

Daily COVID-19 Bulletin – May 18, 2020

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Gibson Dunn's lawyers regularly counsel clients on issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are working with many of our clients on their response to COVID-19. The following is a round-up of today's client alerts on this topic prepared by the Gibson Dunn team. Our lawyers are available to assist with any questions you may have regarding developments related to the outbreak. As always, for additional information, please feel free to contact the Gibson Dunn lawyer with whom you usually work, or any member of the firm's **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Team**.

GLOBAL OVERVIEW

Small Business Administration Publishes Loan Forgiveness Application

On May 15, 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA") released the much anticipated loan forgiveness application ("Application") for loans issued under the Paycheck Protection Program (the "Program" or "PPP"), available [here](#). The Application and related instructions provide additional guidance regarding the amount of a PPP loan that may be forgiven and the amount such forgiveness may be reduced. The SBA has said it will soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers with the Application and provide lenders with direction on their duties. Following is a summary of the SBA Application and its instructions.

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U.K. Employment Law Considerations for Companies Responding to COVID-19 and Planning for a Return to the Workplace

On May 10, 2020, the UK government announced a provisional roadmap for the phased relaxation of the current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, including those restrictions which have impacted businesses across the UK. While the UK government continues to require those who can work from home to do so, employees who are not able to work from home are now being actively encouraged to return to the workplace provided that their workplace is permitted to open and can be operated within government guidelines. In recent client alerts, we have considered in detail the law regarding: (i) the options for reducing the risk of employee exposure to COVID-19, including (a) instituting work-from-home/telecommuting policies and (b) instructing employees not to work; (ii) what to do if an employee tests positive or needs to care for an ill family member and (iii) the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ("CJRS"). In the following, we identify some of the key considerations for UK-based businesses when taking steps to comply with their health and safety obligations once certain groups of employees return to the workplace. We also outline key amendments to the CJRS.

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