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THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES LAW, CAP. 260

Decree 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 Decree.

1. This Decree shall be referred to as the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.25) of 2020.

2. Whereas the protection of public health and the sanitary 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) Decrees (No.1) to (No. 24) 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, taking effect as of 06:00hrs on 25th May, 2020, unless otherwise stated in the Regulations below:

2.1 Regulation 2(a) of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.12), Regulation 2(c) of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.13), Regulations 2(a) to (e) of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.16), Regulation 2(a) of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.19), Regulation 2.25 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.20), Regulation 2.1. of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 21) and Regulation 2.6 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 23) are hereby deleted and abolished.

2.2 The transport of the following categories of persons by flights specially licensed by exception by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, are permitted in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees of 2020 up to (No.5) of 2020, as amended or replaced for the time being.

- (a) Citizens of Cyprus permanently resident in the Republic, their alien spouses and under-age children thereof,
- (b) all persons lawfully residing in the Republic,
- (c) persons allowed to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention,
- (d) persons regardless of nationality, whose presence in the Republic is, on account of their professional or scientific capacity, approved by the competent medical body for strengthening the effort against the Coronavirus pandemic,
- (e) patients regardless of nationality who have received treatment in either a private or public hospital/medical centre in the Republic, which is advisable they should continue.

The transport of persons falling under the categories (a) to (e) is subject to the following conditions and according to the categorization of countries based on risk assessment, as these are announced by the Ministry of Health.

- (i) All persons arriving in the territory of the Republic shall be subjected to molecular examination for the COVID-19 Coronavirus and remain in areas of compulsory isolation (quarantine) for 24 hours or until the results of the examination have been issued,

- (ii) All persons who arrive in the territory of the Republic from countries of Category A shall remain in a state of self-isolation for 7 days.
- (iii) All persons who arrive in the territory of the Republic from countries of Category B shall remain in a state of self-isolation for 14 days.
- (iv) All persons who arrive in the territory of the Republic from countries not coming under Categories A and B shall remain in a state of self-isolation for 14 days.
- (v) All persons who arrive in the Republic and are positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine) under the Ministry of Health medical protocol.
- (vi) The cost of the air ticket, if any, shall be borne by each passenger, except for those persons who are sent for medical reasons abroad by the Republic as well as the persons who fall under category (d).

2.3 With immediate effect upon publication of this Decree in the Official Gazette of the Republic, the transport or/and departure shall be allowed from the Republic of persons, who are crew members of commercial aircraft or crew members of off-shore drilling platforms within the Exclusive Economic Zones of States, with which the Republic has established diplomatic relations, or crew members of laid-up cruise ships or crew members of pleasure boats, which are either anchored or arriving at ports of the Republic, by flights which are permitted by exception by special license from the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus Decrees of 2020 up to (No.5) of 2020, as amended or replaced for the time being, under the following conditions:

Provided that for those persons already working as crew members on vessels which are docked in Cyprus ports and which will depart from the Republic, only subparagraph (iii) shall apply.

2.4 The transportation and stay shall be allowed in the Republic of sailors and crew members of vessels who are Cypriot citizens or permanently resident in the Republic and who arrive on boats docked in the harbours of the Republic, under the following conditions:

- (i) They have completed 14 days in self-isolation and filled in a specific form issued by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, as part of the protocol for the change of crews,
- (ii) They must be submitted to a molecular examination of the COVID-19 disease upon disembarkation from the boat,
- (iii) Until the results of the test have been issued, such persons shall remain in areas of compulsory isolation (quarantine),
- (iv) If the persons are positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease they shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine) under the Ministry of Health medical protocol,
- (v) The procedures to be followed for the conduct of the molecular examination, transport and isolation, until the issuing of the examination results for the said persons, are those envisaged in Regulation 2.3(iii).

2.5 The arrival in the Republic shall be allowed regardless of nationality, for reasons of implementing public projects or other professional obligations, following approval by the competent Minister/Undersecretary to the President for the time being, to whom a relevant request must be submitted and who must verify the necessity for arrival in the Republic of the said persons and inform accordingly the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, under the following conditions:

- (i) The period of stay in the Republic shall not exceed 4 days,
- (ii) The said persons shall undergo molecular examination for the COVID-19 disease, unless they present a negative certificate of molecular examination for the said disease with prior validity of 72 hours,
- (iii) These persons shall remain in compulsory isolation (quarantine) until the test results are issued,
- (iv) If the persons are positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease, they shall remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine) under the Health Ministry medical protocol.
- (v) The said persons shall adopt protective measures and self-protection measures in the place they are staying.

2.6 (a) Upon entry into force of this Decree, as of 06:00hrs on 25th March 2020, the stay shall be terminated of persons who are in places of compulsory isolation (quarantine) and the said persons shall be obliged to remain in a state of self-isolation for a period of time ending in accordance with the Regulation 2.2(ii), 2.2(iii) and 2.2(iv) of this Decree.

Provided that exempt from the above are persons, who have been positively diagnosed for the COVID-19 disease, while they continue to remain in a state of compulsory isolation (quarantine) under the Ministry of Health medical protocol.

(b) Irrespective of the provisions of paragraph (a), persons coming under the provisions of Regulation 2.17 of the Infectious Disease (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus), Decree (No.24) and persons coming under the provisions of the Regulations 2.2(i), 2.3(iii) and 2.5(iii) of this Decree, shall continue the compulsory isolation (quarantine) until it expires.

2.7 The reopening of hotels and tourist accommodation is allowed as of 06:00hrs on 1st June 2020. Regulation 2.9(a) of the Infectious Disease (Determination of Measures against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus), Decree (No.24) shall be deleted and abolished, effective as of 05.59hrs on 1st June 2020.

2.8 With immediate effect upon publication of this Decree in the Official Gazette of the Republic, the training shall be allowed in open-air sports facilities of the following persons:

- i) High Performing Athletes, who are on the list of the Cyprus Olympic Committee and High Performance and Talent Planning of the Cyprus Sports Organization,
- ii) Athletes of the Special Olympics Team who are competing for qualification based on the list of the Special Olympics Committee,
- iii) Athletes who are members of the National Track Field Team in the Junior/Men's/Women's categories, Armed Forces National Team, and
- iv) Graduating Lyceum students, who are candidates for the Physical Training schools and have chosen the subject "Practical Testing" for the Pancyprrian Examinations, so that they may prepare for the examination:

Provided that the above persons undergo training in facilities indicated by the Cyprus Sports Organization, albeit without the use of dressing rooms and/or gyms and/or of any other closed sports and related infrastructure, it being understood that those participating in the training shall not exceed five persons inclusive of the coach, per category of sports (e.g. throws, races etc).

3. This Decree takes immediate effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

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