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Authorities' assessment of tasks essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations

On 25 March 2020, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment appointed a joint ministerial working group to assess the need for entry into the country of employees working in essential sectors in the state of emergency caused by the coronavirus outbreak. In addition to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, members of the working group included representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the National Emergency Supply Agency, the Finnish Immigration Service and the Border Guard.

Based on the authorities' assessment, the Ministry has prepared a list of tasks that are essential from the point of view of security of supply or critical for the operations of the sector in question, including significant maintenance work. Critical tasks are defined as tasks that must be carried out without delay and that, if not carried out, will have a significant impact on security of supply and the operations of the sector.

1. Agriculture, horticulture and fisheries	Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• work essential for livestock production and animal husbandry and health• work essential for plant production outdoors and in greenhouses, incl. feed production• professional fishing• work essential for agricultural and horticultural production in companies and corporations providing direct services (incl. further processing of foodstuffs, repair of machinery, etc.)
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2. Food sector	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tasks related to the installation, maintenance and servicing of machinery and equipment • auditors and certifiers of industrial plants requiring specialised expertise in different areas of the sector
3. Energy supply (incl. nuclear and radiation safety)	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <p>The following tasks in the energy sector (such as the distribution, transfer and production of district heating, electricity, gas (including liquefied natural gas (LNG)), oil products and domestic fuels):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installation, maintenance and repair work requiring special expertise (incl. annual and equipment maintenance) • testing and trial work requiring special expertise • monitoring and inspection tasks requiring special expertise in relation to the above <p>In the nuclear power sector in particular, the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport of fresh nuclear fuel • fuel exchange work at nuclear power plants (annual maintenance shutdowns) and the related inspection and maintenance measures • tasks related to the commissioning of a nuclear power plant, such as installation of systems, finalisation of tests, fuel charging and start-up of the plant • inspection tasks related to nuclear and radiation safety.
4. Marine and manufacturing industries	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • essential tasks at ship repair docks, specialised installers and experts working at docks • tasks related to the installation, commissioning, maintenance and auditing of systems, equipment and production lines that have a broad impact on the procurement chain

5. Construction (incl. water supply plants)	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialised installers and other specialists dealing with hospital equipment • specialised installers of hospital electrical systems • specialised tasks related to the emergency servicing and maintenance of machines and devices • specialised tasks related to the maintenance of automation systems • urgent management and maintenance of other critical infrastructure requiring special expertise: fairways, electricity, work on heating systems requiring special expertise, telecommunications, waste management • experts in water supply and sewerage processes and systems (water intake, water purification and distribution, sewerage and wastewater treatment) • emergency installation, construction, maintenance, repair and servicing tasks requiring special expertise in energy production plants for the emergency maintenance and servicing of machines and devices • emergency installation, construction, maintenance, repair and servicing tasks requiring special expertise in energy production plants for the maintenance of automation systems • emergency installation, construction, maintenance, repair and servicing tasks requiring special expertise in energy production plants • tasks related to special transports and the use of specialised lifting equipment
6. Transport and communications (excl. freight and goods transport, which continues at all borders)	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialised tasks related to the availability and usability of electronic communications services and networks • specialised tasks related to security of supply and continuity of transport related to foreign trade (maritime, air, rail and road transport and logistics) • specialised personnel working with vital or otherwise essential infrastructure • specialised tasks related to the availability and usability of transport services • specialised tasks related to the safety and reliability of transport networks • specialised tasks related to ensuring the availability of weather, maritime and conditions services

7. Chemical industry (incl. plastic and rubber)	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialised tasks related to installation, scheduled maintenance and repair • Tasks requiring special expertise in IT systems (including tasks related to production control and automation systems)
8. Pharmaceutical industry and health technology sector	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tasks requiring special expertise in the maintenance and repair of pharmaceutical industry, laboratory and medical devices • tasks requiring special expertise in the installation of new equipment and training for the use of new equipment • tasks requiring special expertise in the maintenance and repair of hospital equipment (incl. MRI/CT/Gamma cameras, patient surveillance equipment, central control rooms, ventilators, anaesthesia administration equipment, information systems, cardiology devices, incubators for premature infants, ultrasound imaging equipment)
9. Forest sector	<p>Task essential for security of supply or critical for sector operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • planting and sowing of forests, work in forest tree nurseries