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Follow-up to the government support agreement for the Retail sector

1. Tenants and landlords have held constructive and intensive discussions over the past two months. Tackling the problems together and understanding everyone's interests in a period of great uncertainty and concern is the common thread.
2. The " Government Support agreement for and by the Retail sector" of 10 April 2020 has had a good effect for many entrepreneurs.
3. Tenants and landlords have agreed on a partial suspension of rents for the months of April, May and June 2020 in line with the Support Agreement.
4. A substantial proportion of both tenants and landlords have already made more far-reaching agreements on remission or alternative forms of relief for tenants with due regard for the landlord's interests and guarantees.
5. When making the agreements, the following basic assumptions were made: For the months of April and May, 50% of the rent was waived and for the month of June 50% was postponed to next year. However, this remains tailor-made between landlord and tenant and can therefore not apply as a general rule to all parties. Often there are also additional/alternative (custom) agreements made between the tenant and the landlord.
6. An appeal is made to parties who have not yet made arrangements to do so.
7. The agreements as they are currently laid down in the Government Support Agreement and its elaboration are sufficient at the moment and have been able to count on sufficient support from all stakeholders.
8. Government and banks support the agreement and have taken measures to support entrepreneurs and businesses. These measures are currently making a substantial contribution to the acute impact of corona on the sector.
9. The consequences of Covid-19 last longer than initially thought and cannot yet be sufficiently overseen. Stakeholders will continue to follow developments closely together.

Call to all stakeholders in the Dutch Retail sector

The Dutch spatial retail structure is unique and forms the basis of the way in which we live together in the Netherlands and is therefore partly decisive for how and how strongly we as the Netherlands can emerge from this crisis. In order to protect the quality of life in inner cities and central areas and the unique finely-meshed retail structure of the Netherlands, all stakeholders make an urgent appeal to give this subject all possible (political) attention in constructive consultation. Help each other where necessary and search together for solutions during this crisis, given the implications of social distancing and the uncertainties for the future.