Protocol for filming during the Covid-19 Health Crisis
Spanish Association of Advertising Producers (APCP)
PROTOCOL FOR FILMING DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS

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The aim of this Protocol is to foster the economic recovery of the advertising film industry, whilst protecting the workers and supporting public health in order to contribute and adapt to the current situation.

This action plan abides to all regulations included in the editions of the Spanish Official Gazette published since the 14th March 2020 to date and the guidelines issued by the Competent Authority and the delegated Competent Authorities.

Since then, a process of gradual reduction of the extraordinary measures established by the Plan for the transition for getting back to normality was initiated until the end of the state of alarm which ended at 00:00 hours on June 21st 2020. Since then, each Autonomous region of Spain is responsible, together with the General State Administration and the local entities, in accordance with health and epidemiological criteria, for monitoring, inspecting and implementing the correct compliance with the established measures.

Due to the special nature and characteristics of the current situation created by the Covid-19 pandemic, which is having an impact on all aspects of life and society both in Spain and abroad, information is constantly changing. Therefore, the APCP Protocol will be updated and adapted to any new regulation that comes into force.

Any commercial shoot carried out by the APCP producers from now on and whilst the special measures issued by the government are in force, must abide to the framework of actions and recommendations included in this APCP Protocol, thus guaranteeing that all workers operate under a safe action plan.

Therefore, the budgets of the projects carried out by APCP producers will be calculated according to the provisions in the version of the Protocol in force on the same date, in order to guarantee that all actions and timelines are duly updated and applicable.

This protocol complements, but does not replace, the ORP guidelines and the coronavirus prevention regulations that each producer may apply in its own company, workplace and with its own staff.

At APCP we realized that we needed an independent and reputed consultant to periodically check that all the member production companies comply with the legal requirements and the quality standards that we want to offer to our clients, both in Spain and abroad.

The result was the creation of the APCP quality hallmark, verified by the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification (AENOR). This seal guarantees that all the producers that are APCP members comply with the legal requirements and quality standards that all the members unanimously approved back in 2014.

Following that principle, this Action Protocol will also be reviewed by AENOR and it will be integrated in the Technical Specifications of the APCP/AENOR Guarantee.

Responsible behaviour of the employers and the crew is the best method to control the spread of the virus and put an end to this exceptional situation. Likewise, it is the responsibility of all the companies involved (production companies, agencies and advertisers) to comply with all the measures indicated in this protocol.
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Background

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that usually only affects animals. Some of them, however, can be transmitted from animals to humans.

The new coronavirus is called SARS-CoV-2. The disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus is called COVID-19. Its incubation period ranges from 2 to 14 days.

It is transmitted if there is contact with infected animals and/or with the respiratory secretions generated by the cough or sneeze of a person carrying the virus. These secretions can infect another person if they reach their nose, eyes or mouth.

The most common symptoms are fever, coughing, sneezing and shortness of breath. To a lesser extent, other digestive symptoms such as diarrhoea and abdominal pain have also been associated to coronavirus.

Additionally, there are also asymptomatic patients, i.e. people who do not present the most obvious symptoms but may still be infected. There is strong scientific evidence stating that asymptomatic carriers can transmit the virus. Therefore, prevention and protection measures must be strictly applied to the population at large.

It is recommended to avoid that high-risk workers (due to their personal characteristics, known health status, previous pathologies, medication, immune disorders or pregnancy) are exposed to the virus.
Chapter 1 – General Measures

Companies shall ensure that their workers are duly informed about the recommendations issued by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization regarding hygiene precautions.

At this time, special attention should be paid to the need to minimize the risks in places with a high potential for contagion, such as enclosed and public places where there is a large concentration of people, and to ensure the commitment of the entire population in the implementation of the measures adopted in order to continue protecting the right to life, physical integrity and health of individuals.

The end of the state of emergency entails freedom of movement within the national territory. This is the precondition for allowing entry from the rest of the Schengen area.

The use of face mask is compulsory on public roads, in open spaces and in any closed space for public use or open to the public, provided that it is not possible to maintain an interpersonal safety distance of at least 1.5 meters.

All workers should be informed that if they have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or if they suspect they may have them on a day in which they should go to work, they should report it to the company and remain in quarantine at home, without going to their workplace.

In the event that the worker is already at the workplace and shows symptoms associated with COVID-19, he/she will be referred to the health services promptly and efficiently, taking all necessary precautions to protect their safety and public health. If medical care is not available, the worker will be placed in quarantine until the health authority issues further instructions.

If the worker’s temperature is over 37.5° C and there are new symptoms, it is recommended to contact the healthcare services again and report the situation so that they can determine how to proceed. If the worker does not receive a POSITIVE COVID diagnosis, his/her accompanying persons may continue to lead a normal life, according to the current protocol, taking extreme hygiene precautions.

The healthcare services will assess the workers’ health data and subsequently issue individual medical recommendations for those workers who have shared tasks, especially for those with pathologies that are particularly sensitive to the coronavirus.

Access to the workplace is not allowed to anyone who does not work there nor to employees who are not essential to the organisation and feasibility of the project.

The production company will inform all workers when they join the project of the name of their insurance company.

In the event that the work takes place in several locations, workers will be informed which are the nearest hospitals with an emergency service and their insurance company.

Each production company will establish their own occupational risk prevention plan, adding to it the COVID-19 risk assessment model and will inform all the workers about it before joining their job.

Companies and suppliers working in production must have their own risk assessment, which will be prepared by the Occupational Risk Prevention Service of each company or qualified technician. Likewise, they must provide their workers and technicians with the recommended individual protection material (PPE) to carry out their work.

It will be necessary to allocate a greater amount of time and resources for the logistical limitations arising from the situation. On the other hand, there will be no rush and all the time needed will be allocated in all phases of production to comply with all preventive measures that safeguard the safety of workers.
Every person who attends the film shoot must sign a Workplace Access Document indicating that they have not been diagnosed positive in COVID-19 including that they have not presented symptoms in the last 14 days. This statement must inform if their habitual residence is in quarantine, adding which means of transport they have used to get the workplace and if they have traveled or not in the last 14 days outside the national territory and if so, to which countries.

Due to the Mobility Transition Plan published on April 28th, and the four-phase plan for the transition back to normality established by the Government, it is very important that each company takes into account the phase change according to the province that they are in.

Regarding the Tests: The Order of the Ministry of Health from April 13th, 2020 restricted the performance of tests to detect COVID-19 to private laboratories exclusively in those cases in which there is a previous optional prescription that is adjusted to the criteria established by the competent health authority. In addition, the Ministry of Health dated on April 28th at the “action plan of transition for getting back to normality” quotes: “Possible solutions to effectively deal with the disease, such as the vaccine, treatment or high immunization of the society, are not available today, nor are they expected to be in the coming months.”

Any solution in the future related to prevention or information about the health status of the worker, beyond those recommended by the Ministry of Health, is a decision for the production companies to take once they are able to carry them out. (As long as the use of this information and / or prevention does not violate the rights of workers currently protected in the statute of workers, civil code, the Constitution or in any other current regulations).

In terms of audiovisual production, states that film crew will be reduced to the essential number of people.

1.1. – General Measures for Remote Working, Health & Safety

1.1.1 - Remote Working

In order to prevent transmission and minimize risks, remote working is recommended when possible during pre-production and post-production.

The main preventive guidelines for remote working are:

- To design the workplace using ergonomic principles.
- To minimize visual fatigue providing good lighting.
- It is advisable to schedule a programme of meetings, including staff who is doing remote work and the rest of the company in order to keep them up to date with all issues related to their job and the company, and to promote a sense of belonging to the organisation.
- To try and differentiate the family setting and the work environment, being as flexible as possible with the working hours.
- To take 10-15-minute breaks every two hours of work to reduce physical and mental fatigue.
- To adopt healthy lifestyle habits.

In the case of the following high-risk profile, pursuant to the Ministry of Health classification, it is recommended that they should opt directly for remote working:

- People over 60 years of age.
- People with cardiovascular diseases and high blood pressure.
- People with chronic lung diseases, diabetes and immunosuppression.
- People with cancer.
- Pregnant women.

If, due to justified reasons, their work cannot be carried out from home, the workers must comply with the occupational risk prevention measures that are available at corporate level and individually.
1.1.2 – Health and Safety

Workers / Individual protection

The general individual protection guidelines recommended by the WHO and the Spanish Ministry of Health include:

- Regular hand hygiene (washing with soap and water or any approved alcohol-based solutions)
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow.
- Use disposable tissues and discard them after use.
- The safety distance between people should be approximately 1.5 meters.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, as hands make transmission easier.
- All workers and staff involved in the production must use the personal protective equipment (PPE) which consists of: mask and hydroalcoholic gel. The handing out of all protective equipment will be recorded at all times in order to keep a traceability system for each workers’ PPE kit.
- In some specific cases, other items may also be used (such as gloves, face shields, goggles, shoe covers, etc.) as well as the elements recommended by the occupational risk prevention service.
- Avoid sharing: tools, mobiles, computers, pens, walkies.

Urban Mobility

- It is recommended to use the worker’s private vehicle, whenever possible. When transport people in vehicles with up to nine seats including the driver, two people may move in each row of seats, provided that they use face mask and respect the maximum possible distance between the occupants. However, these regulations may change depending on the Autonomous Community, so it is recommended to confer with them about the current situation. In the event that the occupants of the vehicle are cohabitants, all available seats may be used.
- In the case of using public transport, as well as trains and buses, all available seats may be occupied, and an attempt should be made to maintain a safe distance from others at all times. Remember that the use of a face mask is compulsory on public transport.
- In the case of private taxi and transport vehicle with driver, to know the maximum capacities allowed per row you should refer to the regulations in force in the corresponding Autonomous Community. It in addition to the national general regulations for the safety urban mobility in regard to Covid-19.
- The mobility within a province and between provinces it’s permitted.
- Recommendations shall be established to ensure that getting to and from work and location is carried out with the least possible risk and workers shall be informed of the means of transport available to be used in each situation.

Workplace

- The maximum capacity of the workplace must be calculated in compliance with the social distancing requirements.
- If when applying the usual shifts, the location is not large enough to comply with the social distancing requirements, the company must stagger the shooting schedule as much as possible, even resorting to reassigning tasks and/or teleworking.
- Approved alcohol-based hand sanitizers should be provided at the entrance to the workplace so that people can wash their hands when arriving and leaving the premises.
- Toilets will be available to be used for regular hand hygiene (washing with soap and water or approved alcohol-based sanitizer).
- Disinfection of the facilities following the procedure recommended by the authorities. All surfaces that are frequently touched, such as tables, chairs, door knobs, bathroom and toilet surfaces, taps, keyboards, telephones, etc., must be cleaned with disposable materials and disinfected daily with a domestic disinfectant solution containing bleach at a dilution of 1:50 (2 parts bleach and 98 parts water), prepared on the same day. As an alternative to bleach, a 70% alcohol solution is also recommended.
• Disposable cutlery, glasses, plates and other utensils should be used. If possible, all the material should be organic. If reusable cutlery, glasses and plates are used, they should be washed with hot water and soap, preferably in the dishwasher at more than 60° C.
• It is recommended to display signage and posters to inform all members of the film crew of the hygiene procedures issued by the health authorities.
• If necessary, physical protection barriers should be established.
• In the workplace has windows that can be opened, guidelines will be established to maintain appropriate ventilation and air renewal. In workplaces without natural ventilation (closed buildings), the air-conditioning system will be adjusted to increase the hourly air renewal rate or the percentage of fresh air added, in order to avoid air recirculation as much as possible. The recommended room temperature ranges from 23 to 26° C.
• The workplace must have hygienic waste containers marked with labels for this purpose, with foot operated lids for the removal of protective equipment and its disposal.
• Large amounts of waste will be generated that cannot be recycled. In this sense, as far as possible, we ask that compostable or biodegradable consumables are acquired to facilitate the management of this waste.
• It is necessary to continue incorporating into our daily routine all measures that help to reduce these three main important factors: transportation, energy consumption and waste disposal. (whilst not endangering health, jeopardizing the preventive measures of this protocol or the health regulations. Whilst there are several measures that may make this difficult to comply with, environment-friendly options should be chosen whenever possible.
• Likewise, priority will be given to the online distribution and digital signing of filming documents, as well as encouraging that printed information should only be for individual use.

Chapter 2 - Pre-Production

We recommend that all the pre-production work in each department is be done online and with remote work, except for the following cases inherent to our activity.

2.1 - Casting

Auditions are recommended to be carried out online following one of 2 different options:

A first option would be using a self-tape (a video self-recorded by the talent at home following the indications of the casting director). After viewing them, the casting director together with the director and the production company, will make the preliminary selection. In case of doubt or if the talent has to be redirected, the second option could be an additional tool.

In a second option, the casting director will schedule a video calls with each talent, using one of the applications that can also allow recording it in HD.

When a casting takes place in a studio, the studio must comply with the general prevention and hygiene measures against COVID-19 indicated by the health authorities and must present an action plan and measures endorsed by your ORP company.

2.2 - Location scouting

The number of people involved in this phase must be minimized and resorting to remote work as much as possible.

In order to minimize the physical visits to the potential locations, it is recommended to ask the location scout to send the files prior to doing the scouting in person. When scouting, the option of virtual scouting by the director via streaming should be considered.

The location scout must follow the recommended general safety guidelines as well as the following principles:
Once in the location, in case that it is necessary to establish contact with a location representative, the interaction should be minimized to one person only.

Take all photographs potentially needed in order to spend as little time as possible there.

2.3 - Film Permit for Public Locations

Filming is allowed in public spaces that have the corresponding authorization by the various competent authorities, taking into account that each municipality may impose its own restrictions.

It is recommended to continue checking with the administrations all the times and reactivations in the different shooting permits, as well as with the different town halls for vehicle occupations.

On public roads, the production company will place signs and isolate the filming space where the action takes place by means of beacon tape or signaling fences to ensure safe mobility of pedestrians during the time the road is occupied.

The pedestrian access / route must allow the required distance in between people to be met. The production company will have disposal bins for discarding the used PPEs when leaving the location.

2.4 - Film Permits for Private Locations

Filming in private locations, studios and sets is allowed but it is subject to reaching a prior agreement with the property owners.

In this exceptional situation, the following clauses should be added to the contract between the production company and the location owner:

- The number of people in the technical recce that can access the location during the working day will be agreed with the owner, respecting the general safety guidelines and this protocol.
- The location will be called before filming to proceed with its disinfection. Once this has been done, the specific area that has been disinfected will be duly signposted.
- The location disinfection protocol (before and after filming) must be designed according to the specific needs of the location and the shooting plan. The disinfection protocol should be included in writing in the contract.
- In cases of locations that require the use of common spaces, such as the building entrance, staircase, lifts, etc., to access private locations, it will be necessary to sign an agreement with the community administrator or the manager of said common space, which should include the disinfection protocol, the number of people with access and the special measures.

2.5 - Work Permit for Minors

The Autonomous Communities have already resumed the processing of minors’ permits. However, they are carefully supervising the RLP (specific Covid-19 of the minor and of the shooting location) provided by the producers in relation to the security measures marked by the health authorities reflected in our chapter protocol.

2.6 - Permits for Animals

As far as we know, the Regional Governments have not stated any limitations to filming with animals. In the case of the Madrid Regional Government, the permit to film with animals is granted by the local city councils. Therefore, it is foreseeable that administrative procedures will be slower than usual.

2.7 - Pre-Production Meeting (PPM) with Agency and/or Client

Briefs, meetings and all Pre-PPM and PPM processes will be done online and resorting to remote work.
2.8 - Tech Scout

The tech scout will be attended by the department heads who are essential for the job. The technical crew should follow the general safety guidelines as well as the following ones:

- Once in the location, in case that it is necessary to establish contact with a location representative, the interaction should be minimized to one person only.
- Minimise the time spent at the location by the technical crew.

The general prevention and hygiene measures against COVID-19 indicated by the health authorities will be complied with and the corresponding interpersonal distance with third parties will be maintained, as well as the use of protection equipment appropriate to the level of risk.

2.9 - Costume Fitting

In order to minimize and prevent risks, costume fittings for the talent should not be carried out before filming.

To proceed to the selection and prior approval of the costumes, a section will be included in the PPM file describing the final costumes proposed for each cast member, indicating the size and alternatives, both for the selected talents and the back-ups.

In the case of a face-to-face fitting before filming, the people present will be reduced to the minimum and indispensable. The studio / room must comply with the general prevention and hygiene measures against COVID-19 indicated by the health authorities and must present an action plan and measures endorsed by their ORP company.

The talent will be called individually, and the safety distance will be respected at all times. Where the nature of the stylists' activity does not allow to keep the interpersonal distance, those involved shall use protective equipment appropriate to the level of risk as a protective measure.
Chapter 3 - Filming

“Clean Shoots”

In order to avoid transmission between people and to minimize risks, the Protocol recommends that the shoot is attended by the minimum number of people necessary to carry out the filming.

All health and safety guidelines and precautions will be strictly observed in order to work in a “clean shoot”, i.e. creating a shooting environment in which each department will do their tasks minimizing transmission risks, following at all times the official general safety guidelines and the special actions detailed throughout this protocol.

All workers should be accountable to follow the Health & Safety regulations set by the government outside the workplace. The temperature of all workers subject will be checked, using a non-contact thermometer (infrared thermometer) before entering the set on the shoot day. If the temperature is higher than 37.5°C, the worker will be sent home or to a health centre to have his/her temperature examined.

The PPE’s KIT will be distributed according to the needs of each department. A record must be kept of all the equipment handed to each worker.

The filming crew, including both the technical and artistic teams, must always wear an identification, have passed the body temperature check and equipped with the mandatory PPE. Only then they will be allowed to access the set. Access to the shoot location will not be allowed if these requirements are not complied with.

In the case of a person who is sick, the client and the producer should jointly decide whether to cancel the shoot, to replace that person or to have rest of the department to continue working without him/her. This decision may entail that the client may only pay the leave of that person or the client may also pay the costs of the overtime in the shooting schedule, plus the costs of the person who replaces him/her. During this period, it is strongly recommended to have a back-up for the main cast, in case there is an unexpected absence.

The industry professionals should be encouraged to show their best civic mindedness and not to take on jobs if they suffer from any COVID-19 symptoms or have been in contact with someone who had it. Professionals should also inform the company promptly of their decision not to accept the job if they are sick, in respect for their colleagues and to avoid last-minute replacements and interruptions to filming.

3.1. Filming Protocol for the Technical Crew

The filming protocol for the technical crew includes the following professionals and departments:

- Director
- Direction Team
- Production Team
- Director of Photography
- Camera, Grip and Electrical Department
- Hair & Makeup Department
- Wardrobe Department
- Art and VFX Department
- Home Economist and Food Stylist
- Sound
- Scene Vehicles
- Camera Car and Trailers
- PRL (Laboral Risk Prevention) / Nurse and healthcare services

During the shoot, the day before and the day after, all members of the technical crew must follow the general safety guidelines in addition to those listed below:
During the entire working day, the crew should not remove their mask unless it is strictly necessary and they will have disinfectant gel to clean their hands regularly. Detailed instructions for each department are included below.

The number and duration of shooting actions that require two or more people to be at a distance of less than the recommended 1,5 meters should be minimized.

During filming, each department must ensure that their tools, equipment and scene elements are disinfected as often as possible.

Walkie-talkies will be duly identified and protected with plastic covers, including the earpieces which should also have protection. This equipment will be non-transferable and non-exchangeable during the shooting. Before and after each day, they will be disinfected for use. It is also recommended that each individual uses their own personal earpiece.

The walkie-talkie communication protocol should be optimized in order to minimize the interaction of people’s hands and mouths with the equipment. It is recommended to use mobile technologies via Bluetooth, Wi-Fi or intercom for any internal crew communications on the set.

Any items that have to be held, used or simply touched with people’s hands must be previously disinfected.

An appropriate waiting area with sufficient space must be provided so that the technical and artistic crew can follow the recommended general safety guidelines and respect the safety distance of approximately 1,5 meters.

The person in charge of Occupational Risk Prevention is considered to be key in the coordination between production and direction departments during pre-production and filming phases. Likewise, the person responsible for sanitary services will assume the professional competences of sanitary control and prevention.

These are the recommendations and guidelines for the technical crew in general. Please see below some specific recommendations for each department.

3.1.1 - Hair and Makeup

Due to the special nature of this activity, which must be carried out in close proximity to the talent, the standard mask will be complemented with gloves, gowns, protective masks and disposable caps.

It is necessary to have hand sanitizing liquid available and accessible to both make-up and artistic equipment. The make-up and hairdressing team must disinfect their hands before starting their work as well as every time they work with a new talent.

All products and tools must be cleaned and disinfected before use. Single-dose products used individually for each talent are recommended. A previous preparation of these kits should be done and kept individually for each talent. At the moment it is recommended to use make-up belonging to the talent, as long as they are happy for it to be used. If possible, all materials used should be disposable products.

It is preferable to work using brushes and other instruments, rather than with your hands or fingers. If it is necessary to use your hands for specific tasks such as combing the hair, it is recommended to wash them and disinfect them before and after using them.
3.1.2 - Wardrobe Department

Any garments to be used by the talent must have been duly disinfected beforehand. If the item is new, please check the manufacturer hygienic guarantees.

During filming, the clothes of each talent will be identified and independently protected with a plastic cover at all times. Each talent will only use the clothes allocated to him/her and they can never exchange clothes without having them properly disinfected beforehand.

In the case of stuntmen, specialists or precision drivers, double wardrobe will be available for them. The talent may wear his/her own costume, as long as it is in accordance with the creative briefing.

Extreme hygiene and disinfection measures will be taken with the wardrobe equipment, such as clothes racks, hangers, irons, sewing machines, motorhome, etc.

The clothes should be collected and returned before and after the shoot. It is important to respect the general safety guidelines during the whole working day, both individually and when going to the shops and rental outlets. The shops and rental outlets will have their own protocols.

As far as possible, it is recommended to work with a supplier which can issue a disinfection certificate. We recommend reaching an agreement with the rental companies on the return protocol which will be applied upon completion of the shoot.

3.1.3 - Art Department

During filming, the art department must make sure that all decoration elements and props that come into contact with the technical and artistic crews are disinfected before and after each scene.

The set construction as well as the props collection and return should take place before and after the actual shoot. It is important to respect the general safety guidelines during the whole working day, both individually and when going to the shops and rental outlets. The shops and rental outlets will have their own protocols. We recommend reaching an agreement with the rental companies on the return protocol which will be applied upon completion of the shoot.

3.1.4 - Camera, Grip and Electrical Department

During filming, all tools and equipment must be disinfected as often as possible.

All equipment checks and tests as well the loading and offloading should take place before and after the actual shoot. It is important to respect the general safety guidelines during the whole working day, both individually and when going to the shops and rental outlets. It is likely that these companies have their own protocols.

All the Camera, Grip and Electrical equipment should be delivered to the shoot with a disinfection certificate issued by the supplier.

The use of laser distance measurement is recommended, in order to maintain the safety distance at all times. It is important to provide independent monitors to the Director, Director of Photography and Camera Assistant in order to keep the safety distance.

3.1.5 - Sound

During filming, all tools and equipment must be disinfected as often as possible. Lapel mics must be duly disinfected after each frame. Each talent will have a mic for individual use only, which cannot be shared.

The microphones must be transported to the set in sanitized sleeves or containers. During scene or set changes both the covers and the anti-wind systems that cover the microphones must be disinfected.
3.1.6 - Home Economist and Food Stylist

They should carry out their work in a separate area, isolated from the technical crew and following all preventive measures, both in terms of health and food handling. They should wear the standard protective personal equipment (PPE) at all times.

Any food and products that go in the scene must be prepared before taking them to the set. During the preparation they must be kept in custody, safe and isolated.

3.1.7 - Animals

In addition to complying with all general safety guidelines and the specific health standards, it is important to disinfect the animal's paws when working in various locations.

- The production company must check the processes, timing and measures for each situation.
- A veterinary study of the animal will be carried out.
- The animal's owner and trainer will be present on set and will follow all the individual and collective protective guidelines outlined in this document.
- The interaction of the animal with the talent will be limited to the actual filming. Whenever possible, body contact should be minimized and the talent will be informed of their interaction in advance.
- Contact between the animal, its trainer and owner and the filming crew will be minimized. They will be on set only and strictly when needed.

3.1.8 - Action Vehicle Technician

All action vehicles must be delivered to the set with a disinfection certificate issued by the supplier. In the event that the car is provided by the client or the Production Company, it must be disinfected before coming into the set or before being in contact with any technical or artistic worker. During the shoot, the vehicle interior should be disinfected every time it is used.

3.1.9 - Camera Car and Trailers

The use of vehicles with Crane Arms or Tracking Vehicles is permitted as long as it is confirmed with the suppliers that they have been correctly approved by their LRP to carry out their activity in compliance with the established COVID-19 health regulations, before contracting the service. The supplier must share and provide the LRP with the production company and, as with the other vehicles, the person in charge must comply with the sanitary measures of disinfection and safety.

It is recommended to check in each location the status of the permits in order to be able to carry out the activity.

3.1.10 - Visual Effects

Given the characteristics of the effects department, it is recommended that the producer along with the Stunt crew and / or Special or Visual Effects supervisor, analyse each situation or scenario to evaluate its viability given the Health & Safety measures in force to date.

Each Stunt and / or Special Visual Effects Company must present an action plan and measures endorsed by its PRL company to the producer. All visual effects work material, as well as utensils and tools, must be properly disinfected.
3.2. - Filming Protocol for the Artistic Crew

Securing a back-up of the main cast is recommended so that they can fill in for the talent that may become positive between the PPM and the shoot.

The whole cast must follow the general safety guidelines in addition to those listed below:

During the whole working day, the artistic crew should not take off their mask unless it is strictly necessary and provided that the safety distance of approximately 1.5 meters is respected.

At the Order SND/399/2020, from May 9th, Chapter X, Article 30. c), states that when the nature of the activity does not allow to keep interpersonal distance, those involved shall use protection equipment appropriate to the level of risk as a protection measure.

Likewise, Article d) states that in cases where the nature of the work does not allow to keep interpersonal distance or the use of protective equipment appropriate to the level of risk, as in the case of actors and actresses, safety measures designed for each particular case on the basis of the recommendations of the health authorities shall be taken.

Finally, Article 31(4) states that filming where there is no direct physical interaction involving contact between the talent may be started in accordance with the general prevention and hygiene measures against COVID-19 indicated by the health authorities. In the case referred to in Article 30(d), specific measures must be established on a case-by-case basis by those responsible for the shoot on the basis of recommendations from the health authorities.

Therefore, in the case of shooting with talent without face mask and without the safety distance of approximately 1.5 meters, prevention measures will have to be established for each particular case, following the instructions of the Ministry of Health and the Occupational Risk Prevention Plan of each production.

If due to the type of make-up or hairdressing applied, it is not feasible to wear the mask, an independent space will be designated for the talent to be isolated from the rest of the technical or artistic crew meanwhile.

Precision Drivers must use personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times unless it is absolutely necessary to remove it during the actual filming.

If the talent has to perform any product consumption or eat during one or more shots, that product must be packed separately. If it is only the packaging that is in contact with the mouth and hands, it should be disinfected beforehand. If it is food prepared by the film crew, the process should have followed the appropriate health and safety guidelines and the food should stay protected, avoiding contact with the environment using plastic wrap, food containers, metal lids, silicone, etc.

Any element that the cast has to hold, use or simply touch with their hands must be previously disinfected with an approved disinfectant solution. The talent must wash their hands and use hand sanitizer after finishing each scene.

A large enough space shall be provided so that during waiting times, the artistic crew can follow the recommended general safety guidelines and respect the safety distance of approximately 1.5 meters.

3.3 - Attendance to the shoot

3.3.1. Technical Crew

At the Order SND/399/2020 from May 9th, Chapter X, Article 30a, in regard to the prevention and hygiene measures against COVID-19 in terms of audiovisual production, states that the film crew will be reduced to the essential number of people.
Full health and safety precautions will be strictly observed in order to create a filming environment where transmission risks are minimized. The official guidelines and the special measures detailed throughout this protocol will be applied in order to avoid transmission and to minimize risks. This point can be subject to various interpretations and we understand that each project has its own needs and peculiarities. However, considering the exceptionality of the current health crisis, we are bound to agree that only an absolute minimum amount of people can attend the shoot.

Therefore, we would suggest the definition of "essential crew", which includes includes those people who will work and physically attend the set, provided that the safety distance of approximately 1.5 meters is respected at all times.

These crew members should always wear an identification and be numbered. They are the only people who can access the set. Therefore, our recommendation is to keep an “essential crew” of as few people as possible in order to prevent contagion between people and to minimize any possible risk.

Depending on the production design and its specific needs, it will be decided which people are part of the "essential crew" on set. The transit of people in the communal areas of the location will be limited as much as possible.

People working in the project before or after the shoot are not counted as part of this essential crew. Neither is the case of people working remotely or providing logistic support to the shoot. The following workers cannot access the set because their job takes place away from it or before/after the shoot:

- Drivers / Production Assistants
- Transport
- DIT
- Constructors
- Catering
- Art and Wardrobe staff participating before or after the shoot
- Cleaning staff

Crew members that do not have access to the film set must also scrupulously comply with the same requirements as the "essential crew", both in terms of health and safety and following the general safety guidelines. The only difference being that they do not have access to the set, which facilitates the monitoring and compliance with the maximum capacity of the shoot.

In the event of Pre-lighting or any set building the day before, all general security measures must be followed at all times.

3.3.2 – Attendance of the Artistic Crew

The Action Protocol for the artistic crew is applicable to:

- Main cast
- Supporting roles
- Hand models
- Stunt double
- Stunt performer
- Standard background talent
- Special background talent

In order to avoid transmission and to minimize risks, access to the shoot will only be granted to the minimum indispensable actors / talent, including only those who are essential for filming and guaranteeing people’s health and compliance with the general safety guidelines.

3.3.3 – Attendance to the shoot (Agency and Client)

It is recommended that the minimum necessary people from the Agency and the Client attend the shoot. They will be required to comply with all general health and safety guidelines set out in this protocol.
The remaining team members from both companies will be connected online with the film set. For this purpose, we recommend using streaming.

Additionally, the latest technologies allow us to follow the shooting from home, with a general filming of the set using a GoPro-type of camera and adding dedicated audio channels. These video & audio channels can also be watched in different meeting rooms (with various sets of participants) to facilitate the preparation process. This remote work methodology requires the written authorization of all parties. It is recommended to establish a strict protocol to compile the authorizations from the remote participants before the shooting. Similarly, there are other less costly and simpler video call alternatives such as Zoom or Skype.

3.4 - Locations and Sets

In addition to the filming protocol, the **general health and safety guidelines** will be scrupulously followed at all times.

The locations and sets will be disinfected before and after filming. Access to the filming set will only be granted to the "essential technical and artistic crew". **It is recommended that the interaction of crew in the shooting areas is reduced as much as possible.**

The maximum capacity of the film set must have sufficient space to comply with the safe distancing guidelines. Hand sanitizer and masks shall be provided at the entrance to the film set. Entrance will not be allowed to people not equipped the specific PPE, which must be worn at all times whilst on set.

The protective equipment mentioned above shall be located in the entrance to the facilities together with waste containers to dispose of them upon departure. When a crew member leaves the premises, they must place the masks in the waste container provided for this purpose at the entrance or in any other designated place.

**It is recommended to put up signage informing the crew about the hygiene guidelines issued by the health authorities and any other message deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with hygiene and prevention measures against COVID-19, as well as correct signage of entrances and exits, to avoid the concentration of people.**

The Direction & Production Departments will brief all crew members of the essential health and safety guidelines applicable to the location before starting the shoot. If necessary, physical protection barriers will be provided.

These instructions shall also be observed in all the adjoining areas close to the set, which should be large enough to allow crew members working there to follow the recommended general safety guidelines and to keep the safety distance.

In exceptional cases, where access to toilets, rest areas, makeup rooms, catering area, etc. requires going through the set, an access path must be delimited with two lanes to avoid anyone hanging around the set.
3.5 - Catering

Catering companies must comply with the general prevention and hygiene measures against COVID-19 indicated by the health authorities and must present an action plan and measures endorsed by their LRP company.

Whilst keeping the usual one-hour meal break, the dining area will be organized so that half of the group can eat first and then the other half, which will create two 30-minute shifts. This will facilitate keeping the safety distance and avoid overcrowding of the dining area. The rest of the crew will be in other additional areas resting or waiting for their turn to eat.

It is important that food service is always prioritized in outdoor & open spaces, and in the case of indoor service, the tables should be separated by screens if determined by their corresponding LRP. Ventilation is extremely important at the time of service, so it is recommended to always choose spaces with natural ventilation and ventilate every 15 minutes. Likewise, the use of fans or AC is not recommended during food service.

The catering service will provide more aseptic preparations of the meals, ensuring that the products are less exposed in order to reduce contamination as much as possible. It is recommended to limit the service points to guarantee safety throughout the day of filming.

At drinking water sources, contact of the bottle with the source should be avoided. Catering must disinfect it periodically. The use of ecological disposable cups is recommended. The food will be served in individual boxes, both at breakfast and lunch, using airtight organic containers made of plant fibre. Single-dose products / food will be used avoiding any shared food service.

In case the LRP of the catering company authorizes it, it will be possible to return to ceramic plates & stainless-steel cutlery, as long as they are only handled by catering personnel, and they comply with their PRL of handling & hygiene. Cutlery must always be individualized after cleaning.

Handling of the product at the location should be minimised. All food handling should be done beforehand at the supplier’s premises. If cooking is carried out on the set, all applicable hygiene measures and adapted protocols will be observed to guarantee that the food and materials are in aseptic conditions.

Whenever possible the catering staff, or assigned person (after immediate disinfection) should be the only person handling the coffee machine and other elements on the maintenance / service table.

Catering staff will be provided with the appropriate clothing, they will wear waterproof disposable nitrile gloves and protective masks. All working tools and food containers will be sanitized and sterilized.

3.6 - Transport

All transfers of technical and artistic crew must comply with the general safety guidelines and the transport regulations.

In the transportation of people in vehicles with up to nine seats, including the driver, two people may move in each row of seats, provided that they wear face mask and respect the maximum possible distance between the occupants. However, these regulations may change depending on the Autonomous Community, so it is recommended to confer with them about the current situation.

If public transport is used, as well as trains and buses, all available seats may be occupied, and care should be taken to keep the safety distance between each other. Face masks must be worn all the time. All transport vehicles must have an official disinfection certificate issued by the transport company before the contract begins. Trucks must be completely closed whilst they are not being used for loading or unloading.

Drivers must always be equipped with their specific PPE and remain inside the cabin except when they have to load or unload. In addition, each external transport company must comply with its own protocol.
Chapter 4 - Post Production

Remote work will be prioritized during all phases of post-production using with a protocol previously agreed with the Association of Post Production Companies (AEPP)

4.1 - Implementing rules for procurement

A number of additional definitions, beyond the standard requirements included in this protocol, will be set out in the requests for proposals and subsequent contracts:

- Type of work
- Space or area that is needed.
- Technical and human resources.
- Period of time needed to carry out the work.

4.2 - Before coming to our facilities:

- In compliance with the regulations on coordination of Labour Relations, we must specify the number of people who will need to access their facilities. Post-production companies will limit this number according to the space they have available in order to comply with the current regulations on the distribution of people in closed areas.
- Coordination between attendees and the Post-production company for organization purposes.
- It is the visitor's responsibility to confirm his/her health status before entering the facility.

4.3 - Rules to plan work in the post production room

- The regulations currently in force on the access to the post production facility and rooms will be observed.
- A minimum distance of 1.5 meters must always be taken with any person inside the facilities.
- The number of people allowed in the post production room will be minimized. The number of people will be calculated based on the space and technical means available and will comply with the current regulations on Labour Relations coordination.
- Within the work rooms, if the presence of more than one person is necessary, the health recommendations and the recommended safety distances will be taken into account at all times.
- The post-production rooms must be equipped with alcohol-based sanitizer and any system that allows for the immediate cleaning/disinfection of work surfaces (disinfectant spray or wipes)
- If there is a bar or café in the facilities, it will remain closed during this period.
- All rest areas, bars, areas around vending machines and water fountains may be open or closed at the company's discretion. If they are open, the company must take into account the regulations on safety distance and the complete protection for individual use of food and beverages.
- In the rooms and spaces to be used, there will be information notices on the aspects to be taken into account in the facilities, as well as rules to be followed at the discretion of each of the companies.

4.4 - Rules for entering and leaving the facility

- The people entering the premises must provide their protective materials (gloves, mask). If this is not the case, the organization shall provide, within the possibilities available, disinfectant gel, mask and disposable gloves. The visitor must use them whilst in the facilities (except those with dialogue which should only be at the time of the speech in the sound studios).
- This equipment must be located at the entrance of the facility, together with a waste container to dispose of them when leaving the premises.
- When anyone leaves the premises, they should place the gloves and masks in the waste container provided at the entrance or in the designated place.
- The itinerary inside the facility will be organized in such a way that the visitor will not have to establish contact with anybody.
• Visitors' access areas will be delimited either with physical elements, tape or marks on the floor.
• Anyone entering the facility must wash their hands thoroughly before using the protective equipment.
• When anyone leaves the premises, the working area must be immediately disinfected, at least doing a quick cleaning of the working surfaces and tools.

4.5 - Sound studios and voice-over artists

• The instructions for the voice-over artists must be made available at the entrance of the facility, indicating which recording studio they should go to and the text to be used. Any other materials they may need will also be available at the entrance.
• The voice-over artists should bring their own headphones, if possible.
• The studio must have headphones that have been duly disinfected. The microphone must also have been disinfected and covered.
Chapter 5 - Documentation

5.1 - Budgets
The production budget will be valid as long as the protocols of the "New Normality" do not change, in which case it will have to be updated with its consequent modifications.

The budgets will have to change as a consequence of the addition of some expenses derived from the new measures adopted during this health crisis, which have to be included in order to comply with this protocol and to shoot in the safest possible way. Therefore, new budget items will be added (cleaning, PPE material, medical staff, etc.) and other already existing items will be adapted in order to comply with the safety recommendations, such as the number of transfer vehicles, for example.

In addition to the above, the client should be informed that unforeseen expenses may arise as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. The new costs are not included in the original budget and the client will have to cover them because insurance companies do not cover any unforeseen expenses arising from the Covid-19.

5.2 – Project Schedules
Due to the new precautions, prohibitions and measures implemented in the current situation, as discussed in this document, it is recommended to review the project schedule to ensure there is sufficient time to take all the steps required to work under this protocol. Similarly, the new protocols included in this document may affect the shooting times, which will have to be adapted accordingly to comply with the guidelines.

It is also very important to be aware that these schedules are subject to the upcoming publications of the Spanish Official Gazette (BOE) and its regulatory updates.

5.3 - Conditions, Insurance and Cancellations
Similarly to what happened with SARS, insurance companies are currently excluding any claims arising from COVID-19 from their policy scope. This implies that certain guarantees such as non-appearance and additional expenses would not be covered by the policy, if the claim is related to COVID-19.

In view of this, it is recommended that clients are informed that this type of claim will be processed in the same way as weather-related events, when there is no weather-day insurance. In other words, any liability due to non-appearance, cancellations, postponements, etc. due to causes arising from COVID-19 or government measures related to it, will be borne by the client.

An Annex to the APCP’s General Terms and Conditions has been prepared and will form part of these from now on. The following note should be added to all budgets:

“This budget is subject to the General Terms and Conditions in the Standard Contract agreed by the APCP, the Association of Advertising Agencies and the Association of Advertisers, to any other additional agreement between the parties and to Annex Covid-19, a copy of which will be provided on request”.

We recommend that the producer and the agency or client sign the Covid19 Annex in order to be informed of these exceptional circumstances and to have a document that proves it.

The measures contained in the Annex are in line with the European good practices published by CFP-e and which can be consulted at the following link: https://www.cfp-e.com/2020/06/08/promoting-best-production-practices-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/.

Additionally, the company should review its insurance policies to analyse if there are any additional coverages due to the pandemic or COVID-19 related claims.
Conclusions

1. Since the end of the state of alarm that ended on June 21st 2020, the Autonomous Communities have been responsible, together with the General State Administration and local entities within the scope of their respective competences, in accordance with health and epidemiological criteria, for the functions of monitoring, inspecting and controlling that the correct established measures are complied with.

2. Workers must inform the company if they show symptoms and will be kept in quarantine at home.

3. In order to avoid transmission, remote work will be recommended, whenever possible.

4. If and when remote working is not feasible, the protective guidelines recommended by the authorities shall be followed:
   - Use of protective masks all the time.
   - Regular hand hygiene using alcohol-based sanitizers.
   - Respect the safety distance of approximately 1.5 meters.

5. Each production company will establish the usual occupational risk prevention plan, adding to it the Covid-19 risk assessment model, and will inform all workers about it before they start working.

6. Each person attending the shoot must sign a document of access to the workplace. A model for such a declaration has been drawn up by APCP available for associates.

7. The workplace must be subject to regular disinfection procedures.

8. Casting auditions will be recommended out online, either with a self-tape (videos recorded at home by the talent) and/or video calls.

9. Filming in public spaces (public roads, parks, coasts, roads...) is authorized, bearing in mind that each administration may impose their own restrictions.

10. Filming in private locations is allowed. The parties must reach an agreement and consensus on the number of people and disinfection measures. The safety distance must be observed at all times.

11. Work permits for minors is reactivated depending on the possibilities of each Autonomous Community.

12. Meetings between the production company, the agency and the client such as briefings, PPMs, etc., will be recommended out online.

13. There is a new specific protocol for tech scouts, aimed at avoiding overcrowding the site and which only allows the "essential crew" to attend the visit.

14. It is recommended not to do fittings before the shoot and to present the actual wardrobe in the PPM file and make the selection from there.
15. We will be working in so-called clean shoots, which implies that only a minimum indispensable crew will participate in the filming.
   • Workers will be subject to temperature checks on the day of shooting. There will be a back-up protocol for the artistic crew.
   • Prevention and safety guidelines are applicable to all workers according to their role and function in the production.
   • It is established that the "essential film crew" (physically present on the set) in a "clean shoot" is the absolute minimum possible. Safety distance of approximately 1,5 meters will be observed at all times.
   • As part of the film crew, the Agency and the Advertiser's representative are also included on the set.

16. This protocol is a guide for the ACCP members. If there is any discrepancy with the provisions made in current or future regulations that may be issued by the Spanish Government or Parliament, their provisions shall prevail.

17. The APCP shall not held responsible for any claim derived from the interpretation of any point included in this action protocol.
Legal Framework

The regulations applicable to COVID-19 are as follows:


- RDL 487/2020 from April 10th, which extends the state of alarm declared by Royal Decree 463/2020, from March 14th, which declares the state of alarm for the management of the situation of health crisis caused by COVID-19. https://www.boe.es/eli/es/rd/2020/04/10/487

- RDL 15/2020 from April 21st, of complementary urgent measures to support the economy and employment. [https://www.boe.es/eli/es/rdl/2020/04/21/15](https://www.boe.es/eli/es/rdl/2020/04/21/15)


- Plan for the transition for getting back to normality from April 28th. [https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/consejodeministros/resumenes/Documents/2020/PlanTransicionNuevaNormalidad.pdf](https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/consejodeministros/resumenes/Documents/2020/PlanTransicionNuevaNormalidad.pdf)

- Annex II. Orientative Forecast for the lifting of the national limitations established in the state of alarm, depending on the phases of transition for getting back to normality. [https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/consejodeministros/resumenes/Documents/2020/28042020_Anexo%20II%20FASES.pdf](https://www.lamoncloa.gob.es/consejodeministros/resumenes/Documents/2020/28042020_Anexo%20II%20FASES.pdf)

- Order TMA / 385/2020, from May 2nd, amending Order SND / 340/2020, from April 12th, suspending certain activities related to intervention works in existing buildings in which there is risk of contagion by COVID-19 for people not related to this activity. [https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/02/tma385](https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/02/tma385)

- Order TMA / 386/2020, from May 3rd, which relaxes certain social restrictions and determines the conditions of development of the activity of retail trade and service providers, as well as hospitality activities in the territories least affected by the COVID-19 health crisis. [https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/tma386](https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/tma386)

- Order TMA / 384/2020, from May 3rd, which dictates instructions on the use of masks in different means of transport and establishes requirements to ensure safe travel in accordance with the plan for the transition for getting back to normality. [https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/tma384](https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/tma384)

- Order TMA / 387/2020, from May 3rd, which regulates the process of co-governance with the autonomous communities and cities of Ceuta and Melilla for the transition to get back to normality. [https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/snd387](https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/snd387)

- Order TMA / 388/2020, from May 3rd, establishing the conditions for the opening of certain shops and services to the public, and the opening of archives, as well as for professional and federated sport practice. [https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/snd388](https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/05/03/snd388)


- Order SND/399/2020, from May 9th, for the relaxation of certain restrictions of national scope, established after the declaration of the state of alarm in application of phase 1 of the Plan for the transition towards a new normality. https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/05/09/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-4911.pdf

- Order TMA/400/2020, from May 9th, which establishes the conditions to be applied in phase 1 of de-climbing with regard to mobility and sets out other requirements to guarantee safe mobility. https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/05/10/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-4912.pdf


- Order SND/403/2020, from May 11th, on the quarantine conditions to which people from other countries must be subjected upon arrival in Spain, during the health crisis caused by COVID-19. https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/05/12/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-4932.pdf


- Order SND/414/2020 from May 6th for the relaxation of certain national restrictions established following the declaration of the state of alert in application of phase 2 of the plan for the transition for getting back to normality. https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/05/16/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-5088.pdf

- Order SND/422/2020, from May 19th, regulating the conditions for the obligatory use of face mask during the health crisis caused by COVID-19 https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/05/20/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-5142.pdf

- Order TMA/424/2020, from May 20th, amending Order TMA/384/2020, from May 3th, issuing instructions on the use of face mask in the various means of transport and setting out requirements to ensure safe mobility in accordance with the plan for the transition to a new normality and Order TMA/419/2020, from May 18th, updating the measures in the area of general planning of maritime navigation adopted during the state of alarm for the management of the health crisis caused by COVID-19 to the de-escalation process. https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/05/21/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-5192.pdf


- Resolution from May 20th 2020, of the House of Commons (Congreso de los Diputados), ordering the publication of the Agreement authorising the extension of the state of alarm declared by Royal Decree 463/2020, from March 14th.  

- Order SND/439/2020 from May 23th extending checks at internal land, air and sea borders in connection with the health crisis caused by COVID-19.  

- Order SND/442/2020, from May 23th, amending Order SND/399/2020, from May 9th, for the relaxation of certain national restrictions established following the declaration of the state of alert in application of phase 1 of the Plan for the transition to a new normality and Order SND/414/2020, from May 16th, for the relaxation of certain national restrictions established following the declaration of the state of alarm in application of phase 2 of the Plan for the transition to a new normality.  

- Order SND/458/2020, from May 30th, for the relaxation of certain national restrictions established following the declaration of the state of alarm in application of phase 3 of the Plan for the transition to a new normality.  

- Royal Decree 555/2020, from June 5th, extending the state of alarm declared by Royal Decree 463/2020, from March 14th, declaring the state of alarm for the management of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19.  

- Order SND/520/2020 from June 12th amending various orders for the relaxation of certain national restrictions established following the declaration of the state of alarm and establishing the territorial units progressing to phase 3 of the Plan for the transition to a new normality.  

- Order SND/521/2020, from June 13th, extending the criteria for the application of a temporary restriction on non-essential travel from third countries to the European Union and associated Schengen countries for reasons of public order and public health in connection with the health crisis caused by COVID-19.  

- Order INT/550/2020, from June 21st, extending the controls at the internal borders with Portugal temporarily re-established as a result of the health crisis caused by COVID-19.  

- Order INT/551/2020, from June 21st, extending the criteria for the application of a temporary restriction on non-essential travel from third countries to the European Union and associated Schengen countries for reasons of public order and public health on the occasion of the health crisis caused by COVID-19.  