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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 to Prevent the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.52) 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. 51) 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, Famagusta 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:

2.1 Regulation 2.5 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.51) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 12th of November 2020 at 07:59 hours.

2.2 Regulation 2.6 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.51) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 12th of November 2020 at 07:59 hours.

2.3 Regulation 2.4 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.21) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished.

2.4 Regulation 2.3 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.48) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished.

2.5 Regulation 2.7 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.51) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished.

2.6 Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 2.7 which regulates specific limitations for the Districts of Limassol and Paphos, as of the 12th of November 2020 at 20:00 hours until the 30th of November 2020 at 23:59 hours, the following come into effect:

- (a) Movement of persons is banned from 23:00 hours until 05:00 hours with the exception of the following cases:
 - (i) Travel to and from the place of work and for work purposes by using the Employee Movement Confirmation Form, which is attached as Appendix to this Decree,
 - (ii) Travel to a medical centre or hospital or vet in case of emergency, and
 - (iii) Movement of hunters to and within non-prohibited hunting areas, as defined by the Protection and Management of Wild Birds and Prey Laws of 2003 until 2017, from 03:00 hours only on the days allowed for hunting:

Provided that the hunters carry with them a hunting licence and documentation of their permanent residential District for verification purposes:

Provided further that, the movement of hunters from the Districts of Nicosia, Larnaca and Famagusta to the District of Limassol or the District of Paphos is prohibited, as is also the movement of hunters from the Districts of Limassol or Paphos to any other District and between the two Districts.

(b) With the exception of the catering areas in the airports of Larnaca and Paphos, the functioning of catering areas is prohibited after 22:30 hours, including the following:

- (i) Restaurants,
- (ii) Catering areas inside hotels and tourist accommodation,
- (iii) Taverns.
- (iv) Cafeterias,
- (v) Pubs, snack-bars and bars,
- (vi) Coffee shops and
- (vii) Catering areas in canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, societies etc:

Provided that, the catering areas can provide home delivery services after 22:30 hours.

(c) Services to the public in catering establishments shall be provided under the following conditions:

- (i) The public is exclusively served at table arrangements subject to the guidelines of the Minister of Health,
- (ii) Serving at the bar in the said establishments, where applicable, is prohibited, their use being limited exclusively to the preparation of food or drinks by the employees; it is forbidden to serve the public directly at the bar.
- (iii) Table reservations may not exceed six (6) persons per table in the catering establishments, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and
- (iv) The maximum number of persons allowed to be served in catering establishments is determined at 75 in indoor areas and 150 in outdoor areas, provided the social distancing of at least one

person per 3 sq.m. indoors and at least 2 sq.m. outdoors is upheld, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Provided that, pursuant to Regulation 2.1 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease) Decree (No.28) of 2020, the opening of night-clubs, discos, entertainment venues and dancing halls is suspended.

- (d) The presence and gatherings of persons in houses or/and other public or private spaces may not exceed the number of 10 per house/group, , including under-age children.

Provided that are exempt catering areas, reception halls, indoor and outdoor theatres, performance venues and cinemas, as well as any other areas defined in the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

- (e) Church going and other forms of religious worship in religious places, as well as religious ceremonies shall be performed with a maximum number of 75 persons attending, provided that the distancing measure of at least one person per 3 sq.m. is observed, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- (f) The maximum number of persons who may be present at the Courts and courtrooms is determined on the basis of the guidelines by the Supreme Court.
- (g) The holding of matches in sports facilities in the context of championships is allowed without the presence of spectators, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organization.
- (h) Indoor and outdoor sports facilities, gyms, dancing schools and other types of schools and sports are allowed to function without the presence of spectators or the use of changing rooms, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organization.
- (i) Pharmacies and retail food trade outlets shall on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays (if applicable) provide service from the hour of opening until 10 a.m. only to the following persons:
 - (j) Aged 65 and over, and
 - (k) With disabilities.

(l) Open-air and indoor theatres, performance halls and cinemas in indoor and outdoor areas are allowed to operate at 50% capacity.

(m) The maximum number of persons who may attend lunch or/and dinner at weddings and christenings is set at 150, provided the distancing measure of at least one person per 3 sq.m. indoors and 2 sq.m. outdoors is observed, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Provided that the holding of any events where the participants are not seated at table arrangements (cocktail and party type of events) is not permissible.

(n) The functioning of children's playgrounds, amusement parks and thematic parks is suspended in both outdoor and indoor areas.

(o) The holding of conferences, trade and visual exhibitions, assemblies and social events is suspended:

Provided that pursuant to Regulation 2.4 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus) Decree (No.23) of 2020, the holding is allowed of written examinations or/and meetings of State Authorities or/and meetings of Authorities and/or Services and/or Organs and/or Bodies in venues for which a relevant permit has been obtained from the Ministry of Health, provided that the safety guidelines and health issued by the Ministry of Health are observed.

(p) Meetings/elections of Trade Unions registered according to the Trade Union Laws of 1965-1996, may take place by using electronic means, upon the approval of the Registrar of Trade Unions.

(q) Visits are banned in nursing homes, care for the elderly units, chronic patients units, homes and hostels for the hospitality of vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres, child protection units, with the exception of persons with disabilities whereby each tenant may receive two visits per week, with the possibility of additional visits being considered by a competent officer on exceptionally necessary occasions.

(r) The functioning of camping areas is suspended.

- (s) The entry and/or exit of any person into and from the centres for the reception, hospitality and detention of asylum seekers are prohibited, save the entry of new-arriving asylum seekers.

Provided that the entry into and/or exit from the said centres are permitted for the workers and exceptionally the entry and exit are permitted for humanitarian and/or medical reasons and/or for other serious reasons, such as for the purpose of having access to the Court, upon a relevant permit by the Minister of the Interior.

- (t) Any person arriving and/or entering unlawfully in the territory of the Republic shall remain for 14 days since arrival in areas of compulsory isolation (quarantine) designated by the Republic:

Provided that asylum seekers, who enter, are placed and or are obliged to stay in reception, hospitality and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, are instead placed in areas of mandatory isolation (quarantine) for 14 days, before coming into any contact with those already staying there and the relevant medical protocol is followed in each case.

2.7 Independently of the provisions of Regulation 2.6, due to the compelling need arising from the epidemiological data, the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases, the qualitative analysis of epidemiological data and the dissemination recorded in the Districts of Limassol and Paphos, and taking into account that despite the measures previously taken since October 2020 and thereafter, around 70% of the cases originate in said two Districts; moreover, since 28 October until 11 November 2020, out of 2,644 COVID-19 cases recorded, 1,788 come from Limassol and Paphos, while in only five days from 7 until 11 November, 605 cases out of 904 were from these two Districts while 49 out of 68 patients receiving treatment in hospitals come from these two Districts and from 31 October until 11 November 2020, we had 8 fatalities due to COVID-19, of which 7 were permanent residents in Limassol and Paphos. As of 12 November at 20:00 hours until 30 November 2020 at 23:59 hours, the following are in force in the Districts of Limassol and Paphos, unless otherwise provided for in this Regulation:

- (a) The movement of persons is prohibited from 20:00 hours until 05:00 hours with the exception of the following cases:
 - (i) Travel to and from the workplace, as well as for work purposes by using the Employee Movement Confirmation Form, which is attached as Appendix to this Decree,

- (ii) Transportation of goods/merchandise and raw materials to enterprises, irrespective of district, which remain activated, provided that a bill of sale is produced.
- (iii) Movement of workers provided they possess a relevant employee movement confirmation form issued by their employer, if they are absolutely needed for the functioning of the activated enterprises at: work sites, oil installations, food industries and agricultural products, movement for reasons of emergency repair – maintenance of machinery/devices, and pharmaceutical companies, if they cannot work remotely.
Provided that the movement of workers in retail trade companies is forbidden and also in companies providing services.
- (iv) Movement of journalists and Mass Media employees, provided they hold a valid press card and a worker's certificate issued by their employer.
- (v) Movement of workers in services, projects, works or activities which are necessary for the following:
- Securing the constant supply of electricity,
 - Securing water supply for household purposes,
 - Securing the functioning of telecommunications,
 - Safe operation of air transport and air traffic control,
 - Functioning of prisons,
 - Repair or maintenance of the equipment and electromechanical installations of the National Guard and the Police, including the Fire Service.
 - Safe Waste Management and State Strategic Reserves, provided they possess an employee travel certificate issued by their employer,
- who possess the relevant movement confirmation from their employer.
- (vi) Travel for medical reasons to a medical centre or hospital or medical council:
Provided that such persons must carry with them a medical certificate for verification purposes,
- (vii) Transportation of persons arriving at or departing from the Airports of Larnaca and Paphos and Limassol Port. Provided they carry with them for verification purposes a copy of the ticket, clearly bearing the date and time of the flight and the passenger's name.
- (viii) Transport of goods to and from Limassol Port, Larnaca Port, Larnaca Airport and Paphos Airport, between all districts, bearing the relevant employee travel certificate issued by the employer and the relevant goods delivery bulletin.

- (ix) Parcel delivery services/courier companies and private security services between all districts, bearing the relevant employee travel certificate issued by the employer and the relevant goods delivery bulletin.
 - (x) Movement of athletes and teams for training purposes for matches taking place in the context of Premier League sports championships, as well as for National Teams. Provided that for the training the said persons must carry with them a confirmation of the date and hour of training or/and the match.
 - (xi) Movement of the means of mass transport and taxis, between all districts, provided passengers are included in the exceptions to this Regulation.
 - (xii) Movement of divorced parents or estranged parents who may visit their children by court order, which they must carry with them during their movement.
 - (xiii) In exceptional circumstances of an emergency nature where the constitutional rights of a litigant are at immediate risk, the movement of a lawyer or the litigant shall be permitted, upon the granting of a relevant confirmation by the Chief Registrar. Provided that the said confirmation may be supplied, among other means, via facsimile or email.
 - (xiv) Travel of farmers and livestock workers, provided they produce a form of hectare or animal subsidy by KOAP or, in case this is not available, a relevant confirmation by the District Agricultural Office.
 - (xv) In extremely serious cases, the Minister of Health may exceptionally approve travel of workers/persons to any other Services/Enterprises, or for any other reason, following a recommendation by the competent Ministry, in order to secure the smooth functioning of the economy and of the Republic:
Provided that the workers and all other persons included in categories (i) to xv must be in possession of a Molecular Test (PCR) valid in the last 7 days, beginning on Wednesday 18/11/2020 at 05:00 hours:
Further provided that the provisions cited in this Regulation apply respectively to all persons who enter into or/and move within the Districts of Limassol or Paphos from other Districts.
- (c) Gatherings are prohibited in private and public places (parks, squares, water reservoirs, picnic areas, beaches, pavements and marinas etc.) not including houses, except for exercise purposes, provided that their number shall not exceed two persons, excluding under-age children of the parents exercising.
 - (d) Home gatherings are allowed for a maximum number of 10 persons, including under-age children.

- (e) Church going and other forms of religious worship in religious places take place without a congregation present.
- (f) Religious ceremonies are allowed (weddings, christenings, funerals) with a maximum of 10 persons attending.
- (g) The holding of lunch/dinner and any event for weddings and christenings is prohibited, other than a home event with a maximum number of 10 persons including minors.
- (h) The functioning of public and private Lyceums and Higher and University Educational Institutions shall be carried out remotely as of 16 November 2020. Preschools, Primary Schools and Secondary Schools (Gymnasiums) carry on their normal operation.
- (i) The services of the public sector, wider public sector and Local Government Authorities of the Limassol and Paphos Districts, with the exception of essential services which carry on their normal operation subject to the safety and health protocols, will be functioning with the minimum personnel necessary to handle emergency issues and emergency needs of the public. The physical presence of one person per 8 sq.m. shall be allowed for the service of the public by appointment only.
- (j) Those working in the public sector, wider public sector and in local government authorities, who do are not occupied in essential services, shall work remotely by rotation, provided this is feasible and a previous relevant approval has been granted by the competent authority under which they serve. The physical presence of one person per 8 sq.m. shall be allowed for the service of the public by appointment only.
- (k) Visits are prohibited to public and private hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres.
- (l) With the exception of the catering areas in Paphos Airport, as well as catering areas inside hotels and tourist accommodation, which may function until 22:30 hours only to cater for guests staying at the said hotels or tourist accommodation, the functioning is suspended of catering establishment (restaurants, taverns, cafeterias, pizzerias, pubs, snack-bars, bars, coffee shops and catering areas in canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, societies etc) excepting services concerned with home delivery and take - away.
Provided that the services within the catering areas of hotels and tourist accommodation are offered under the following conditions:
 - (i) To serve only persons staying in the said hotels or/and tourist accommodation and provided they are only served at table arrangements, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

- (ii) the functioning and use of bars in catering areas shall exclusively be confined to the preparation of food and drinks by the employees, with service at the bar forbidden, and
- (iii) the maximum number of persons per table is six (6):

Provided further that the catering areas in hotels and tourist accommodation may provide home delivery services to persons who do not stay at such hotels or/and tourist accommodation.

- (m) The functioning of archaeological sites, museums and historical sites is suspended.
- (n) The functioning of open-air and indoor theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls is suspended.
- (o) Popular markets shall function at 50% capacity on the basis of the relevant protocol and subject to social distancing of 1.5 sq.m. between persons, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- (p) Public transport shall function at a reduced capacity, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.
- (q) The functioning of covered shopping centres, supermarkets and, large stores, as well as malls with an area of 500 sq.m. is suspended. (retail food trade is exempt).
- (r) The functioning of beauty centres and tattoo parlors is suspended.
- (s) The functioning of hairdressing salons and barber shops is suspended.
- (t) The functioning of gyms is suspended.
- (u) The functioning of Driving Schools is suspended.
- (v) The functioning of betting shops is suspended.
- (w) The functioning of casinos is suspended.
- (x) The functioning of swimming pools is suspended, with the exception of their use by persons with disabilities for reasons of therapeutic exercise or for training of up to four persons including the coach.
- (y) The functioning is allowed of gyms, swimming pools wellness centres and other secondary infrastructure inside hotels and tourist accommodation, serving only the guests staying in such premises.
- (z) Limassol Port shall function only for commercial transactions and activities. The boarding of cruise ships by passengers is prohibited.
- (aa) The filming of television videos and audio is allowed subject to the strict observance of the relevant protocols.
- (bb) The Limassol Port shall operate only for trade transactions and activities, while the disembarkation of passengers from cruise ships is forbidden.
- (cc) The training and athletic events for persons under 18 is suspended for team sports:

Provided that individual training for team and individual sports is allowed (2 persons including the trainer)

- (dd) The training and athletic events are suspended, with the exception of Premier League Championships and National Team matches.
- (ee) The functioning and use of organized sports installations is prohibited, with the exception of the following cases:
 - (i) The functioning of open-air sports installations exclusively for use by individuals or teams up to four (4) persons, including the coach and without spectators being present, and
 - (ii) The functioning of sports installations for training and matches, without the presence of spectators, for the championships of Premier League teams and national teams.
- (ff) The training is allowed of high performance athletes, who are included in the list of the Cyprus Sports Organization, with participation of up to 4 persons, including the trainer (athletes who have secured or are pursuing qualification for the Olympic Games and/or are included in the High Performance and Talent Planning of the Cyprus Sports Organization).
- (gg) All group sports and social activities for persons under the age of 18 years, including activities of soccer, dance, theatre, martial arts, et al. are prohibited.

2.8 Without prejudice to Regulation 2.8 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.28) of 2020, the use of a protective facemask is compulsory for all persons of 12 years upwards in indoor areas where there are more than one person present and in outdoor areas where there are and/or are circulating two or more persons, excluding the cases defined in guidelines, which are issued by the Ministry of Health.

2.9 For employees of the public and wider public sector, who must be absent from work in order to remain in self-isolation, a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons shall be granted, with retrospective effect from 20.3.2020, date on which the possibility of granting a medical Work Leave for Public Health Reasons certificate was announced, provided that the effected employees have presented the said certificate and their absence had been taken into consideration for their leave of rest, in the following cases and under the following conditions:

- (a) When the employee is placed in compulsory self-isolation, due to their close contact with a confirmed outbreak in the context of their duties, provided that they produce a Medical Work Leave Certificate for Public Health Reasons;

(b) when the employee is placed in compulsory self-isolation after his return from an official trip to a country not falling into Categories A and B, in accordance with the country categorization based on risk assessment, as these are announced by the Ministry of Health, provided that they have produced a Medical Work Leave Certificate for Public Health Reasons;

(c) Following a decision for compulsory leave from work due to the detection of a confirmed outbreak in the Service of the employee, which had remained obligatorily closed for a certain period of time;

(d) for the purpose of caring for children up to the age of 15 years, for those cases where:

(i) the boy is a close contact of an outbreak and placed in compulsory self-isolation, and

(ii) due to the detection of a confirmed outbreak at school, which obligatorily remained closed for a certain period of time.

(e) A Special Leave for Public Health Reasons is granted in the cases (a) to (d) only if the nature of work is such as not to allow teleworking, with the approval by the Head of the Ministry/Department/Service/Public Law Organization/Local Government Authority:

Provided that in the case where an employee is asked to be absent from work in order to remain in self-isolation for any reason other than those of (a) to (e) of this Regulation, then his days of absence from work are counted as sick leave, if the nature of their work is such as not to allow working from home.

2.10 For the purposes of this Decree, the following are defined as Essential Services:

-Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, including all of its Departments/Services,

- Ministry of Health, including all of its Directorates/Departments/Services, as well as the State Health Services Organization and the Health Insurance Organization and their Directorates and/or Services,

-The Sanitary Services of the Local Self-Government Authorities and those of the public and wider public sector,

-Ministry of the Interior, including all of its Departments/Services and Directorates,

-The Administration and the Department of Information Technology Services of the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy.

- The Consumer Protection Service, as well as the Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of the Ministry of Energy, Trade and Industry,
- The Cyprus Information Service,
- The Legal Service of the Republic,
- The Ministry of Justice and Public Order, Police, Fire Service and the Department of Prisons,
- The Administration of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, Civil Aviation, Department of Electromechanical Services, Postal Services Department and Public Works Department,
- The Veterinary Services, Forestry Department and Water Development Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment,
- Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, including its Directorates/Departments and Services,
- The Citizens Service Centres,
- The Customs Department,
- The Tax Department,
- The Presidency of the Republic,
- The Council of Ministers and the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers,
- The House of Representatives,
- The Courts and the Court Registrars (including their workers)
- Ministry of Defence and the National Guard,
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including its Directorates/Departments,
- The Accountant General's Office,
- The Ports Authority, Harbours and Services within the Ports, private and public hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres,
- Essential Services of airports and airline companies,
- Telecommunication Services and Cyprus Radio,
- The Cyprus Electricity Authority (CEA),
- The Water Boards and Desalination Stations,

-The Inquiry Committee on Exceptional Naturalisation of Foreign Investors and Entrepreneurs, appointed by virtue of an ordinance by the Attorney General of the Republic (R.A.A. 406/20 and 467/20) and its personnel.

Ministry of Health

12 November 2020

Appendix

(Regulation 2.5)

EMPLOYEE MOVEMENT CONFIRMATION FORM*

The employee
of company/service/organization
is obliged to move for work purposes in the District/s of
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between andhours.

The identification of the above employee can be verified by presenting his/her identity card/passport.

Full name of employer/supervisor:

Signature of employer/supervisor:

Date:

*The same form is applicable to and is to be used by self-employed persons.