
SHORT NEWS

Companies in St. Petersburg Partially Resume Operations

Decree of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 276 dated May 9, 2020 has partially lifted the existing restrictions with regard to companies operations previously introduced in terms of the high alert regime in St. Petersburg with Decree of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 121 dated March 13, 2020 (hereinafter, the "**Decree**").

As before, companies are recommended to stick to remote work for employees (individual contractors) previously transferred to home office (Clause 7.5 of the Decree).

At the same time, the ban for individuals to visit the premises of companies, previously established by Clause 2.1.15 of the Decree, was lifted. Therefore, companies can resume their activities unless directly prohibited by the Decree (e.g., the ban on activities continues to apply to fitness centers, cafes, restaurants and most non-food retail stores). To resume their activities, companies must fulfill the following conditions:

- to adopt bylaws establishing a Safe Operation Standard (in accordance with the [model form](#) approved by the Committee for Industrial Policy, Innovation and Trade of St. Petersburg) and ensure that they are complied with;
- to notify the Committee for Industrial Policy, Innovation and Trade of St. Petersburg that their activities are resumed by sending a message through their personal accounts on the [website](#) of the Center for Development and Support of Entrepreneurship;
- to ensure that there is a distance of at least 1.5 meters between employees as well as between employees and visitors and that employees and visitors use personal protective equipment (except for the cases where an employee is in a separate room in the absence of other persons).

In addition, please bear in mind that the use of personal protective equipment (masks and disposable gloves) in public places, including retail facilities and public transport, is mandatory.

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