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GASTRONOMY IN RHINELAND-PALATINATE

DEHOGA requests further Easing

The German Hotel and Restaurant Association (DEHOGA) of Rhineland-Palatinate has requested to further ease corona restrictions for gastronomy businesses. He welcomed latest loosening of restrictions but does not consider them to be sufficient.

DEHOGA President Gereon Haumann told SWR that current easing of restrictions is a big step, but it did not suffice. It were an enormous relief for outdoor gastronomy businesses that sales at the counter are authorized again, e.g. in beer gardens. It were also a success said Haumann that buffets with service in hotels are allowed again. But the DEHOGA President wishes significantly more: the next step of easing, effective June 10, should allow self-service at buffets and should authorize guests to drink and eat at the counter. Many pubs remain currently closed as this is presently not authorized.

One Third of the 12,000 Enterprises threatened by Bankruptcy

The closing time also had to urgently be extended, from currently 10.30 to preferably 1 a.m. If the coming weeks will bring hot weather people won't go out not earlier than at approximately 8 p.m. And it were unrealistic to close

gastronomy businesses again at 10.30 p.m. Closing hours for wedding or birthday parties should ideally be extended until 3 a.m. Celebrations of this kind were not booked if they have to end at 10.30 p.m. in accordance with current provisions said Haumann.



Gereon Haumann, President of DEHOGA Rhineland-Palatinate

It were also important that indoor pools and saunas will be reopened in June. Wellness hotels in Rhineland-Palatinate are urgently waiting to reopen leisurely areas. Further easing is vitally necessary for many hotels, restaurants and pubs. One third of almost 12,000 businesses in Rhineland-Palatinate is acutely threatened by bankruptcy. These enterprises lack the earnings from the spring season which is normally a period of high turnover. Many panic that they will not be able to accumulate necessary savings for the coming winter months representing a season with low turnover.

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