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COVID-19 EMERGENCY: THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT SUSPENDS VALLE D'AOSTA LAW

The effects of Valle d'Aosta-Vallée d'Aoste's Regional Law No. 11 of 9 December 2020 – which enables the adoption of less strict measures to fight the spread of Covid-19, compared to those established by the State – are suspended.

This was held by the Constitutional Court as a matter of urgency in [Order No. 4](#), filed today (Judge Rapporteur: Augusto Barbera). The Court upheld the application made on a precautionary basis by the President of the Council of Ministers within the proceedings challenging the regional law.

The Court established that a *prima facie* case exists, considering that the interventions allowed for under the regional law concern international prophylaxis – a subject-matter falling under the exclusive competence of the State (Article 117(2) of the Constitution). This does not preclude regulatory differentiations on a regional basis adopted within the framework of loyal cooperation between the State and the Regions.

In addition, the Court stated that if the law were to be applicable until the merits of the case are dealt with – as scheduled, on 23 February 2021 – there could be a “risk of irreparable damage to the public interest” in the unitary management of the epidemic at national level, as well as “a risk of serious and irreparable damage to people's health”.

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