

## FRENCH SENATE BUSINESS DELEGATION ASKS THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SHORT TIME WORKING

### SCHEME EFFICIENT OVER COVID-19 CRISIS

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TWO QUESTIONS NEED TO BE RESOLVED URGENTLY-----Two questions need to be resolved urgently: - the resolution of technical problems that many companies eligible for this device have encountered since last week on the government website "Partial activity";-----

- the widening of the eligibility to this device to companies which while having the authorization to exercise their activity do not realize or little turnover. Many of them are denied eligibility for partial unemployment, even though the sharp reduction or lack of income does not allow them to pay their employees. They also do not want to fire them, for both human and financial reasons, even though they hope to be able to count on them for the future and that the professions concerned are in tension.-----

Especially in this situation are food businesses authorized to open but faced with a desertion of customers. Among them are, for example, pastry chefs, confectioners, caterers, who have one or more stores, have seen their activity drop drastically due to the cancellation of all events, including weddings. Take-out catering faces the same problem of practically total absence of customers, who throughout the country stay at home. This question of the eligibility of partial unemployment also concerns the liberal professions. For Ms. Elisabeth Lamure: "It is urgent to widen the system in order to save local shops and all of the professionals concerned. The DIRECTE (regional directorates for business, competition, consumption, work and labor) 'Employment) must soften and harmonize their interpretation of the texts. The same applies to employment and economic and social life in all our territories. " Source : French Senate

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