



Production reliability in North Rhine-Westphalia

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Businesses in North Rhine-Westphalia are facing a variety of challenges against the backdrop of the current coronavirus situation.

However, it is important to know that even in these extraordinary circumstances, there are no production restrictions for companies in North Rhine-Westphalia. The regulatory framework our companies operate within remains stable and will not be changed. Business goes on as usual.

The main focus of the statutory instrument now in place to help prevent new cases of SARS-CoV-2 (CoronaSchVO) is to slow down the rapid increase in daily new infections. 'Social distancing' helps save lives and protect the elderly and people with serious underlying conditions.

The Ministry of Work, Health and Social Affairs has published a handbook on the duty of care employers have with respect to hygiene and protection (https://www.mags.nrw/sites/default/files/asset/document/200315_regeln_fuer_arbeit_geber.pdf)

With very few exceptions, products sold domestically or abroad are generally not subject to extra approval. In other words, businesses from North Rhine-Westphalia are free to meet their delivery obligations - especially for critical infrastructures. The value chains are intact. Import and export of goods and commodities is still possible, and there is nothing to stop deliveries getting through to customers both in Germany and abroad.