles and people for the duration of the measure. 2. Generates a list of 34 exceptions for different types of services, industries and strategic productive activities, to ensure the continuity of essential services, health and safety 3. Instruct Mayors and Governors to execute the measure. 4. Recommends the continuity of the public ground transportation service and generates closure of commercial passenger flights at national airports (except cargo, humanitarian emergency and fortuitous event or force majeure). 5. Prohibition of consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places.
<a href="#"><u>Decree No. 420 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Curfew instructions for mayors and governors.</b>	Prohibiting the following: 1. Public consumption of alcoholic beverages (March 19 - May 30) 2. Meetings of more than 50 persons (March 19 - May 30) 3. Allowing curfew of children and teenagers (March 19 - April 20) 4. Any measure impeding road transportation between municipalities and national roads

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			5. Suspend security, restaurants, market and health services (hospitals, drug stores, pharmaceutical companies); 6. Limitation of critical infrastructure; 7. Limitation or suspension of contact / service centers.
<a href="#">Decree 412 of 2020</a> <a href="#">Decree 402 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Land border closures.</b>	With Panamá, Ecuador, Perú and Brazil, as well as Venezuela
<a href="#">Decree 411 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Closure of frontier located Free Trade Zones.</b>	
<a href="#">Resolution No 385 of March 12 2020</a>	Health Ministry	Health emergency declaration	(i) suspension of any event involving more than 500 persons; (ii) increasing sanitary measures in public establishments, malls, restaurants and others places with heavy human traffic; (iii) ordering mayors and governors to issue similar measures; (iv) a public order to all media to teach about COVID-19 prevention measures.
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<b>Public Health and Public Utilities</b>			
<a href="#">Decree 580 de 2020</a>	Ministry of Housing	Subsidies to the Public Utilities Regime	Measures for water and sewage: 1. Modify the allocation of subsidies for strata 1 (80%), 2 (50%), 3 (40%). 2. It allows territorial entities to assume the payments until December 31, 2020. 3. Deferred payment for zoos and alike. 4. Possibility of voluntary contributions from users. 5. Use of the solidarity fund for biosafety articles for sanitation companies.
<a href="#">Decree 574 of 2020</a>	Mines Ministry	Measures related to the Mining and Energy Sector	Among others, the following measures: 1. Suspension of the mining surface fee up to 15 days after the mandatory isolation measure. 2. Allocation of mining royalties among subsistence miners. 3. Authorizes the use of resources for the Electricity Normalization Program -

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			<p>PRONE for new projects for non-interconnected rural areas.</p> <p>4. Capitalization credits from the Public Utilities Superintendency to the domiciliary public service companies with majority of public participation.</p> <p>5. Possibility of decreeing the electrical emergency whenever fuel may run out, or other situations that affect the continuity of said utilities. The use of fuels may also be prioritized for this reason.</p>
<p><a href="#">Decree 555 of 2020</a></p>	<p>President of the Republic</p>	<p>Declares telecommunications utilities as essential</p>	<p>Effects of the declaration:</p> <p>1. Reiterates that telecommunications services are essential (including sound broadcasting, television and postal services), reiterating their continuity.</p> <p>2. In case of default during the Emergency, mobile phone plans below \$ 72,000 will have service with lower speeds.</p> <p>3. Prepaid plans will have free text messages once the balance is exhausted.</p> <p>4. They will also have free navigation to the Mineducation and Mintic education portal.</p> <p>5. Orders e-commerce portals to prioritize a list of products necessary to deal with the crisis.</p> <p>6. Orders internet providers to prioritize access to portals related to health and education services.</p> <p>7. Suspends the payment of consideration for the payment of the Single Fund for Information Technologies until May 30, 2020.</p> <p>8. It allows to reduce the quality of the service in non of its essential elements.</p>
<p><a href="#">Decree 540 of 2020</a></p>	<p>President of the Republic</p>	<p>Measures on telecommunications authorizations.</p>	<p>It establishes 10 business days for the processing of any type of telecommunications authorizations, after which the request is considered authorized if there is no response (Positive Administrative Silence).</p> <p>VAT exemption for mobile plans below \$ 72,000.</p>
<p><a href="#">Decree 539 of 2020</a></p>	<p>President of the Republic</p>	<p>Adopts biosecurity measures.</p>	<p>It determines the Ministry of Health as the highest rank entity in the definition of</p>

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<a href="#">Decree 538 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Guarantee the Continuity of the Health Service	<p>biosecurity measures (above territorial entities).</p> <p>Various measures including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transitory authorization for the provision of health services at sites external to the providers, reconvert locations, or expansion of capacities, in sites with other uses.</li> <li>2. It dispenses with the authorization of the Ministry of Health for the contracting of other health entities.</li> <li>3. It allows territorial entities to contract health services directly as long as they have the technical capacity certainty.</li> <li>4. It centralizes in the Regulatory Centers of Urgencies, Emergencies and Disasters -CRUE- of the department the control of the Intensive and Intermediate Care Units.</li> <li>5. Authorizes the Ministry of Health to make direct transfers or reorganizations to health care institutions for the purchase of equipment to face the pandemic.</li> <li>6. Authorization to redirect available funds from the Salvage Fund for the Health Sector - FONSAET -, among other funds.</li> <li>7. Authorization of electronic platforms for the provision of health services.</li> <li>8. Compulsory acceptance of Call for all human talent of Health Services, with some exceptions.</li> <li>9. Possibility of advanced degrees for students in the health areas.</li> <li>10. Temporary economic recognition for human health talent to present services during COVID-19.</li> <li>11. Inclusion of COVID-19 as an occupational disease for health workers.</li> <li>12. Freezing of health supplies prices up to the value of inflation.</li> <li>13. Exempt from charging fees for research protocols related to COVID-19.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">Decree 528 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Measures for Water and Sewage Public Utilities.	<p>Consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deferred payment for the Water and Sewage Public Utilities, deferred to 36 months for users of strata 1 and 2 and for the current and next billing cycle. No interest may be charged.</li> </ol>



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. It will only be mandatory a liquidity line is established.</li> <li>3. Orders Municipalities to accelerate the payment of contributions to the General Participation System for Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation.</li> <li>4. Authorizes redistribution of the existing surplus in the Solidarity and Income Redistribution Funds.</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#"><u>Decree 517 of 2020</u></a></p>	<p>President of the Republic</p>	<p>Subsidies in public utilities of electric energy, fuel gas.</p>	<p>Consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deferred payment of electricity and gas deferred to 36 months for users of strata 1 and 2 and for the current and next billing cycle. No interest may be charged.</li> <li>2. It will only be mandatory for network marketers if a liquidity line is established. It will be optional for non-interconnected areas.</li> <li>3. 10% discount on the unsubsidized value of the invoice if the marketers take the liquidity line. If they do not offer the discount they will only be able to take 75% of the liquidity line.</li> <li>4. Gives the Energy and Gas Regulatory Commission (CREG) transitory regulatory powers to defer the payment of invoices issued, tariff provisions and special regulatory regimes that it deems necessary and in relation to the State of Emergency.</li> <li>5. Creation of the voluntary contribution "I share my energy" (Comparto mi Energía), for users of electrical energy from levels 4, 5, and 6, which will be suggested on the invoice.</li> <li>6. Payment of electro-fuel for Non-Interconnected Zones, may be taken from the Solidarity Fund for Subsidies and Redistribution of Income (FSSRI) and subtracted from the subsidies for the following periods.</li> <li>7. It has the possibility of bringing forward the payment of subsidies for strata 1 to 3, assigning new ones for LPG users, or reducing them.</li> <li>8. Authorizes territorial entities to fully or partially assume the cost of public</li> </ol>

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			electricity or gas services within their jurisdiction.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 465 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	A single regulatory decree of the environmental sector is added in relation to water concessions for the provision of the water public utility.	As follows: (i) Immediately process of surface and underground water requests if submitted by municipalities, districts or public utility service providers; (ii) the water concessions that are about to expire will be understood as extended while the declaration of a State of Emergency is maintained; (iii) those who have expired must submit a new application; (iii) The activities of prospection and exploration of the waters may be carried out without permission if: (a) geoelectric information of the area influenced by the project is available, and (b) registration and endorsement of the competent environmental authority.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 464 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	Public telecommunications utilities are declared as essential public utilities.	None of its works may be suspended during the State of Emergency. It grants a 30-day extension for the payment for the bills of services (telephone, voice and data) and suspends payment of concessions, licenses, permits, authorizations and titles for the provision of telecommunications and postal networks and services. It also orders e-commerce, shipping, and logistics operators to prioritize into food, beverage, staple and commodity products, pharmaceuticals, medical products, orthopedic products, hygiene products, food and medicines.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 441 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Measures in relation to public utility of water and sewage.</b>	Orders the companies providing it, or failing that, municipalities, the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reinstallation and/or reconnection of water and sewage service (except in cases of fraud)</li> <li>2. Water supply by other means for those places where there is no supply</li> </ol> Freezing of tariffs throughout the State of Emergency
<a href="#"><u>Decree No. 418 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Presidential Instructions to Governors and Majors in relation to Public Order and security.</b>	Restating that any measure taken should be consulted with the president for its approval.

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<b>Transportation</b>			
<a href="#">Decreto 575 de 2020</a>	Ministry of Transportation	Measures on the Replacement Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorization of using upto 85% of the resources of the replacement fund to guarantee the minimum income of the companies.</li> <li>2. As well as other sustainability and co-financing measures of the transport service and mass transport systems.</li> <li>3. It allocates resources to the National Cargo Transportation Modernization Fund for FIVE THOUSAND MILLION PESOS (\$5,000,000,000) in orders to grant credits through BANCOLDEX.</li> <li>4. Authorizes the use of funds from fines and penalties for traffic tickets to verify compliance with Coronavirus prevention measures.</li> <li>5. Modifies VAT on airplane gasoline and passenger transport.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">Decree 569 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Transportation	Measures on the provision of public transport service	It replicates measures of Decree 482 of 2020 as for the validity of Decree 531 of 2020 or for "the end of any mandatory preventive isolation decreed by the national Government on the occasion of the pandemic derived from the Coronavirus COVID-19".
<a href="#">Decree 482 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Transportation	Regulates the <b>transportation sector during the State of Emergency</b>	<p>Regulates the following measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create the Logistics and Transportation Center for the Emergency State. as the main center for: (i) coordination of the transportation sector during the State of Emergency; (ii) the disembarkment of passengers in the country for exceptional reasons (humanitarian emergency, fortuitous event, or force majeure); (iii) advise the National Transportation System; (iv) reduce the coverage of the intermunicipal and massive transportation systems; (v) temporary assignment of unattended or not covered routes; (vi) previously approve cargo transportation contracts.</li> <li>2. It begins with a reduction of inter-municipal and massive transport of 50%.</li> <li>3. Guarantees the freight services.</li> </ol>

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Seeks for the generation of synergies during the crisis.</li> <li>5. Suspends transit authorities support services, including the technomechanical review;</li> <li>6. Transport documents (cargo manifest, cargo order and others) may be carried digitally.</li> <li>7. Creation of "Safe Points" for examination of passengers and cargo transporters.</li> <li>8. Exemption from tolls during the State of Emergency; this, for vehicles within the emergency activities.</li> <li>9. Expedite tax returns for air service companies.</li> <li>10. Suspends until December 31, 2021 the Airport Considerations / Fees.</li> <li>11. Suspension of supplementary work caps for air traffic controllers, firefighters and aeronautical technicians.</li> <li>12. Enables the right of withdrawal on air tickets and changes for up to one year.</li> <li>13. Gives possibility of change of guarantees to aeronautical companies.</li> <li>14. Grants aeronautical companies payment terms to Aerocivil.</li> <li>15. Suspension of airport infrastructure charges for their regulated companies.</li> <li>16. Powers of Suspension of commercial leasing fees at airports facilities.</li> <li>17. Transitory suspension of schedule restrictions on airport runways.</li> <li>18. Possibility of suspending any infrastructure put into public transportation service.</li> <li>19. The continuity of the infrastructure under construction will be sought.</li> <li>20. Possibilities of extensions in concession contracts when they operate under the Colombian Public Private Partnerships (APPs) scheme of up to 20% of the initial term.</li> <li>21. Possibility of suspension of contracts for transport infrastructure.</li> </ol>

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			22. Possibility of terms extension of port concessions during the Emergency. Special and extraordinary authorization for ports (public and private) to supply basic necessities other than the authorized usual cargoes.
<a href="#">Decree 439 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Suspends entry or connection by air of foreign passengers</b> into Colombian territory.	For a term of 30 calendar days starting at 00:00 on Monday 23, 2020. It establishes exceptions for cargo company personnel. It also regulates the quarantine process of those foreigners admitted on an exceptional basis.

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### Tax and Customs

<a href="#">Decree 568 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Treasury	Create the solidarity tax by COVID 19	This tax will have the following characteristics: 1. Applicable from May 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020. 2. Covers public servants, service providers, or mega-pensions with incomes greater than COP \$ 10,000,000. 3. Starts from a gross rate of 15% to 20% of their income. 4. For those with lower incomes, it will be a voluntary contribution.
<a href="#">Decree 561 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Culture measures	The resources of the national consumption tax destined for culture, of 2019, rotated and not committed or executed, should be used for subsistence by artists, creators and culturally vulnerable. They should not be beneficiaries of the other social spending programs of the State.
<a href="#">Decree 551 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Goods covered by the VAT exemption	It establishes the list of the goods that will be exempt from VAT, covering, protection implements, equipment, reagents, among others. It establishes various conditions of sale and informs DIAN about the purchase and sale operations.
<a href="#">Decree 545 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Donation Exemptions	Exempts from the process of inscription (Public Deed before a notary public) all donations whose purpose is related to overcoming the health emergency.
<a href="#">Decree 530 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Transitional tax measures in	Exempts Non-Profit Organisations (ESALs) from the following levies during the duration of the State of Emergency:

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		relation to ESALs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax on Financial Movements -GMF of registered accounts.</li> <li>• VAT for donations of goods (human and animal consumption, clothing, toiletries, medicines for human use or construction materials and medical devices), as a donation or other form of act involving transfer of ownership.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Decree 520 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Modify the terms of the Income Tax Declarations.	Applies for the declaration of income and complementaries tax year for Large Taxpayers and Legal Entities, Declaration Of Assets Abroad for Large Taxpayers and Legal Entities.
<a href="#">Decree 478 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Modifies the taxable base of the <b>VAT exclusion for computers</b>	It defines what personal computers (desktop and laptops) are in order to apply to the exemption, and what other related equipment are not excluded from VAT.
<a href="#">Decree 463 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Defines a customs tariff at rate "0" for medicines.</b>	Medical devices, chemical reagents, hygiene products, as well of equipment and materials required for the water and sanitation sectors. Its destination shall be for internal consumption prioritizing institutions providing the health services, transport services, state entities, domiciliary logistics companies, and drug stores.
<a href="#">Decree 462 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Where the export and re-export of medical products and reagents necessary to face the emergency due to the COVID-19 is forbidden.</b>	They are therefore destined for internal consumption with institutions providing health services, transport services, state entities, domiciliary logistics companies, and drug stores.
<a href="#">Decree 461 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Temporarily authorizes governors and mayors for the reorientation of specific destination income (rentas de capital específico)</b>	Both without the authorization of the departmental assemblies and municipal councils.

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		<b>and the reduction of territorial tax rates</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Decree 438 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>VAT exemption for medical supplies and products</b> required for the provision of health services against COVID-19 (treatment or prevention).	It also extends the update period of the special tax regime covered by Art. 356-3 of the Tax Statute. The list of devices is: 1. Nebulizer; 2. Weight Scale for babies; 3. Vital signs monitor; 4. Electrocardiograph; 5. Glucometer; 6. Tensiometer 7. Pulse oximeter; 8. Vacuum cleaner for secretions; 9. Defibrillator; 10. Incubator; 11. Radiant heat lamp; 12. Phototherapy lamp 13. Infusion pump; 14. Sense organs kit 15. Oxygen Bullet; 16. Stethoscope; 17. Fan; 18. Portable X-ray equipment; 19. Oxygen concentrator; 20. Transport monitor; 21. Flowmeter; 22. Cephalic chamber; 23. Hospital bed; 24. Pediatric hospital bed.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 436 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Transitory customs measures</b> for permanent customs users and frequent exporting users.	The validity of the recognition and registration of permanent customs users and highly exporting users is extended until May 31, 2020. It will be extended automatically as long as there is a health emergency due to COVID-19. It also issues measures on the need to renew the global guarantees presented by them.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 435 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>New dates for the presentation and payment of tax declaration.</b>	Includes income and complementary taxes of the taxable year 2019, VAT, and national consumption tax. Aimed at legal entities and large taxpayers.



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<a href="#">Decree No. 419 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	<b>VAT Return for more vulnerable people.</b>	It sets a focalization methodology, the channels and institutions whereby it is going to be done.
<a href="#">Decree 410 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	0% tariff for all products necessary to manage the COVID-19 situation.	N.A.
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Labor & Compensation			
<a href="#">Decree 558 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Relief on pension issues	Authorization for deferred payment of pension contributions at 1 month with 3% contribution (75% the employer and the remaining 25% the worker).
<a href="#">Decree 500 de 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Redistribution measures for public ARL contribution.	It includes the Public Occupational Risk Administrators (ARLs) within the contribution redistribution list.
<a href="#">Decree 491 de 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Guarantees the provision of public authorities' services, measures for labor and service contractors protection.	Applies to all Colombian public entities (national, departmental, or municipal). It includes the following measures: 1. Will ensure the provision of public authorities' services through work at home. 2. Those contractors who are destined to prevent, mitigate and attend to the health emergency due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 may not suspend services. 3. Enable notification of administrative acts by electronic means. 4. Extends the terms of attention to requests to the administration as follows: (i) All requests must be answered in 30 business days; (ii) requests for documents and information in 20 business days; (iii) queries (consulta) in 35 business days. (iv) those that cannot be resolved in the terms, shall not be its double term and under justification. 5. Suspension of terms of administrative or jurisdictional actions in administrative headquarters (optional). They will resume once the State of Emergency is over.



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			<p>6. Use of simple copies for requests for pension benefits recognition.</p> <p>7. All permits, authorizations, certificates and licenses are understood to be extended until one month past the State of Emergency.</p> <p>8. The conciliations before the Attorney General's Office of the Nation may be virtual.</p> <p>9. Authorization of using electronic means in Arbitration Centers (see Dispute Resolution).</p> <p>10. Enabling a scanned physical signature for administrative acts entities that do not have a digital signature.</p> <p>11. Non-face-to-face meetings in ALL the collegiate bodies of the branches of public power. Similar rules as non presencial meetings.</p> <p>12. Optional appointment extension of of the managers or directors of the State Social Enterprises.</p> <p>13. Postponement of selection processes in public entities.</p> <p>14. It guarantees the continuity of the professors and sends them to a virtual chair.</p> <p>15. Teleworking for all service contractors. The contract of those who can only perform it in person is not suspended.</p> <p>16. Contracts may not be suspended or terminated on the occasion of the State of Emergency.</p>
<p><a href="#">Decree 488 of 2020</a></p>	<p>President of the Republic</p>	<p>Protection of the Work during the State of Emergency</p>	<p>It is issued in order to protect employment, regulating other mechanisms such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorized the partial withdrawal of cessation payments (cesantías) to workers who present a decrease in their monthly income. The amount to be withdrawn each month shall in proportion to the the reduction of their income.</li> <li>2. It allows employers to sending workers to early, collective or accumulated vacations, with a notice of one business day.</li> </ol>

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			<p>3. It also allows workers to request vacations with the same advance notice.</p> <p>4. During the State Of Emergency, the Occupational Risk Administrators (ARLs) must allocate the resources of the contributions, as follows:(i) 1% to the labor risk fund; (ii) 2% for emergency and intervention activities and for the purchase of personal protection elements, medical check-ups, intervention activities for the containment and care of the COVID-19 for the workers of its affiliated companies; (iii) 5% promotion and prevention activities for workers who may be exposed to the virus. (iv) the remaining 92% for regular activities of the Occupational Risk Administrators.</p> <p>5. During the State of Emergency as far as the availability of resources allows, an economic transfer of two legal monthly minimum wages into three equal monthly payments, as long as they comply with the resources to qualify for protection assistance to the unemployed (article 11 of Law 1636 of 2013).</p> <p>Suspension of the survival certification (fé de vida) - for connationals abroad - as requirement for entities of the social security system.</p>
<a href="#">Memorandum 0027 of 29 of march, 2020</a>	Labor Ministry	Ban employers from coercing workers to take unpaid leave	<p>1. It is not allowed to compel workers to request and agree to take unpaid leave, under the pretext of maintaining employment (illegal practice);</p> <p>2. The option to request an unpaid leave must come freely and voluntarily from the worker.</p> <p>3. The employer may only determine the origin of granting it.</p>
<a href="#">Memorandum 0026 of march 27, 2020</a>	Labor Ministry	Training, prevention and protection elements for delivery service personnel by COVID-19	<p>1. Establish prevention, training and reaction strategies for employers, supplier contractors and digital platforms.</p> <p>2. It also imposes actions on ARLs against this type of workers.</p>

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			3. Reminds the responsibility of Employers, Contractors in front of COVID-19.
<a href="#">Memorandum 022 of 19 of marzo, 2020</a>	Labor Ministry	Rigorous labor inspection of employer decisions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Ministry of Labor suspends any requests for suspension of employment contracts and collective dismissal.</li> <li>2. Recommends the use of the mechanisms of Circular 021.</li> <li>3. It will rigorously monitor the measures taken by employers during the State of Emergency.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">Memorandum 021 of 17 march, 2020</a>	Labor Ministry	Measures for the protection of employment and react to the health emergency.	<p>The Ministry of Labor reminds employers of the options they have for the Pandemic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work at Home in an exceptional way.</li> <li>2. Telecommuting complying with its legal minimums.</li> <li>3. Flexible Labor working days.</li> <li>4. Possibility of advancing Annual and Collective Holidays.</li> <li>5. Paid Leaves.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">Memorandum 017 of 24 february, 2020</a>	Labor Ministry	Minimum guidelines for Coronavirus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishes several prevention recommendations.</li> <li>2. Includes Telework recommendation for those workers from China.</li> <li>3. It establishes prevention recommendations for LAs and employers.</li> </ol>
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<b>Corporate and Commercial</b>			
<a href="#">Decree 434 of March 19, 2020</a>	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	Modification of the dates for the renewal of the commercial registration, the Bidders' Register and the holding of ordinary meetings of the Assembly of Shareholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The term for the renewal of the commercial registration, the RUNEOL and other registries that make up the Business and Social Registry -RUES was extended until <b>July 3 2020</b>.</li> <li>• People and companies enrolled in the bidders' register must submit the information to renew their registration no later than <b>the fifth business day of the month of July 2020 (July 7, 2020)</b>.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The renewal of the membership of the Chambers of Commerce must be carried out no later than July 3, 2020.</li> <li>The ordinary meetings of the general assembly for FY19 may be held during the month following the end of the declared health emergency in Colombia.</li> <li>If the ordinary meeting of the general assembly is not called, it can meet in its own right on the first business day after the end of the month following the lifting of the health emergency, in the registered offices of the company. The managers will allow the exercise of the right of inspection of the shareholders or their representatives during the fifteen days (or appropriate term) prior to the meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The modifications apply to all legal entities, without exception, in conducting in-person meetings of their collegiate bodies, meetings held remotely or a mixture of both.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Decree 398 of March 13, 2020</u></a>	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism	Partially regulates the carrying out of meetings of shareholders partners and boards of directors, when held remotely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When holding meetings, remotely when referring to "all partners or members" it is understood that it refers to all those who participate in the meetings remotely, as long as the number of participants necessary to validly deliberate and approve decisions under the provisions of the bylaws or the law are present.</li> <li>The legal representative must record in the minutes the continuity of the necessary quorum throughout the entire meeting and must verify the identity of all participants who attend remotely.</li> <li>The same legal or statutory provisions on the notice, quorum and majorities that govern in-person meetings shall apply to meetings held remotely.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The same regulation will also be applicable to mixed meetings, that is, those in which there is a physical and virtual presence of the participants.</li> <li>Companies that as of March 13, 2020 have already called an ordinary meeting of the highest corporate body for the year 2020, may provide an additional notice, up to one day before the date of the called meeting, specifying that the meeting will be held remotely. The additional notice should indicate the technological means and mechanisms to participate in the meeting and must be given in the same way as the original one.</li> </ul> <p>This regulation is applicable to all legal entities without exception.</p>
<a href="#">External Circular Letter No. 100-000003 of March 17, 2020</a>	Superintendence of Companies	Instructions and recommendations to supervised and all other companies on carrying out meetings of the highest corporate body (shareholders assembly/partners meeting), given the declaration of the COVID-19 health emergency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If it is not possible to hold the meetings remotely or by holding mixed meetings, with participants present and connecting remotely, or the number of participants of the meeting does not comply with the restrictions established by the authorities, the legal representatives must inform shareholders that it is impossible to hold the meeting due to force majeure.</li> <li>It is recommended to allow the right of inspection through virtual means keeping the confidentiality of the consulted documents.</li> <li>It is possible to hold meetings called for second time remotely or in mixed meetings within the terms established by law.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">External Circular Letter No. 100-000004 of</a>	Superintendence of Companies	Additional to External Circular No. 100-000002 of March 17, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companies that have not called the ordinary meeting of the highest corporate body, may choose to avail themselves of the new final date established in</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">March 24, 2020</a>			<p>Decree 434 of 2020 to hold the ordinary meeting for FY19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companies that in the terms of External Circular 100-00002 of 2020, have not been able to or have found it impossible to do so, must call the meeting again according to the provisions of Decree 434 of 2020.</li> </ul> <p>Companies that have already called the ordinary meeting may in any case decide to postpone the date of the ordinary meeting and carry it out according to the provisions in Article 5 of Decree 434 of 2020. If so, they must send a communication to the shareholders in the same way as the original notice, informing that the meeting is going to be postponed and the new date.</p>																																												
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<a href="#">Decree 544 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	<b>State procurement for the acquisition of medical devices and</b>	It establishes that the list of biomedical equipment, furniture, medical devices, protection equipment, and medicines acquired in the international market by the Colombian State, will be subject to the																																												

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		<b>personnel items.</b>	rules of private law, and the rules of Public Procurement will not apply to it.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 537 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Electronic Hearings for State Procurement Processes and other mechanisms.</b>	Replicates the measures of Decree 440 of 2020 while the state of sanitary emergency lasts.
<a href="#"><u>Decreto 499 de 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>State procurement measures for the acquisition in the international market of medical devices and personal protection elements</b>	All the medical devices mentioned in Article 1 of Decree 438 of 2020 and in general all those necessary to deal with the State of Emergency, are exempt from the General Procurement Statute and the rules of private law apply to it.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 440 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Measures in the matter of state procurement throughout the duration of the State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic.</b>	As follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public hearings and sanctioning processes on public procurement by electronic means are allowed.</li> <li>2. Contractor selection processes are suspended.</li> <li>3. Territorial entities are ordered to purchase goods and services through the Virtual Store of the National Agency for Public Procurement of the Colombian State.</li> <li>4. The design and organization via framework-agreements, for direct contracting of goods and materials covered by the State of Emergency is announced.</li> <li>5. The acquisition of goods in large areas facilities up to the minor amount</li> </ol>

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			<p>(menor cuantía) of the corresponding entity is allowed.</p> <p>6. Electronic procedures for State contractors' payments are authorized.</p> <p>7. The Revolving Fund of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to contract with foreign entities of all kinds is allowed in order to address issues arising from the pandemic.</p>

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#### Treasury, Financial System and Social Expenditure

<a href="#">Decree 581 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Treasury	Authorize a new operation to Findeter	The Territorial Financial Company - Findeter S.A., may temporarily grant direct credits to public utilities companies for facing the emergency.
<a href="#">Decree 576 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Treasury	Adjustments in the Games Sector to the Health Sector	<p>1. Advance transfers by innovative games to monthly payments.</p> <p>2. Authorizes the opening of companies and gaming venues observing measures of capacity and social distance.</p> <p>3. It allows payment agreements in the concession contracts for March and April.</p> <p>4. Redirects to resources the resources of unclaimed prizes.</p> <p>5. Exempts the payment of contractual compensation to operators for March and April.</p> <p>6. Open 1-year import window for remanufactured slots.</p> <p>7. The exploitation rights of novel games are reduced to 50% by March, April and May 2020.</p> <p>8. Authorize traditional lotteries to exceed their 15% gross income limit.</p> <p>9. Suspend prescription and expiration for unclaimed prizes.</p>
<a href="#">Decree 573 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Treasury	Exemptions for the Agricultural Guarantee Fund	Exempt from VAT the commissions for the guarantee services granted by the FAG fund focused on the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the withholding tax generated by this item at 4%.



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<a href="#"><u>Decree 572 of 2020</u></a>	Ministry of Treasury	Addition to the general budget of the Nation.	Quantifying the temporary compulsory investment in internal public debt titles called Solidarity Titles in NINE BILLION EIGHT HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (\$ 9,811, 300,000,000).
<a href="#"><u>Decreto 571 de 2020</u></a>	Ministry of Treasury	Addition to the general budget of the nation.	Worth THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE Billion PESOS LEGAL CURRENCY (\$329,000,000,000), to face the emergency by COVID-19. It grants powers to the Ministry of Finance to celebrate Inter-administrative Agreements to facilitate the management of the FOME.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 570 de 2020</u></a>	Ministry of Treasury	Generate an Aid for the Demobilized	Financial support of COP \$160,000 for 3 months. Paid for by the Agency for Reincorporation and Standardization.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 565 de 2020</u></a>	Ministry of Treasury	Temporary measure on BEPS	If due to the contingency of COVID19 a payment imbalance is generated on the BEPS Periodic Economic Benefits, these will be paid with the resources of the budget assigned to the Complementary Social Service of these.
<a href="#"><u>Decreto 562 de 2020</u></a>	Ministry of Treasury	Investment in public debt securities.	Creates the Internal Public Debt Securities or "Solidarity Securities" with a term of 1 year, extendable at equal terms. They are intended for financial consolidation under conditions defined in the decree. The resources of these titles will finance FOME.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 560 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Transitional measures on insolvency law	It establishes measures applicable during the State of Emergency and two more years. These include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exempts the Insolvency Judge from the audit process.</li> <li>2. Establishes flexibility payment mechanisms for small creditors. Omits the authorization of the judge by the sole recommendation of the promoter.</li> <li>3. It allows the Capitalization of Debts by issue of shares or risk bonds.</li> <li>4. Discharges liabilities that exceed the valuation of the going concern.</li> <li>5. Sustainable debt covenants that allow its restructuring or re-profiling.</li> <li>6. It generates various stimuli for the financing of the debtor as different types of guarantees.</li> </ol>

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			<p>7. Fees due during the state of emergency (April, May, June 2020) will be considered past due from July 2020.</p> <p>8. Establishes an emergency negotiation mechanism.</p> <p>9. Business recovery procedures may be held in the conciliation centers of the chambers of commerce.</p> <p>10. Exemption from withholding tax for companies in insolvency proceedings or reorganization agreements.</p> <p>11. VAT withholding will be of a 50%.</p> <p>12. They will not have presumptive income for the year 2020.</p> <p>13. Suspends several provisions of Law 1116 of 2006.</p> <p>Please refer to our special analysis in this Newsletter.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Decree 559 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Creation of the Sub-account for Emergency Mitigation - COVID19.	Dependent of the National Fund for Disaster Risk Management. Its purpose is to finance goods, services and works to tend the pandemic. It will manage state resources, international and private donations. The contracting of this fund will be private but with fiscal control.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 557 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Establishes aids for the tourism industry.	<p>Establishes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Redirection of the tourism tax to registered tourism guides that are not part of the other social spending programs (Senior Citizens, Youth in Action, Solidarity Income or VAT refund).</li> <li>2. Authorizes the right of withdrawal, return or reprogramming of tourist plans.</li> <li>3. It establishes a differentiated rate of sanitary registries for INVIMA for the products of the basic basket controlled during the State of Emergency.</li> </ol>
<a href="#"><u>Decree 553 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Defines transfer mechanisms for social expenses.	To Colombia Mayor (senior adults) and Solidarity Fund to Promote Employment and Protection for the Unemployed (unemployment assistance). Awards 3 monthly drafts of \$ 80,000 for 3 months. Authorizes the Ministry of Labor to make additional payments for the unemployment fund for additional aid.
<a href="#"><u>Decreto 552 de 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Add resources to the FOME	It includes to the components of the FOME the resources from the Occupational Risk Fund for up to 80% of

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			it, as a loan payable within the following 10 fiscal terms.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 522 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Adding the General Budget of the Nation	Authorizes financing and debt lines destined for the FOME. Total value: THREE BILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND MILLION of COLOMBIAN PESOS (\$ 3,250,000,000,000).
<a href="#"><u>Decree 519 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Adding the General Budget of the Nation	The debt quota of the Nation increases to face the State of Emergency. Total value: FIFTEEN BILLION ONE HUNDRED ONE BILLION of COLOMBIAN PESOS (\$ 15,100,000,000,000).
<a href="#"><u>Decree 518 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Creates the Solidarity Income Program	To meet the needs of households in poverty and vulnerability situation; specifically for older adults who are not part of the "Colombia Mayor" program.  The charges will be dispersed with financial entities (exempt from financial movements contributions) and the resources will be assumed from the resources of the Emergency Mitigation Fund -FOME.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 513 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Projects of public investment financed with resources from the General Royalties System.	It regulates the process of presentation, verification, viability and approval of investment projects that are specifically related to the State of Emergency. Priority will be given to the following projects: (i) Health care and social protection; (ii) Agriculture and rural development; (iii) Food supply and water resources; (iv) Food assistance to the population due to the emergency; and (v) Guarantee effective continuity and quality in the provision of public services and public lighting.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 512 of 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Autoriza temporalmente a gobernadores y alcaldes.	Para realizar movimientos presupuestales, únicamente para efectos de atender la ejecución de recursos en el marco de sus competencias, necesarios para atender el Estado de Emergencia.
<a href="#"><u>Decreto 493 de 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	Provides relief measures for debtors of housing credit and tenants in housing leasing operations.	Granting grace periods in capital and interest on loans for house purchases or housing leasing agreements that have the interest rate benefit coverage according to the instructions of the Financial Superintendence.

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<a href="#">Decree 492 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Additional measures to strengthen the National Guarantees Fund And other dispositions in the matter of state equity.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All financial entities of the Executive Branch, Registered Ministries, Administrative Departments and others Entities of the National Order will be registered and headed for the Ministry of Finance, and will then be contributed to the State Holding (Grupo Bicentenario S.A.S).</li> <li>2. The following are excluded: (i) Nueva Empresa Promotora de Salud S.A - NUEVA E.P.S .; (ii) and Colombian Pension Administrator - COLPENSIONES.</li> <li>3. All state entities of the national order are authorized to make capital contributions to the Fondo Nacional de Garantías S.A., comprised by the surplus capital and dividends (when applicable), from the National Fund for Infrastructure Development (FONDES); any other provided by the National Government.</li> <li>4. It also authorizes contributions to the FNG composed by the resources resulting from capital decrease in the following entities: (i) Grupo Bicentenario S.A.S. (up to COP\$300,000M); (ii) Financiera de Desarrollo Territorial S.A. - Findeter: (up to COP\$100,000M); (iii) National Savings Fund - FNA (up to COP\$100,000M); (iv) Urrá S.A. E.S.P. (up to COP\$50,000M); (v) Central de Inversiones S.A. (CISA) (up to COP\$50,000M). The only requirement for this purpose shall be the approval of the Shareholders General Assembly (or the Ministry of Finance's in its absence). The resulting resources will seek to support guaranteed individuals or entities that have suffered adverse effects on their economic activity due to the State of Emergency.</li> <li>5. Exclusion of VAT on commissions for FNG guarantee services.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">Decree 486 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic - Ministry of Agriculture	Creates an <b>economic incentive</b> for workers and	Measures issued for guaranteeing food security, agricultural products and supplies, and provisions in Contracting:

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		rural producers and other measures for ensuring supply of agricultural products.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creates an economic incentive for farm workers over 70 years old and in compulsory isolation.</li> <li>2. The Agrarian Bank, Finagro (administrator of the Agricultural Guarantee Fund (AGF)), may enter into recovery and payment agreements including capital mercies with small or medium producers.</li> <li>3. Open credit lines to cover agricultural credit operations.</li> <li>4. It allows the AGF to acquire the portfolio of the producers benefited by the Decree.</li> <li>5. Authorizes the direct procurement of the logistics and activities necessary to: (i) guarantee food security, product supply and agricultural inputs in the national territory, and; (ii) and related to the development of supports and incentives in the sector.</li> </ol>
<a href="#"><u>Decree 481 de 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Regulates the limit of public debt</b>	It presents this limit as a relief of the public debt situation on the health sector.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 473 de 2020</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Modifies Decree 1068 of the Treasury Sector on public credit operations</b>	Regulates mechanisms for facilitating access to financing sources in order to meet investment expenses, as long as they can help to alleviate liquidity pressures caused by an economic and ecological emergency declared by the President of the Republic.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 468 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>New operations</b> are authorized to Territorial Development Financial Company - <b>FINDETER</b> and the Foreign Commerce Bank - <b>BANCOLDEX.</b>	The new permitted operations seek to grant territorial entities direct credits (municipalities, governorates and districts) with a compensated rate aimed at financing projects and activities to address the crisis.
<a href="#"><u>Decree 467 of 2020.</u></a>	President of the Republic	<b>Provides relief measures for ICETEX beneficiaries.</b>	Consisting of: (i) Grace periods in current loan installments; (ii) reduction of rates; (iii) extension of terms, and; (iv) Granting new credits for the 2nd semester of the year 2020 without co-debtor.

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<a href="#">Decree 466 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Modifications to the Fondo Nacional de Garantias S.A.</b> (National Guarantee Fund for allowing financial market stability).	On: (i) minimum solvency ratio; (ii) technical equity and deductions made to it; (iii) assets and contingencies classification, and; (iv) targeting of guarantees.
<a href="#">Decree 458 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Social assistance measures.</b>	It ensures the transfer of additional allowances for state social assistance programs for youth, families and older adults, and VAT refund beneficiaries. The entity responsible for determining the beneficiaries will be National Planning Department (DNP) with the National Statistics Department data (DANE).
<a href="#">Decree 444 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	<b>Creates the Emergency Mitigation Fund (FOME)</b>	Its purpose is to serve all health services necessities during the State of Emergency. Its resources may come from the following funds: FAE, FONPET (in this one upto 80% and as a loan) and the ones transferred by the Nation.
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<b>Judicial</b>			
<a href="#">Decree 564 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Measures on administration of justice	It suspends the terms of prescription and expiration until the Superior Council of the Judiciary resumes judicial terms.  Expiration Terms under 30 days, once resumed, will be adjusted to one month. This includes the procedural terms of inactivity expiration for tacit withdrawal.
<a href="#">Decree 469 of 2020.</a>	President of the Republic	Measures to ensure the <b>continuity of the constitutional jurisdiction.</b>	The Full Chamber (Sala Plena) of the Constitutional Court is given the power to: <i>"lift the suspension of legal terms ordered by the Superior Council of the Judiciary [CSJ] when necessary for the fulfillment of its constitutional functions."</i>
<b>Accords No. PCSJA20-11526, PCSJA20-11527 and</b>	Superior Council of the Judiciary	Suspends the terms of all judicial proceedings form march 16th until April	N/A

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<p><b>PCSJA20-11528</b> of March 22, 2020, <b>PCSJ20-11532</b> of April 11, 2020.</p>		<p>12th, 2020 except for: (i) constitutional actions, (ii) hearings for the control of fundamental rights in criminal actions; (iii) hearings of the Constitutional Court in connection with scrutiny of presidential decrees issued during the State of Economic, Social and Ecological Emergency.</p>	
<p><b>Legislative Decree 491 of 2020</b></p>	<p>Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Measures to ensure the continuity of the judicial service.</p>	<p>Legal deadlines for public servants to review document petitions increase to 30 days and queries to authorities increase to 35 days. Declares the continuity of arbitration, conciliation and amicable settlement services through digital means.</p>
<p><b>Resolutions 11927, 11792, and 11790 of 2020.</b></p>	<p>Industry and Commerce Superintendency (SIC)</p>	<p>Suspension of Legal Terms from March 17 to April 30.</p>	<p>These are all legal procedures on the following delegations: Consumer Protection, Antitrust, and Intellectual Property</p>
<p><b>Resolution 12169 of 2020.</b></p>	<p>Industry and Commerce Superintendency (SIC)</p>	<p>Suspension of legal terms since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 until the State of Emergency ceases.</p>	<p>These are all legal procedures on the following delegations: Consumer Protection, Antitrust, and Intellectual Property.</p> <p>Exceptions to the suspension include: <i>hábeas data</i>, interim measures and other proceedings regarding consumer protection, and proceedings related to on-going requests for corporative integration.</p>
<p><b>Supreme Court Agreement 031 dated</b></p>	<p>Supreme Court of Justice</p>	<p>Creation of electronic sessions.</p>	<p>Rather than in-person sessions of the Supreme Court, enabling continuity of their decisions (Sala Plena).</p>



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<a href="#">March 18, 2020</a>			
<a href="#">Resolution 02872 of March 16, 2020</a>	Notary and Public Registries Superintendency	Special attention hours and procedures	(i) from 8 am to 1 pm, with no more than 10 persons in principal offices and no more than five persons in sectional offices; and (ii) suspension of in-person consultations
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<b>Agriculture and Food Security</b>			
<a href="#">Decree 527 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Regulates excess inventories of fuel alcohol.	It restricts the importation of alcohol so that a surplus from the sugar mills is available. It allows the import of fuel solely to cover the fuel deficit.
<a href="#">Decree 523 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Modify the tariff of various grains.	Suspends the application of the Andean Price Range System, applies zero tariff "0" for Corn, Sorghum, Soybeans, and Soybean Cake.
<a href="#">Decree 507 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Measures to promote access to basic basket products, medicines and medical devices.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A list of controlled-priced products (food, medicines and others) will be established.</li> <li>2. The National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) will assume the function of monitoring and detecting significant variations in their prices.</li> <li>3. The Superintendency of Industry and Commerce -SIC- will be in charge of ex officio inspection, surveillance and control.</li> <li>4. The Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Agriculture will also follow up within their sectoral competences.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">Decree 471 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Repeals the Price Policy for Agricultural Inputs.	It repeals Title 9 of Part 13 of Book 2 of Decree 1071 of 2015, Decree of the Agricultural sector. In practice, it opens up the possibility of beginning to control prices of inputs in order to face the State of Emergency and the rise of the dollar.
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<b>Education and Family</b>			



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<a href="#">Decree 567 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Justice	Medidas en torno a la adopción	Provides jurisdictional functions to family court Public attorneys (Procuradores) for adoption processes in which the claim is not admitted or those anew. A digital procedure is allowed.
<a href="#">Decreto 563 de 2020</a>	Ministry of Treasury	Controls over Social Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishes liability for those who may fraudulently benefit from subsidies.</li> <li>2. Suspends the processing of operating licenses, upon the Colombian Child Protection Services - ICBF.</li> <li>3. Transitory Centers for the protection of children may be created.</li> <li>4. Guarantees the uninterrupted provision of the services of the Family Defenders.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">Decree 533 of 2020</a>	President of the Republic	Measures for the Continuity of the Public Education Service	<p>Sending school feeding plans to the students' home.</p> <p>Direct Transfer to Municipalities of the resources for participation in education.</p>
<a href="#">Decree 532 of 2020</a>	Ministry of Education	Measures for the admission of students to higher education.	Exempts from the presentation of the state exam (ICFES) those high school graduates seeking higher education and should took the test on March 15, 2020; and also for those of August 9 (in case the isolation is extended).
<a href="#">Decreto 460 de 2020</a>	Ministry of Justice	Measures to guarantee the provision of service by family police stations.	During the State of Emergency, uninterrupted provision of the service in family comissaries, extrajudicial conciliation by video conferences, and campaigns to prevent domestic violence will be guaranteed.
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Any additional measures will be promptly notified and added to this section of the newsletter. If you need clarification on any of these, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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