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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 10 January 2022, 87.2% of the adult population received at least one dose of the vaccine and 83.6% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 4 January 2022 until 10 January 2022, 26.063 cases have been recorded, while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily is around 230 patients per day, and from 5 January 2022 until 11 January 2022 20 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, the

following Regulations shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos:

Short title.

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (**No. 3**) of 2022.

Government
Gazette, Annex
III(I):
5.1.2022

2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of Regulation 11 of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 2) of 2022 is deleted and replaced by the following new subparagraph (i):

“(i) Visits shall only be allowed to persons who hold a valid certificate of completed vaccination for COVID-19 or who hold a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 valid for 90 days from the date of sampling of the initial positive diagnosis and provided that all of the above persons hold a negative rapid antigen detection test with sampling having taken place on the day of the visit.”.

3. Regulations 50 until 58 of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 2) of 2022 are deleted and replaced by the following new Regulations 50 until 58, which shall enter into force as of 14th of January 2022 at 05.00 a.m.:

“50. Entry into the Republic is permitted for persons, regardless of nationality, arriving at the Larnaca and Paphos airports from countries of the ‘Green’ category, according to the country categorization, based on the risk assessment as announced by the Ministry of Health and subject to the guidelines as announced on the <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> platform and persons aged 12 years and over:

(a) must hold a certificate from a certified laboratory with a negative result of either a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, prior to their departure for the Republic,

(b) shall undergo on arrival in the Republic a laboratory test (PCR), the cost of which they shall bear themselves and remain under self-limitation until the result of the test is issued,

(c) with the exception of those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 at the end of 72 hours after their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health; and

(d) persons refusing to undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 upon arrival in the Republic, in addition to the criminal liability arising from their refusal, shall be transferred and shall be required to remain in places of compulsory confinement determined by the Republic for a period of 14 days, unless they undergo a laboratory test (PCR) before the termination of the said period:

provided that the costs of their accommodation in the places of mandatory quarantine and of the laboratory examination (PCR) shall be borne by the persons themselves,

(e) for persons who, after their arrival in the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed, subject to the provisions of Regulation 79,

(f) those persons who are diagnosed positive cases of COVID-19 shall have to wait at least ten (10) days from the date of sampling of the positive result, defined as day "0", before departing to the Republic.

51. Entry into the Republic is permitted for persons, regardless of nationality, arriving at the Larnaca and Paphos airports from countries of the 'Orange' category according to the categorisation of countries, based on the risk assessment as announced by the Ministry of Health, subject to the guidelines as announced on the <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> platform, and persons aged 12 years and over:

(a) must hold a certificate from a certified laboratory with a negative result of either a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, prior to their departure for the Republic,

(b) shall undergo upon arrival in the Republic a laboratory test (PCR), the cost of which shall be borne by them and remain in self-confinement until the result of the test is issued,

(c) with the exception of those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 upon the completion of 72 hours since their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health

(d) persons refusing to undergo, upon arrival to the Republic, a laboratory PCR test for COVID-19, beyond the criminal liability emanating from such refusal, shall be transported and obliged to remain quarantined in areas determined by the Republic for a period of 14 days, unless they undergo a laboratory PCR test before the termination of the said period:

provided that the cost of their accommodation in the areas of mandatory quarantine as well as of the laboratory PCR test, shall be borne by the persons themselves,

(e) for persons who, after their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed, subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

(f) those persons who are diagnosed positive cases of COVID-19 shall have to wait at least ten (10) days from the date of sampling of the positive result, defined as day "0", before departing to the Republic.

52. Entry into the Republic is permitted for persons, regardless of nationality, arriving at the Larnaca and Paphos airports from countries of the 'Red' category according to the categorisation of countries, based on the risk assessment as announced by the Ministry of Health, subject to the guidelines as announced on the <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> platform, and persons aged 12 years and over::

(a) must hold a certificate from a certified laboratory with a negative result of either a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, prior to their departure for the Republic,

(b) shall undergo upon arrival in the Republic a laboratory test (PCR), the cost of which shall be borne by them and remain in self-confinement until the result of the test is issued,

(c) with the exception of those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 upon the completion of 72 hours since their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and

(d) persons refusing to undergo, upon arrival to the Republic, a laboratory PCR test for COVID-19, beyond the criminal liability emanating from such refusal, shall be transported and obliged to remain quarantined in areas determined by the Republic for a period of 14 days, unless they undergo a laboratory PCR test before the termination of the said period:

Provided that the cost of their accommodation in the areas of mandatory quarantine as well as of the laboratory PCR test, shall be borne by the persons themselves,

(e) for persons who, after their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed, subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

(f) those persons who are diagnosed positive cases of COVID-19 shall have to wait at least ten (10) days from the date of sampling of the positive result, defined as day "0", before departing to the Republic.

53. Entry into the Republic is not permitted for persons arriving at the Larnaca and Paphos airports from countries of the 'Grey' category according to the categorisation of countries, based on the risk assessment as announced by the Ministry of Health, except for the following:

(a) the following categories of persons, subject to the guidelines as announced on the <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> platform:

- (i) Cypriot citizens and members of their families (alien spouses and minor children);
- (ii) European citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland;
- (iii) legal residents of the Republic;
- (iv) passengers entitled to enter the Republic according to the Vienna Convention; and
- (v) third-country nationals entitled to enter the Republic provided that they hold an approval for special entry permit to the Republic obtained upon application to the Commission appointed by the Council of Minister in its meeting of 17 June 2020.

(b) Persons referred to in paragraph (a) and as long as they hold:

(i) a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with the vaccines Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield, AstraZeneca – SKBio, Covaxin, Sputnik light (only as a booster to a basic vaccination scheme) and Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19 Vaccine, or;

(ii) a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined in press

releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, valid for 180 days since the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis;

They shall present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to their departure for the Republic, except for persons aged 11 years and under, and undergo a laboratory test (PCR) upon arrival, except for persons aged 11 years and under, the cost of which shall be borne by them and they shall remain in self-confinement until the result of the test is issued, and in addition, with the exception of those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 upon the completion of 72 hours after their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

Provided that the certificates of complete vaccination issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined in press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, shall only be accepted in electronic format (EU Digital COVID Certificate),

(c) the persons aged 12 years old and over, referred to in paragraph (a), who do not meet the conditions in paragraph (b):

(i) shall present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to their departure for the Republic,

(ii) shall undergo upon arrival in the Republic a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, the cost of which shall be borne by them, and

(iii) shall remain in mandatory self-confinement and either undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 on the seventh day of self-confinement at their own expense and self-confinement is terminated provided that the result of the test is negative, or be released on the fourteenth day of self-confinement provided that they are not positive for COVID-19, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,

(d) persons who arrive in the Republic from countries of the 'Grey' category, for the purpose of implementing public works or other professional obligations, upon the approval of the Committee appointed by the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 17 June 2020, with the exception of persons falling under the provisions of Regulation 53(a)(i) to (iv), and whose period of stay in the Republic does not exceed 4 days:

(i) shall present a negative certificate of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 from a certified laboratory with a negative result, with sampling having been carried out within 72 hours prior to departure, except in urgent and exceptional cases in which approval is given by the Minister of Health, and have the laboratory test (PCR) carried out immediately upon arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by them, and remain in self-confinement until the result of the test is issued,

(ii) shall be required to undergo a daily rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 until the day of their departure, to keep the certificate of the test for check purposes and to take precautionary and self-protection measures in the place where they reside,

(e) persons refusing to undergo, upon arrival to the Republic, a laboratory PCR test for COVID-19, beyond the criminal liability emanating from such refusal, shall be transported and obliged to remain quarantined in areas determined by the Republic for a period of 14 days, unless they undergo a laboratory PCR test before the termination of the said period:

Provided that the cost of their accommodation in the areas of mandatory quarantine as well as of the laboratory PCR test, shall be borne by the persons themselves,

(f) for persons who, after their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed, subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

(g) those persons who are diagnosed positive cases of COVID-19 shall have to wait at least ten (10) days from the date of sampling of the positive result, defined as day "0", before departing to the Republic.

54. Entry to and/or departure from the Republic is permitted for persons who are crew members of commercial vessels or crew members on platforms conducting exploratory drilling within the Exclusive Economic Zones of States with which the Republic has established diplomatic relations, or crew members of cruise ships or crew members of pleasure boats, either docked in the ports of the Republic, or arriving on commercial or other flights, from countries:

(a) of the "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, in accordance with the categorisation of countries based on the risk assessment as announced by the Ministry of Health, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works and the Deputy Ministry of Shipping,

(b) of the 'Grey' category, in accordance with the categorisation of countries on the basis of the risk assessment as announced by the Ministry of Health, subject to the following conditions:

(i) Such persons shall be placed under self-confinement 14 days prior to their arrival,

(ii) They must hold a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to their departure for the Republic,

(iii) the company for which they are employed and/or the agent who is responsible for the change of crew, undertake the transport of the crew directly from the ship to the airport and the transport of crews arriving by air from the airport to the port of departure, under strict security measures. If the timing between the arrival of the ship and the arrival of the flight is not synchronous, or if the results of the laboratory tests (PCR) are pending, the company and/or agent shall make arrangements for the crew to stay in designated accommodation, in isolation, until the arrival of the flight or ship. Where possible, the disembarking crew shall remain on board until the date of the flight:

Provided that, in the case of persons already employed as crew members on board vessels docked in Cypriot ports and who will depart from the Republic, this paragraph and the guidelines of the Deputy Ministry of Shipping shall apply in their case; and

(iv) they shall be exempted from the self-confinement requirement, as provided in paragraph (b)(i), if they hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme from the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the European

Economic Area and Switzerland and countries specified in press releases issued by the Ministry of Health and/or posted on [https://cyprusflightpass.gov. cy/](https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/), with a vaccine authorised by the European Medicines Agency or with the vaccines Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield, AstraZeneca – SKBio, Covaxin, Sputnik light (only as a booster shot in a basic vaccination scheme) and Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine, provided that the number of days specified by the Ministry of Health between the administration of the last dose and the date of travel has elapsed after the required doses have been completed, or a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 in the form of the COVID European Digital Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries specified in press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> platform, with a validity of 180 days from the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis.

55. Entry and stay in the Republic is permitted for seafarers and crew members of vessels, who are travelling on board vessels docked in the ports of the Republic, under the following conditions and in accordance with the guidelines of the Deputy Ministry of Shipping:

(a) for vessels arriving in the Republic from countries of the "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, and provided that they have not called at a port from a country belonging to the "Grey" category, in accordance with the categorisation, during the previous 14 days, seafarers and crew members must present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to the departure of the vessel, and these persons shall be subjected to a laboratory test (PCR) in the docking area and remain on board until the result is issued and additionally, except for those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a single-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 at the end of 72 hours after their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,

(b) for vessels arriving in the Republic from countries in the 'Grey' category, seafarers and crew members:

(i) must have completed 14 days in self-confinement prior to arrival and have completed a specific form issued by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works as part of the crew change protocol,

(ii) must present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours before the vessel departs for the Republic,

(iii) must undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 upon disembarkation from the vessel, and until the result of the test is issued, such persons shall remain on board or in self-confinement until the result of the test is issued; and

(iv) shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 at the end of 72 hours after their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and excluding those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a single-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine,

(c) for the carrying out of the laboratory tests (PCR), the transport procedure and the quarantine, pending the results of the test, of such persons, the procedures provided for in Regulation 54 shall be followed *mutatis mutandis*,

(d) shall be exempted from the requirement of self-confinement as provided in paragraph (b)(i) if they hold:

(i) a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme from the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries specified in press releases issued by the Ministry of Health and/or posted on <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/>, with a vaccine authorised by the European Medicines Agency or with the vaccines Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield, AstraZeneca – SKBio, Covaxin, Sputnik light (only as a booster shot in a basic vaccination scheme) and Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine, provided that the number of days specified by the Ministry of Health between the administration of the last dose and the date of travel has elapsed after the required doses have been completed, or

(ii) a certificate of recovery from the COVID-19 disease in the form of the European Digital Certificate COVID from the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries specified in press releases issued by the Ministry of Health and/or posted on <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/>, with a validity of 180 days from the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis,

(e) persons refusing to undergo, upon arrival to the Republic, a laboratory PCR test for COVID-19, beyond the criminal liability emanating from such refusal, shall be transported and obliged to remain quarantined in areas determined by the Republic for a period of 14 days, unless they undergo a laboratory PCR test before the termination of the said period:

Provided that the cost of their accommodation in the areas of mandatory quarantine as well as of the laboratory PCR test, shall be borne by the persons themselves,

(f) for persons who, after their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed, subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

56. For persons legally entering the Republic through legal sea ports of entry from countries categorized as "Green", "Orange", "Red" and "Grey", according to the categorization of countries based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health, the following shall apply for the purpose of entry into the Republic:

(a) Passengers on board recreational craft:

(i) From countries of the "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, the persons on board shall present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to the departure of the vessel and such persons shall be subjected to a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 at the docking area, the cost of which shall be borne by them and they shall remain in self-confinement until the result of the test is issued on board and, in addition, with the exception of those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 72 hours after their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. In the event that the persons on board do not provide a negative certificate of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, they shall be subjected to that test upon arrival and all such persons shall remain on board the vessel in self-confinement and undergo a further laboratory test (PCR) after 48 hours,

(ii) from countries of the "Grey" category and who, during the previous 14 days from their arrival, have not docked in any port or have docked only in ports of countries belonging to the "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, the persons on board must, before their arrival in the Republic, obtain approval from the Committee appointed by the Decision of the Council of Ministers, dated 17 June 2020, with the exception of persons falling within the provisions of Regulation 53(a)(i) to (iv), and shall present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to the departure of the vessel, and such persons shall be subject to a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 upon arrival at the berth, the cost of which shall be borne by them and they shall remain on board the vessel in self-confinement until the result is issued and, in addition, with the exception of those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a single-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 72 hours after their arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. In the event that the persons on board do not provide a negative certificate of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, they shall be subjected to that test upon arrival and all such persons shall remain on board the vessel in self-confinement and undergo a further laboratory test (PCR) after 48 hours:

Provided that, for recreational craft arriving from countries of the "Grey" category and for which the period between departure from a country of the "Grey" category and arrival in the Republic is less than 14 days, the passengers shall remain on board the vessel in compulsory self-confinement for as many days as necessary to complete the 14 days, or undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 on the seventh day of self-confinement at their own expense and the self-confinement shall be terminated, provided that the result of the test is negative;

(iii) persons refusing to undergo, upon arrival to the Republic, a laboratory PCR test for COVID-19, beyond the criminal liability emanating from such refusal, shall be transported and obliged to remain quarantined in areas determined by the Republic for a period of 14 days, unless they undergo a laboratory PCR test before the termination of the said period:

Provided that the cost of their accommodation in the areas of mandatory quarantine as well as of the laboratory PCR test, shall be borne by the persons themselves,

(iv) for persons who, after their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19 disease, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed,

(v) persons refusing to undergo, upon arrival to the Republic, a laboratory PCR test for COVID-19, beyond the criminal liability emanating from such refusal, shall be transported and obliged to remain quarantined in areas determined by the Republic for a period of 14 days, unless they undergo a laboratory PCR test before the termination of the said period:

Provided that the cost of their accommodation in the areas of mandatory quarantine as well as of the laboratory PCR test, shall be borne by the persons themselves,

(b) subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, passengers of cruise ships entering the Republic for a short visit not exceeding 24 hours:

(i) shall present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to disembarkation from the ship, the cost of which shall not be borne by the Republic,

(ii) shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 upon arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by the State and for persons diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed; and

(iii) those whose cruise ends in the Republic and who depart directly from the Republic, shall not be required to present a negative rapid antigen detection test upon disembarkation from the ship,

(c) subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, passengers on cruise ships for cruises departing from or terminating in the ports of the Republic who remain in the Republic for more than 24 hours upon arrival in the Republic, where the cruise destinations are only countries belonging to the "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, must:

(i) present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to their disembarkation from the ship, the cost of which shall not be borne by the Republic,

(ii) undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 on board the vessel at the time of disembarkation from the vessel within the port area, the cost of which shall not be borne by the Republic; and

(iii) undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, are exempt from the requirement to submit to a rapid antigen detection test,

(d) stakeholders and persons operating in the ports of the Republic, including carriers, passengers and personnel entering and moving within the ports of the Republic, shall comply with the Health Protocol of the ports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works and the Ministry of Health and Regulation 82,

(e) shipping companies, shipping agents and ship crews shall comply with the Sanitary Protocol of the Ports of the Republic and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works and the Ministry of Health, as amended from time to time, regarding the procedures to be applied in the ports of the Republic for the purpose of limiting the spread of COVID-19 and Regulation 82,

(f) the operators of lawful points of entry by sea shall ensure that the provisions of these Regulations and Regulation 82 are complied with.

57. Entry into the Republic of persons from countries of the "Grey" category, as announced by the Ministry of Health, who secure prior permission to work in the Republic and/or prior permission for any other purpose to enter the Republic from the relevant

Ministries and Departments and upon approval by the Committee appointed by the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 17 June 2020, where such approval is required under the provisions of Regulation 53(a)(i) to (iv), shall be permitted, subject to the following:

(a) The granting of the special entry permit shall be given on the basis of the order of submission of the relevant application, which shall be entered in an electronic register maintained by the Ministry of Interior,

(b) such persons shall present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to their departure for the Republic and shall undergo laboratory testing (PCR) upon arrival in the Republic,

(c) employers shall advance the cost of accommodation of the above persons for their compulsory confinement in hotels and/or tourist accommodation contracted by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and the cost of carrying out two laboratory tests (PCR) for COVID-19 (one test on arrival and a repeat test on the seventh day of compulsory confinement) and the compulsory confinement shall be terminated provided that the result of the laboratory test (PCR) is negative:

Provided that, the total consequential costs which employers shall advance shall be determined by the Council of Ministers,

(d) Employees who fall under the provisions of this Regulation shall personally cover the cost of their transport to the said tourist accommodation,

(e) persons who fall within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the mandatory confinement requirement and shall additionally undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 upon completion of 72 hours from their arrival, in compliance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, if they possess:

(i) a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme from the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries specified in press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> with a vaccine authorised by the European Medicines Agency or with the vaccines Sputnik V, Sinopharm, and Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield, AstraZeneca – SKBio, Covaxin, Sputnik light (only as a booster shot in a basic vaccination scheme) and Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine, provided that the number of days specified by the Ministry of Health between the administration of the last dose and the date of travel has elapsed after the required doses have been completed:

Provided that the certificates of a completed vaccination scheme from the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries specified in press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the platform <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> are accepted only in digital form (European Digital Certificate COVID), or

(ii) a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 in the form of the European Digital COVID Certificate from the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries specified in press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> platform, with a validity of 180 days from the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis.

(f) for persons who, after their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed,

(g) those persons who are diagnosed positive cases of COVID-19 shall have to wait at least ten (10) days from the date of sampling of the positive result, defined as day "0", before departing to the Republic.

58. For the purposes of entry into the Republic, persons who are entitled to enter the Republic in accordance with the Vienna Convention:

(a) shall present a certificate with a negative result from an accredited laboratory of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours prior to their departure,

(b) shall undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, the cost of which is borne by them upon their arrival in the Republic, except in urgent and exceptional cases for which approval is given by the Minister of Health, and shall remain in self-confinement until the result of the test is issued, and

(c) shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 upon completion of 72 hours from their arrival, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Those who have been proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, shall be exempt from the requirement to undergo a rapid antigen detection test.

(d) for persons who, after their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79,

(g) those persons who are diagnosed positive cases of COVID-19 shall have to wait at least ten (10) days from the date of sampling of the positive result, defined as day "0", before departing to the Republic."

4. This Decree shall enter into force immediately upon its publication in the Government Gazette of the Republic.

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