

Italy, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear All,

As you may know, the Italian Government has launched measures of containment for people traveling within Italy to limit the spread of the COVID-19, also called Coronavirus. The measure involves several other limitations, like School closures, for all kind of Schools and Kindergarten to Universities, public or private, plus a pause to all sports events both indoor and outdoor, and the closure during the weekends of Shopping Centres and other locations where people could gather.

The aim of such a huge quarantine is to avoid un-necessary personal contacts and limit the possibility of the virus epidemic. Travelling in Italy is allowed for workers to reach their everyday workplace. Also, the movement of the goods in and out of Italy is guaranteed and trucks/vessels are free to move.

As a matter of consequence and although with some difficulties as you may understand, all Manufacturers part of Theca group have regularly continued their productions. The fact that all of them have always sourced a local workforce, from the same province or even municipality, has definitely helped. Yesterday trucks were regularly received and no disruption to the deliveries has happened. The goods-transport is expected to stay regular in the coming weeks.

All Manufacturers have also put in place extra hygienic precautions and a strict conduct list for their employees as suggested by the Government. All external staff and all Clients visits are cancelled as well as any participation to fairs, tradeshow, seminars and conferences until 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Our thoughts and thanks go to healthcare staff, Doctor, Nurses, researchers and administrators, who have been doing an amazing work in the last weeks and are currently under pressure to defend our people and communities. Especially thanks to them we wish the epidemic will be contained and Italy will soon return to be safe for travellers around the world to come to discover its beauty.

We wish everybody in Australia and New Zealand good health and we will continue to update you with information regarding our Companies and staff.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stay healthy

The Theca Team