COVID-19 IMPACT ON THE LPG BUSINESS IN TURKEY

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- A science committee was set up to follow COVID-19. This board monitors the disease and advises the Ministry of Health.

- No restrictions on cylinder and Autogas sales across in Turkey. There are no specific limits to the LPG distribution and fuel stations open 24 hours.

- The hospitality industry being closed will cause a serious sales drop in cylinder sales.

- The government took tax and operational protection measures for some sectors such as tourism, retailing, HORECA, aviation etc. but not in LPG and fuel sectors. The Turkish LPG Association (TLPGA) has taken some lobbying activities to Ministry to Finance to re-announce a new economic package to cover LPG. In addition to that TLPGA asked members to share their Contingency Plans and will submit them to Ministry of Energy. Moreover, our members were requested to send their priority needs by looking at the problems in the sector and we will send these needs to the EPDK (EMRA) and relating ministries.

- Supermarkets will be closed at 21:00 o'clock, excluding the markets at fuel stations.

- Major LPG and fuel companies implemented the contingency plans and the majority of employees started working from their homes.

- Decline in Autogas and cylinder sales may cause problems finding suitable stock area in the terminals when large vessels will arrive.