



A-ESSE s.p.a.

FABBRICA OSSIDI di ZINCO

Carasco, April 16 2020

On April 9, 2020 A-ESSE S.p.A. has formally asked the Prefecture in Genoa the permission to restart activities (ref. art. 1, c. 1, l. d del DPCM 22/3/2020) from April 14, 2020, for the following reasons:

- A-ESSE Fabbrica Ossidi di Zinco S.p.A. of Carasco (GE) is enrolled in the Genoa Chamber of Commerce with business activity code ATECO 20.12.00 (not included in the Annexe 1 of the mentioned DPCM).
- However, the company is an essential supplier to sectors included in the same Annexe 1, i.e. public utility services functional to facing the COVID-19 emergency, i.e. business code ATECO 22.11.1.

In particular, the restart permission has been granted as supplier of the company Michelin Italiana S.p.A., enrolled with business activity code ATECO 22.11.1. and operating a tire manufacturing plant in Via Bra 75, 12020 Cuneo - ITALY, to which A-ESSE S.p.A. supplies Zinc Oxide as activator of the vulcanization process.

The above-mentioned plant restarted gradually production on April 6, 2020 following request to the local authorities on March 26 limited to production lines of tires for emergency, military, ambulance, law enforcement, food and essential goods transport vehicles.

A-ESSE S.p.A. has restarted production strictly following the guidelines of the Protocol signed on March 14 by the Italian Government, Trade Unions and Industrial Associations. The whole plant has been sanitized and all employees has been serologically tested for the search of COVID-19 antibodies.

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