The Minister of Trade and Industry hereby issues the following guidelines concerning the continued production of essential products needed during this period when Rwanda is implementing the new strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

1. All industries are to temporarily suspend operations for an initial period of two (2) weeks. An exemption is made for industries working in the areas of agro-processing, beverages, medical and pharmaceutical products, hygiene and sanitation products, as well as industries producing raw materials used in the above-mentioned industries.

2. Industries that are authorised to operate within this period are requested to:

   - Identify key staff/workers providing essential services to report on duty while others shall work from home where possible;
   - Putting in place necessary measures and facilities to protect staff/workers and clients from COVID-19 contamination and respect the minimum distance of 1 meter between two people;
   - Refrain from hiking prices of their products during this period of time;
   - Indicate the number of staff/workers who will report on duty during these two (2) weeks. Each staff/worker is required to present a service card when going to work.

Done at Kigali on March 23rd, 2020

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