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# Global Tax Alert

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## Panamanian Government imposes a curfew in the national territory to stop spread of COVID-19

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Because of the increase in the number of infected individuals, Panama's Government has established a curfew applicable to the population throughout the national territory from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am beginning 18 March 2020.

However, the following individuals would be exempt from the curfew due to the nature of their work activities:

- ▶ Law enforcement personnel
- ▶ Public servants who attend to emergencies (e.g., health officials, Social Security Administration staff, Civil Protection Service personnel, representatives, mayors, among others)
- ▶ Personnel from hospitals, health care centers, medical and veterinary laboratories
- ▶ Personnel from the pharmaceutical industry, drugstores
- ▶ Public transport personnel for health reasons
- ▶ Gas station staff
- ▶ Market, supermarket and grocery store staff
- ▶ Restaurant kitchen staff with home delivery service and companies dedicated to home delivery service
- ▶ Personnel from security and transport companies

- ▶ Personnel from banks and savings cooperatives
- ▶ Food and beverage distribution personnel
- ▶ Personnel in the agricultural industry
- ▶ Personnel dedicated to energy production

- ▶ Telecommunication personnel, internet providers
- ▶ Personnel dedicated to air cargo, sea cargo, land cargo, imports, exports, and ports

The competent authorities will apply sanctions in cases of non-compliance.

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