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Factsheet: Aid to firms in difficulty following the health crisis

A) Public Authority Arrangements

a. Deferral of tax and social security charges for the month of March

1) <u>Deferral of tax charges (business property tax, CVAE and corporation tax)</u>

Possibility to postpone their payment without penalty - to object to the SEPA Direct Debit - to request a refund if the payment has already been made

An application template is available on impot.gouv.fr. The completed document is to be sent to the corporate tax department.

These deferrals may be converted into outright cancellation on a case-bycase basis depending on the company's financial situation.

2) Accelerated repayment of tax credits

3) Social security contributions payable to URSSAF

Possibility to postpone all or part of the project without penalty until 15/06/20

The procedure is available on the URSSAF website.

For the self-employed (craftsmen and tradesmen), the operating mode is available on secu-independants.fr

The pension funds also grant deferrals (see each fund).

4) TPE (Turnover < 1M€ and Turnover March - 70%): a cheque for 1.500 €.

To be requested from the DGFIP



5) I am in a difficult situation: enter impot.gouv.fr



6) Public Procurement

Companies that are unable to deliver services or work sites will not be liable for late penalties (the coronavirus being recognized as a case of force majeure).

7) BTP

- In the case of public works projects, such as transport infrastructure or road works, the major project owners at national level and the prefects at local level will coordinate and prioritize the projects to be continued or relaunched.
- In the case of very complex projects, a period of time may be necessary to define appropriate procedures. Likewise, particular attention will be paid to the case of building sites in private homes when individuals are present.
- Finally, the Government invites principals and companies not to seek contractual liability from companies, their subcontractors or suppliers who, when the conditions of execution no longer made it possible to guarantee the health and safety of their employees, had to suspend their activity.



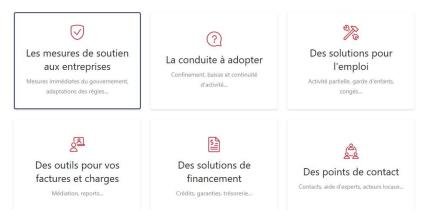
B) Complementary Arrangements

a. Deferral of payment of energy and rent bills

The payment of water and electricity bills can be postponed on simple request The National Centre of Shopping Centres has agreed to take over the rent differential. For other lessors, they will have to be asked and in case of refusal it is possible to refer the matter to the mediator of companies (economie.gouv.fr/médiateur-desentreprises).

b. Approval of the accounts: postponement of the AGMs by 3 months (publication of the accounts at the end of September)





C) Facilities of financial institutions

a. Credit Insurance

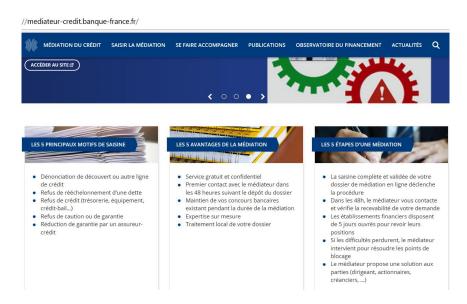
The State sets up a public reinsurance on outstanding credit insurance up to €10 billion. Credit insurers will once again offer CAP and CAP+ on the French market and "CAPFrancexport" (doubling of the ceilings that can be re-insured by the State) on the export market in addition to credit insurance cover for their insured customers.

In addition, credit insurers are extending the time limit for transferring a dispute file (see with each credit insurer the proposed changes).



b. Rescheduling of bank loans

Bank loans can be renegotiated by mutual agreement for deferred monthly payments and in case of refusal it is possible to refer the matter to the Credit Mediator (mediateur-credit.banque-france.fr)



It is also possible to refer to this mediator in the event of a reduction in cover by a credit insurer.

c. French Banking Federation

From 25/03/20, companies in financial difficulty can obtain a loan from their bank (thanks to a €300 billion state guarantee) for up to 3 months of annual turnover at a rate of 0.25% for SMEs and 0.50% for ETIs and repaid over a period of up to 6 years.

d. BPI intervention

Short-term lines:

90% guarantee for bank loans from 3 to 7 years

Guarantee of 90% of overdrafts granted by banks from 12 to 18 months

<u>Unsecured loan</u>: from 3 to 5 years ranging from €10K to €5M for SMEs. For ETIs, the amount can amount to several tens of M€ with a significant delay in repayment (studied on a case-by-case basis).

Suspension of loan maturities granted by the BPI



To enter the BPI: site bpifrance.fr/covid19. Ou un numéro vert : 0969370240

Such aid may be called into question if the large company distributes dividends or has reported delays in paying suppliers

D) Regional assistance

Grand Est: a relocation pact (25M€ rebound loan)

Haut de France : 50 M€ to support companies with repayable advances

Centre-Val de Loire: priority to VSEs (€20m - guarantee fund, growth loan, hardship prevention fund)

Bourgogne-Franche-Comté : cash grants (€80 million)

Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes : (200 M€ - refinancing credit - guarantee on zero rate loans)

PACA: Emergency fund for tourism (12M€) loan with an 18-month deferment

Occitanie: no repayment of advances made to companies for 6 months from 1 April and €5 million in bank guarantees

Nouvelle-Aquitaine: agreement with URSSAF to identify companies as early as possible and a working group with local manufacturers (bringing part of the production back to Europe).

Pays de la Loire : €50 million emergency business aid plan

Bretagne: no late payment penalties for beneficiaries of public contracts and financial support for cancelled events

Normandie: State-Region platform pooling efforts with companies in difficulty

IDF: crisis unit at DIRRECT - guaranteed loans (€1bn) with deferred repayment, prevention back up loan (turnover - 20%) without personal guarantee and deferred repayment for 2 years and special aid for live shows (€10m)

See the websites of the regions:

Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
Région Bourgogne-Franche-Comté
Région Bretagne
Région Centre-Val de Loire
Corse
Région Grand Est



Région Guadeloupe

Guyane

Région Hauts-de-France

Région Île-de-France

Martinique

Région Normandie

Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine

Région Occitanie

Région Pays de la Loire

Région Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur

La Réunion

E) Arrangements for collective proceedings

Ordinance of 27/03/20 n° 2020-341

 Until the expiry of a period of 3 months following the end of the state of emergency (i.e. as it stands on 24/08/20) The state of suspension of payments will be assessed only in the light of the company's financial situation as at 12/03/20.

This does not preclude the possibility for the undertaking to apply for the opening of proceedings by waiving this provision.

- During this 3-month period, the duration of the conciliation procedures may be extended (4 months and 25 days) - possibility of several conciliation procedures without respecting the 3-month waiting period.
- During this 3-month period, (until 24/08/20) the duration of the safeguard and recovery plans may be extended:
- Expiry of the plan extended for the period of 3 months until 24/08/20 (order
 of the President of the Tribunal at the request of the Commissioner for the
 execution of the plan)
- For a period of one year (order of the President of the Tribunal at the request of the Public Prosecutor's Office)

The plans could be extended for up to 12 years.

- Until the expiry of a period of one month following the end of the health emergency, i.e. until 24/06/20
- The reminder of the RJ at 2 months following the opening of the procedure is no longer applicable.
- Referral by the debtor to the court or to the court of the president shall be made by deed deposited at the registry with a certificate stating that he will

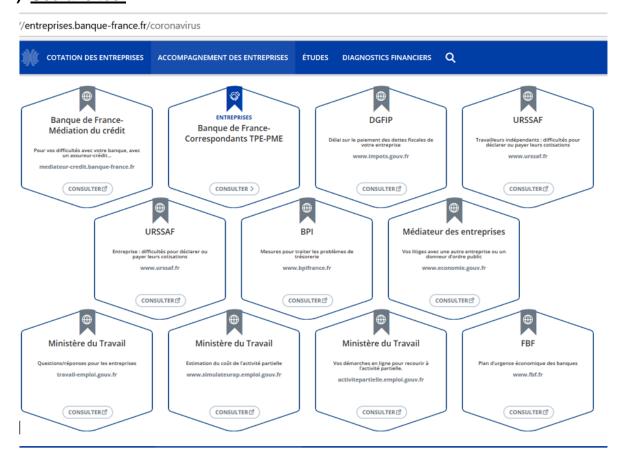


not appear at the hearing and that he will formulate his claims and pleas in writing.

LJ and LJS activity prosecutions are extended until 24/06/20

The order applies to ongoing proceedings

F) Useful sites:



Ministère de l'économie :

conseil, orientation vers les services compétents. Numéro vert (gratuit) 0.800.94.25.64 (du lundi au vendredi de 10h à 17h

BPI France:

Prêts sans garantie. Numéro vert 0.969.370.240 formulaire à remplir sur bpifrance.fr. L'argent est versé sur le compte bancaire de l'entreprise sous 10 jours ouvrés



MEDEF:

Conseils, partage d'expériences. Adresse mail dédiée : <u>covid19@medef.fr</u>. Privilégier lantenne locale : <u>www.medefparis.fr</u>, <u>www.medefgironde.fr</u>, ...

CPME:

Conseils site internet : www.cpme.fr/dossiers/economie/coronavirus

Chambre de métiers et de l'artisanat :

Conseils, démarches administratives. Adresse mail dédiée : <u>infocovid19@cma-france.fr</u>. site internet : <u>www.artsanat.fr/covid19-les-reponses-vos-questions</u>.

CCI:

Conseils. Adresse mail dédiée : <u>www.cci.fr/coronavirus-entreprise</u>. Pour y voir plus clair dans les mesures : les-aides.fr.

Les associations du retournement :

Conseils. Site internet: sos-entreprises-coronavirus.fr

SOS entrepreneur:

Conseils pour rebondir. Site internet : www.sos-entrepreneurs.org téléphone 24/24 : 06.15.24.19.77