

COVID-19: CLOSURE OF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS IN SPAIN

Date: 30 March 2020

European Manufacturing Industry Alert

By: Giovanni Campi, Miguel A. Caramello Alvarez, Philip Torbøl

The Spanish government announced on Sunday 29 March the closure of all non-essential manufacturing plants in the country. The measure is to take effect at midnight CET on Monday 30 March.

The way that the Spanish government interprets the rule, the new measures would also affect all logistics activities around those plants, including freight transportation to customers across Europe.

The Spanish decree comes only days after Italy adopted similar (albeit slightly milder) measures closing most of the country's factories, and more European countries are likely to follow in the days and weeks to come. The key factor in this context is to plan for and anticipate whether a business or activity will be included in the list of essential sectors, and whether, for example, freight of already-produced goods will be allowed. This is a question at the heart of our support to clients in Spain at this very moment.

If your company has plants in Spain – or in Europe more generally – and is concerned about those or their supply chains remaining open, do not hesitate to be in touch with the European COVID-19 Task Force. We can help you plan ahead.

KEY CONTACTS



GIOVANNI CAMPI

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ADVISOR

BRUSSELS

+32.2.336.1910

GIOVANNI.CAMPI@KLGATES.COM

This publication/newsletter is for informational purposes and does not contain or convey legal advice. The information herein should not be used or relied upon in regard to any particular facts or circumstances without first consulting a lawyer. Any views expressed herein are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the law firm's clients.