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#### Extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions regarding the period of February 2020

The new Joint Ministerial Decision with ref.no.  $\Delta$ . 15/ $\Delta$ '/otk. 18043/574/25.5.2020 amends the provisions of the Joint Ministerial Decision with ref.no.  $\Delta$ .15/ $\Delta$ '/otk.13226/325/26.3.2020, which provides for the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions regarding February and March 2020.

According to the latest amendment, the Joint Ministerial Decision with ref.no.  $\Delta$ .15/ $\Delta$ '/otk.13226/325/26.3.2020 currently provides for the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions regarding the period of February 2020, which are due until 31.03.2020; the said extension shall last until 30.09.2020.

#### Extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions for businesses- employers regarding the period of March 2020

Pursuant to the provisions of the newly issued Joint Ministerial Decision with ref.no.  $\Delta$ .15/ $\Delta$ '/otk.18044/575/25.5.2020, the provision of the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions regarding the period of March is henceforth separated from the provisions the Joint Ministerial Decision with ref no.  $\Delta$ .15/ $\Delta$ '/otk.13226/325/26.3.2020 (as amended and currently in force); to be noted that the latter provides for the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions for businesses- employers regarding the period of February and March 2020.

According to the provisions of the new Decision, the deadline for payment of:

- Social security contributions regarding the period of March, which are due until 30.04.2020, is extended until 31.10.2020;
- Instalments in the context of a social-security debt arrangement, which are due until 30.04.2020, as well as of any subsequent monthly instalment is extended for three (3) months.

Businesses with specific active CPA codes (main or of secondary activity, as included in the list attached in the said newly issued Joint Ministerial Decision) as of 20.03.2020, may benefit from the aforementioned extension.

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#### Overview of the decisions currently applicable to the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions

Following the latest amendments made by the recently issued Joint Ministerial Decisions, the currently applicable framework for the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions is as follows:

- The Joint Ministerial Decision with ref no. Δ.15/Δ'/οικ.13226/325/26.3.2020 (as amended by the Joint Ministerial Decisions with ref.no. Δ.15/Δ'/οικ.13937/337/15-4-2020 and Δ. 15/Δ'/οικ. 18043/574/25.5.2020 K.Y.A., and currently in force) regulates the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions regarding the period of February 2020, which are due until 31.03.2020;
- The Joint Ministerial Decision with ref no. Δ.15/Δ'/οικ.18044/575/25.5.2020 provides for the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions regarding the period of March 2020, which are due until 30.04.2020;
- The Joint Ministerial Decision with ref no. Δ.15/Δ'/οικ.16484/499/7.5.2020 (as amended by the Joint Ministerial Decision with ref.no. Δ.15/Δ'/οικ.18045/576 /25.5.2020 K.Y.A. and currently in force) regulates the extension of the deadline for payment of social security contributions regarding the period of April 2020, which are due until 31.05.2020.

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