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Abstract

This decision sets the requirements and specifications for adequate workers' accommodations. Art. 1 stipulates that the employer is required to provide workers with accommodation outside urban areas if the nature of the activities and work regulations of the establishment necessitate it. The conditions and health specifications of this decision shall be adhered.

Art. 2 lists the specifications for workers' bedrooms.

Art. 3 lists the main furnishings to be provided in every accommodation unit.

In Art. 4, the specifications for kitchen units are enumerated, while Art. 5 lists the specifications for bathrooms.

Pursuant to Art. 9, an employer shall: equip accommodations with fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and an alarm system; appoint a specialized one health and safety officer for each accommodation site in which 1200 workers reside; submit a safety emergency plan which includes a safety and evacuation training; Appoint a specialized first aid officer; appoint a qualified and licensed resident nurse for accommodations hosting 100 – 500 workers; appoint a doctor if accommodations host more than 500 workers; and appoint a resident doctor if accommodations host 5000 or more workers. Employers are prohibited from deducting the costs of providing accommodation, furnishings or maintenance from workers (Art. 12).

This decision repeals Ministerial Decision No. 17 of 2005 Setting the Conditions and Specifications for Workers' Accommodations (Art. 14).