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THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES LAW, CAP. 260

Regulations pursuant to section 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)

The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers under section 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Infectious Diseases Law, Cap. 260, conferred on him by Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 10 March 2020, hereby issues the following Regulations.

- 1. These Regulations shall be referred to as the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures against the Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus) Regulations (No.28) of 2020.
- 2. Whereas the protection of public health and the health care system are the responsibility of the Republic with the aim of containing the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease, the protection of public health as well as the prevention of the possible collapse of the health system by any dissemination of the virus, taking into consideration the needs in human resources and logistical services that may be necessary to combat the rapid spread of the disease, and whereas the adoption of additional measures beyond the Regulations that have been issued by the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulations (No.1) to (No. 27) of 2020, has become imperative, and without prejudice to those of the Regulations which continue in force, and

Whereas, by Notice published in the Official Gazette of the Republic on the authorization of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Ammohostos and Paphos as being infected by the COVID-19 Coronavirus, pursuant to article 4 of the Infectious

Diseases Law, Cap. 260, the following Regulations are issued, which enter into force as of the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 at 06:00hrs:

- 2.1 The operation is suspended of the following enterprises:
- (a) Nightspots, discos, entertainment venues and music and dance venues
- (b) Cinemas, theatres and indoor performance areas, and
- (c) children's indoor playgrounds

Provided that all the enterprises whose operation is suspended, maintain the capability to carry out work of administrative nature or other work behind closed doors that do not involve serving the public, provided that the rules of hygiene are observed.

- 2.2 The operation is allowed of public and private preschool premises, kindergartens, nurseries, children's clubs, all-day and summer schools, as well as schools of special education and training (special schools), subject to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health, Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, and Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.
- 2.3 The conduct of sports championships is allowed without spectators and without the use of changing rooms, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organization.
- 2.4 The operation of the following enterprises is allowed, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:
  - (a) Malls, multi-stores and retail enterprises, as well as catering services (indoor and outdoor areas), within these outlets.
  - (b) Cinemas, theatres and outdoor performance venues.
  - (c) Children's outdoor playgrounds, and
  - (d) Sports clubs, cultural clubs, associations and societies.
- 2.5 Regulations 2.3(a), 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),(h),(i), 2.11, 2.14 and 2.15 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulations (No. 24) of 2020, are hereby deleted and abolished.
- 2.6 Indoor and outdoor catering services are allowed, including amongst other, the following enterprises, under the terms specified below and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
  - (a) Restaurants,
  - (b) Hotels and tourist accommodation,
  - (c) Taverns,
  - (d) Cafeterias,

- (e) Pizzerias,
- (f) Pubs, snack-bars and bars,
- (g) Coffee-shops and
- (h) Canteens, or/and refectories of schools, sports clubs, cultural clubs, associations, societies, etc.

The services of the above enterprises to the public are to be provided under the following conditions:

- (i) The service of the public is exclusively provided through the use of tables and chairs, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- (ii) Wherever there are bars in the said enterprises, they will not accept to serve the public, their function being limited exclusively to the preparation of food or drinks by the employees; the direct service of the public at the bar is prohibited; and
- (iii) the operation of children's playgrounds in indoor areas of catering enterprises is prohibited.

It is understood that the said enterprise may provide home delivery and take away services .

- 2.7 The operation of the following enterprises shall be allowed as of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 06:00hrs, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health or/and of the Cyprus Sports Association, depending on the case:
  - (a) Indoor and outdoor sports venues, including outdoor and indoor athletic installations, gyms, dancing schools and other schools, as well as other sports (e.g. martial arts, etc.) without the use of changing rooms,
  - (b) Theme parks (e.g. Amusement Parks), water sports, and
  - (c) Casinos.
- 2.8 The use of protective face mask by the employees is made compulsory:
  - (a) In indoor areas of private enterprises which provide service to the public,
  - (b) In the offices of the Public and wider Public Sector, as well as in the offices of the Local Self-Government Authorities that serve the public,
  - (c) At retail trade enterprises,
  - (d) In the means of public transport,
  - (e) At construction sites,
  - (f) At barber shops, hairdressing salons, beauty centres and tattooing studios,
  - (g) At catering enterprises,

- (h) At children's playgrounds,
- (i) In gambling enterprises and casinos,
- (j) In libraries, museums, archaeological and historical sites,
- (k) In cinemas, theatres, outdoor performance venues, and
- (I) In any other enterprise/organization, based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

The following conditions apply in respect of this Regulation:

- (i)Employers are obliged to provide protective face masks and gloves for their employees, where this is applicable in accordance with the guidelines of the Minister of Health.
- (ii) the movement of employees and suppliers within the enterprises referred to is prohibited without the use of protective face masks and gloves, where this is applicable in accordance with the guidelines of the Minister of Health;
- (iii) the employees and employers are obliged to observe the safety and health measures, in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Ministries of Health and Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.
- 2.9 The use is made compulsory of protective face masks by the employees and passengers on all regular passenger buses with a fare for each passenger, as well as on all the means of public and/or private transport, such as shuttle services from and to the airports, tourist buses and/or other buses such as mini buses.
- 2.10 Mass and other events, congregations, demonstrations, parades, concerts are prohibited in public and private places, as are also open-air fairs and festivals.
- 2.11 Regulation 2.13 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulation (No.20) of 2020 is hereby deleted and abolished.
- 2.12 Visits are allowed to all state and private hospitals, Homes for the Elderly and Disabled and in Structures for 24hour Care for Persons with Disability, only by appointment and following an approval by the Director of the hospital/Home/Structure.
- 2.13 The entry into the Republic is allowed as of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 00:01hrs until midnight of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020, of persons irrespective of nationality from countries in categories A and B, in accordance with the categorisation of countries, based on risk assessment, as these are announced by the Minister of Health, under the following conditions.

- (a) The passenger undergoes a molecular examination for the COVID-19 disease by a certified laboratory with negative indication, valid 72 hours prior to their departure.
- (b) Persons falling into the following categories may carry out a molecular test upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is borne by themselves and they shall remain in compulsory self-isolation until the issue of the result:
  - (i)Cypriot citizens permanently resident in the Republic, their alien spouses and under-age children,
  - (ii) all those who reside permanently in the Republic,
- (c) Persons who arrive in the Republic and are diagnosed positive to the COVID-19 disease, shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine), subject to the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.
- 2.14 The following categories of people from countries not falling into categories A and B, in accordance with country categorisation, shall be allowed to be transfered to the Republic as of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 00:01hrs, until midnight 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020, based on risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health, with flights for which a special permit is granted by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulations of 2020 until (No.6) of 2020, as amended or replaced for the time being:
  - (a) Cypriot citizens permanently residing in the Republic, their alien spouses and under-age children,
  - (b) All the persons residing lawfully in the Republic,
  - (c) Persons who are entitled to enter the Republic in accordance with the Vienna Convention.
  - (d) Persons, regardless of nationality, whose presence in the Republic on account of their professional or scientific capacity, is approved by the competent medical body in order to strengthen the effort for combating the Coronavirus pandemic.
  - (e) Patients regardless of nationality who have received treatment at an approved private or public hospital/medical centre in the Republic, which is advisable they should continue, and
  - (f) First degree relations of persons residing lawfully in the Republic and/or are financially active in the Republic (spouse, children, parents) for reasons of family reunion.

The transportation of persons who come under categories (a) to (f) is subject to the following conditions:

- (i)The passenger either undergoes molecular testing for the COVID-19 disease, with a negative indication, valid 72 hours prior to his departure, or takes the molecular test upon his arrival in the Republic and stays in an area designated to him until the issue of the result. Thereafter, he remains in a state of self-isolation for 14 days.
- (ii)All persons arriving in the Republic who are diagnosed positive to the COVID-19 disease, remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine), subject to the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health, and
- (iii)the cost of the air ticket, if any, shall be borne by every passenger, except for those who have been sent abroad by the Republic for medical reasons, as well as for persons who come under category (d).
- 2.15 The transportation and/or departure from the Republic shall be allowed as of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 00:01 hrs until midnight 19<sup>th</sup> June of persons who are members of crews of commercial aircraft or members of crews on rigging platforms carrying out exploratory drilling within the Exclusive Economic Zones of States, with which the Republic has established diplomatic relations, or members of laid up cruise ships or members of pleasure boats, which are either docked in ports of the Republic, or are arriving by commercial flights or flights, which are allowed by exception, following a special permit by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulations of 2020 until (No.6) of 2020, as amended or replaced for the time being under the following terms:
  - (i)The said persons shall be placed in a state of self-isolation 14 days prior to their arrival,
  - (ii)they shall undergo molecular examination for the COVID-19 disease, before their arrival, which should be negative or if this is not possible on their arrival and if the examination is positive, they shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine) subject to the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.
  - (iii)the company for which they work or/and the agent who has undertaken the change of crew, shall undertake to transfer the crew directly from the ship to the airport, while the transfer of the crews arriving by air from airport to the port of departure, under strict security measures. If there is no coordination between the arrival of the ship and the arrival of the flight, or if the results of the molecular examination are pending, the company or/and the agent shall proceed to the necessary arrangements with the Authorities for the crew to stay in designated premises, in a state

of isolation, until the arrival of the flight or the ship. Where possible, the disembarking crew shall remain on the ship until the date of the flight.

Provided that, for persons who are already working as crew members on vessels anchored in Cypriot ports, which are due to depart from the Republic, only sub-paragraph (iii) shall apply.

- 2.16 The transfer and stay shall be allowed in the Republic as of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 00:01hrs until midnight 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020, of sailors and members of ship crews, who arrive on board vessels anchored in the ports of the Republic, under the following terms:
  - (a) For vessels arriving in the Republic from countries of Categories A and B, and provided that in the previous 14 days they have not called at a port of any country not belonging to the above categories, the sailors and crew members shall furnish a negative certificate of molecular examination for the COVID-19 disease, valid 72 hours prior to the departure of the vessel or such persons shall undergo molecular testing at the place of anchorage and they shall remain on board the vessel until the result is issued.
  - (b) For vessels arriving at the Republic from countries not belonging to Categories A and B, the sailors and crew members thereof must:
    - (i)have completed 14 days in self-isolation and filled out a particular form issued by the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Works, as part of the protocol for change of crews.
    - (ii)submit to a molecular examination for the COVID-19 disease upon disembarkation.
    - (iii)these persons shall remain on the boat or in places of compulsory isolation (quarantine) until the result of the examination is issued.
  - (c) If the persons referred to in sections (a) and (b) above are positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease, they shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine) subject to the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.
  - (d) The procedures provided in Regulation 2.15(iii) are followed proportionally for the conduct of the molecular examinations, the transfer procedure and the isolation, until the issuing of the results for the examination of said persons.
- 2.17 The arrival shall be allowed in the Republic as of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 00:01hrs until midnight 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 of persons from countries which do not fall under categories A and B, regardless of nationality, for the purpose of implementing public

projects or for other professional obligations, on approval by the competent Minister/Undersecretary to the President for the time being, to whom the relevant request is put and who is obliged to verify the necessity of arrival in the Republic of such persons and inform accordingly the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, under the following conditions:

- (a) If the stay in the Republic does not exceed 4 days:
  - (i)The said persons are given a molecular test for the COVID-19 disease, unless they produce a negative certificate of molecular examination for the said disease, valid 72 hours prior to their departure.
  - (ii)if the molecular examination takes place on their arrival, such persons shall remain in places of compulsory isolation until the examination result is issued.
  - (iii)if the persons are positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease, they shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation subject the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.
  - (iv)the said persons take preventive and self-protecting measures in the place where they are staying.
- (b) If the period of stay in the Republic exceeds 4 days:
  - (i)the said persons undergo a molecular examination for the COVID-19 disease, unless they present a negative certificate of a molecular examination for the said disease, valid 72 hours prior to departure.
  - (ii)if the molecular examination takes place on their arrival, these persons shall remain in places of compulsory isolation until the result of the examination is issued.
  - (iii) if the persons are positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease, they shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation subject the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.
  - (iv)these persons shall remain in a state of self isolation for 14 days.
- 2.18 Coastal passenger boats, amateur fishing boats carrying divers, private use boats and sea sport enterprises, shall be allowed to resume their activities, provided that the safety and health guidelines issued by the Shipping Deputy Ministry are observed.
- 2.19 With the exclusion of Regulations 2.15 and 2.16 of these Regulations concerning the sailors and crew members, the following apply for persons lawfully entering the Republic from legal points of entry by sea:

- (i)For pleasure boats arriving in the Republic from countries of Categories A and B, the passengers shall present a negative certificate of molecular examination for the COVID-19 disease, valid 72 hours prior to the departure of the boat or the said persons are given a molecular testing at the docking berth and in such case remain on the boat until the result is issued.
- (ii) the passengers of pleasure boats which arrive from countries not falling under categories A and B and 14 days prior to their arrival they have not docked at any other port or they have docked only in the ports of countries that belong to categories A and B, shall be given a molecular test for the COVID-19 disease upon their arrival at the place of anchorage and remain on board until the result is issued.
- (iii)the persons of categories (i) and (ii) who arrive in the Republic and are positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease, shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine) subject to the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.

Provided that the administrators of the legal points of entry by sea shall ensure that the passengers will comply with all of the above.

2.20 Regulation 2.8 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the DOVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulation (No.25) of 2020, is amended by addition, immediately after its sub-paragraph (iv) of the following new sub-paragraph (v):

"of candidates of the Military Schools of Greece, in order to prepare for the Physical Tests".

- 2.21 Regulation 2.8 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the DOVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulation (No.25) of 2020 , is hereby deleted and abolished as of  $13^{th}$  June 2020 at 05:59hrs.
- 2.22 Regulations 2.3(b) and 2.4 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the DOVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulation (No.24) of 2020, are hereby deleted and abolished as of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 05:59hrs.
- 2.23 The presence and gatherings of persons in houses and public assembly places is allowed, provided that the people being assembled do not exceed 10 persons per house/group, including under-age children.
  - 3. This Regulation shall enter into force immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

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