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PART I

REGULATORY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS

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THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260

Decree by virtue of article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)

Cap. 260.
ANAK. 307
32(I) of 2003
31(I) of 2020
72(I) of 2020.

The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers conferred upon him by article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g) of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260 and by the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 02 September 2021, hereby issues the following Decree:

Whereas protecting the public health and the health care system is the responsibility of the Republic and for imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data with the aim of preventing the spread of COVID-19, protecting public health and preventing a possible collapse of the health system due to the spread of the virus, taking into consideration the requirements in human resources and logistical infrastructures necessary to cope with the rapid spread of the virus and whereas the taking of requisite measures has become imperative; and

Government
Gazette, Annex
III (I):
23.3.2020.

Whereas by Notice published in the Government Gazette of the Republic, upon authorization by the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos as being infected with Covid-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260; and

Whereas, taking into consideration that by 1 February 2022, 87.9% of the adult population received at least one dose of the vaccine and 84.3% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 25 January until 31 January 2022, 15.266 cases have been recorded, while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily is around 215 patients per day, and from 25 January until 31 January 2022 18 deaths of patients have been recorded with COVID-19 being the ultimate cause of death, and because there are indications as to the 'Omicron' variant's increased transmissibility and until the full evaluation of the variant's epidemiological data on an international level and because there is an increased risk of re-infection after recovery from COVID-19 within a timeframe of less than six months, the following Regulations shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos:

Short title.
Official Gazette,
Annex III(I)
27.1.2022

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 8) of 2022 and it will be read together with the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of

3.2.2022

COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 5) of 2022 and the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 7) of 2022 (which will be cited from now on as 'the basic Decree') and the basic Decree and the present Decree will be cited together as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees (No. 5), (No. 7) and (No. 8) of 2022.

2. Regulation 63 of the basic Decree is deleted and replaced by the following new Regulation 63:

"63 (a) Persons who have been declared as close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases and/or persons who are in mandatory quarantine or mandatory self-confinement, shall comply with the guidelines and health protocols of the Ministry of Health,

(b) subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, for pupils of private and public primary schools and public and private secondary schools, who are close contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases within the school unit, paragraph (b) of Regulation 16 shall be complied with,

(c) subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defence, persons serving in the National Guard and who are close contacts of confirmed positive cases, who:

(i) according the health protocols of the Ministry of Health, are required to remain in mandatory self-confinement, may undergo daily for a period of seven consecutive days from the date of the close contact, a rapid antigen detection test and if the result of the test is negative, shall report to their unit or service.

Provided that, if they choose to remain in mandatory self-confinement, their days of absence shall be counted as regular leave of absence:

Provided further that soldiers serving in National Guard outposts shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection and must comply with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defence.

(ii) hold a certificate of a completed vaccination for COVID-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19, shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test on the third and fifth days after the date of close contact:

Provided that persons who have received a booster dose of the vaccine are exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph."

3. This Decree shall enter into force as of 11 February 2022.

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Minister of Health

