

Report on Covid-19 "phase 2" and Prime Minister's Decree of 26 April 2020

General observations – Health safety for the port activities in the commercial sector according to the Prime Minister's Decree of 26 April 2020

We observe that the new Prime Minister's Decree includes no significant changes for the "port system": the operational model adopted during "phase 1" has in fact guaranteed a safe activity continuation, as envisaged by the Prime Minister's Decree for phase 2.

I. The Authority's model and measures: 1. measures that anticipated the protocols; 2. dissemination and explanation of the protocols; 3. integration of the protocols with specific or implementation measures; 4. dissemination and involvement of employers' representatives and Trade Unions, and dissemination to each operator; 5. involvement of the Local Health Authority (including the Service for Hygiene and Public Health) and the USMAF (Maritime, Air and Border Health Office of the Ministry of Health); 6. Local Health Authority's guidelines and procedures for suspected cases; 7. systematic inspection monitoring on the production of company safety protocols, on the company safety committee and compliance of the rules. 8. dedicated Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority's website.

II. Therefore we consider that this model can remain almost unchanged, except for some specific revisions of measures or implementation procedures, arising from the Prime Minister's Decree and annexed Protocols, as described in points from VII) to XV) ("Introductions to the Prime Minister's Decree and annexed protocols").

III. The increase in operations will have an important impact on the existing safety "model" as the production activities will restart (including the disposal of stored goods); this will determine an increase in the workforce presence and in the road transport capacity and therefore it is necessary a strict respect of the measures concerning interpersonal distance, staggered work shifts and decongestion of common spaces. These precautionary measures are essential, as recommended by the INAIL (National Institute for Insurance against Accidents at Work) in its document referring to "Phase 2".

Other impacts on the port system, different from health safety at the workplace

We highlight the following topics, which will possibly be analysed by the competent strategic and interdirectional coordination Tables.

IV. A "system" topic is the possible impact of the restart in several sectors (including the disposal of stored goods) on the road flows and on the terminals, whose activity is however slowed down by the safety measures, as well as on the procedures of goods control bodies.

V. A similar topic is the capacity of the terminals, which is influenced by the safety measures leading to a slowdown in operations, in terms of operating capacity ("commercial" topic to be related to the previous point III).

VI A system observation concerns the regional epidemiological monitoring. In case of an epidemic growth, a new interdiction/limitation of activities can be requested to the Government, possibly on an area basis.

Introductions to the Prime Minister's Decree and annexed protocols, integrating the health safety measures

The protocols annexed to the Prime Minister's Decree are not perfectly coordinated to the previous protocols issued on 14 and 20 March 2020. The annexed Protocols no. 8 and no. 9 do not seem to include any innovative element. The annexed Protocol no. 6 is a literal reissue of the Protocol of 14 March 2020, including some new elements. Therefore the most important elements concerning some changes to the current rules are included in the Protocol no. 6 which is annexed to the Prime Minister's Decree or within the Prime Minister's Decree itself. These elements are as follows.

VII. Respect of the protocols annexed to the Prime Minister's Decree (already referred to in the Prime Minister's Decree of 10 April 2020) is a necessary condition to operate, as recalled by the Prime Minister's Decree: activities could be suspended in case of non-compliance with safety rules. The Minister of the Interior and the Public Prosecutor's Office of Genoa have already issued interpretations/directives on the sanction system.

VIII. General monitoring on the compliance with the measures by the prefecture through various bodies.

IX. Companies that have stopped operating should perform an extraordinary cleaning and disinfection before restarting their activities.

X. Definition of the necessary "covid rules" between contractors and "external workers".

XI. Obligation of masks in confined spaces.

XII. Company should disseminate targeted information on the correct use of PPE, which is of particular importance in relation to the different types of masks.

XIII. Rules on the re-admission of former-positive tested workers into the company.

XIV. Special rules for workers over a certain age or "fragile", with specific checks by the competent doctor.

XV. Importance of the competent company doctor, also in terms of suggesting diagnostic means, as already mentioned in the previous technical Tables.

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