

Clarifications on Instructions issued on the basis of the Decree

dated 15 April 2020

Following the Decree issued by the Minister of Health, dated 15 April 2020, and after requests for clarifications as to whom point v (i) concerns, the Ministry of Health clarifies the following:

The term “throughout the supply chain” relates to local industries and import companies/suppliers.

It is clarified that the above mentioned must take the necessary action to ensure that their employees undergo a molecular test for Coronavirus COVID-19, in the following manner:

(a) preparation laboratories which have a production unit and a delivery network, either to supermarkets or their branches, must – if their personnel is involved in the entire supply chain (common staff at all points) – subject all their personnel to a molecular analysis

(b) As far as supermarkets are concerned, whose personnel is involved in delivery, in receiving and / or serving the public, the entire staff has to have a molecular test

(c) In the case where production industries have the same personnel in the production line and in the delivery, or when some of the staff involved in the delivery comes into direct contact with people working in the production line, then the entire staff has to have a molecular test

(d) Production industries whose personnel in the production line is separated (does not come into direct contact with the delivery personnel) do not need to send all their staff to be tested, provided that the delivery personnel observe all the protection measures which are regulated by decrees. Moreover, delivery personnel who simply deliver goods to warehouses of points in retail sales and do not come in contact with the areas where goods are sold, do not have to have a molecular test. It is understood that in production industries and/or importers/suppliers, if during the delivery at supermarkets the delivery personnel

are responsible for placing the products in the supermarket, they have to have the test in order to protect the personnel as well as the public being served at the supermarkets.

Ministry of Health

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