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Italy - State of Emergency Extended to 15 October, Updated List of Countries

Italy's government published a new decree on 29 July extending the current measures in force until 15 October 2020 that are intended to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus and help prevent its spread.¹ This decree confirms the validity of existing statutory provisions and points out the necessity of continuing to limit travel/trips, to a certain extent, to help contain the COVID-19 pandemic. (For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-320](#), 20 July 2020.)

WHY THIS MATTERS

In the last few months, the spread of the coronavirus has dipped sharply in Italy, largely due to the restrictions and other response measures put in place by the government and the changed behaviours of Italian citizens.

However, according to the Italian authorities, in order to accelerate a normalisation of every-day life, it is mandatory to first contain any further contagion of COVID-19, until the emergency is considered over.

Italy's government will not be changing for the time being the ongoing restrictions to contain the coronavirus pandemic.

Measures prohibiting group gatherings, travel restrictions, advising people to keep 1.5 meters apart, wear face coverings, and employ hand hygiene, are still in place to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

In light of the ongoing state of emergency measures, remote working remains a best practice for globally mobile employees (and all other workers in the hardest hit areas of the country) – apart from essential workers – to the extent possible, and employers should facilitate this as a way of fostering their employees' safety and business continuity.

Reopening – Few Changes until 15 October

The government has extended the state of emergency until 15 October 2020, and with that the many related measures will remain in place.

Where necessary and given situations of outbreak or spikes that are identified, any further emergency measures will be applied locally where the virus might have appeared again, and not in the whole of Italy's national territory.

The new decree confirms that public and private meetings (business meetings), public offices (such as immigration offices, etc.) must be still regulated through, for example, social distancing, limited services/access or limited numbers of admissions in such offices, etc.

Travelling is permissible for non-essential reasons – e.g., with no limitations – when trips are across the European Union and the Schengen area, the U.K., Andorra, Principality of Monaco, Republic of San Marino, and Vatican City, provided that people who come to Italy were in such countries for at least 14 days before their trips to Italy.²

As an exception to the above, people who come to Italy from Romania and Bulgaria or who were there in the 14 days before travelling to Italy, on the contrary, must carry-out self-isolation for 14 days from their entry date into Italy and inform the local health-care authorities about their entry. This specific law provision is expected to be reviewed on a regular basis according to the progress of the pandemic in such countries.

Moreover, travelling from Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, and Uruguay is, generally speaking, possible for non-essential trips. However, those who enter Italy from these countries are still required to carry out self-isolation for 14 days and inform the local health-care authorities about their entry.³

FOOTNOTES:

1 *Decreto Del Presidente Del Consiglio Dei Ministri 29 luglio 2020. Decreto Legge 30 luglio 2020, n. 83 Misure urgenti connesse con la scadenza della dichiarazione di emergenza epidemiologica da COVID-19 deliberata il 31 gennaio 2020. (20G00112) (GU Serie Generale n.190 del 30-07-2020)note: Entrata in vigore del provvedimento: 30/07/2020.*

2 *Ordinanza del Ministero della Salute 24 luglio 2020.*

3 *Ordinanza del Ministero della Salute 30 luglio 2020.*

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