

**GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

ANNEX III

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.
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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 03 March 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

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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 by COVID-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260; and

Due to the imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data for the protection of public health, for coping with the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus and taking into consideration that the vaccination programme against Covid-19 is progressing at a satisfactory pace and that by 13 May 2021, 42.5% of the population received the first dose of the vaccine and 13.3% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 07 May 2021 to 13 May 2021, 1,805 cases have been recorded with the average rate of persons hospitalized daily fluctuating between 165 and 190 patients per day, and given that during the above period 10 deaths of patients have been recorded with the COVID-19 disease being the ultimate cause of death and that the percentage of positive results from the diagnostic testing moves close to 1%, 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. 17) of 2021.

2.1 The Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees (No 16) of 2021 is hereby repealed with effect as of 17 May 2021 at 04:59 a.m.

2.2 From 17 May 2021 at 05.00 a.m. to 31 May 2021 at 23.59 p.m. the following shall apply unless otherwise stated below:

Annex.

- (a) Movements are prohibited from 00.00 a.m. to 05.00 a.m. with the exception of the following cases:
 - (i) going to and coming back from the workplace, as well as for work purposes, by using the Confirmation of Employee's Movement attached hereto as Annex;
 - (ii) going to a medical centre or hospital or pharmacy of veterinarian for medical emergencies; and
 - (iii) provision of urgent assistance to persons who are unable to take care of themselves or who must protect themselves;

Provided that people should carry their identity card or passport in case of control by the competent authorities.

- (b) Access to parks, linear parks, beaches, squares, dams, excursion sites, marinas, zoos, nature parks and trails is permitted with a maximum of ten people per group including minor children and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;
- (c) Mass events, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, concerts, festivals, including festivals in public or private places, are prohibited, with the exception of events/gatherings/sports events for which guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Health;
- (d) Gatherings at private residences will be limited to 10 people per residence, including minor children and hosts;
- (e) The presence of congregants during church services and other forms of religious worship is permitted on the following terms:
 - (i) the total number of persons allowed may not exceed 30% of the capacity of the place of religious worship;
 - (ii) inside the places of religious worship persons aged 12 and over should hold either a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis;

Provided that the responsibility for compliance lies with the person or persons who are in charge of the specific religious worship site according to the regulating legal framework of the religion or/and creed concerned:

Provided further that the presence of people at the courtyards of churches and other places of religious worship is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

- (f) Individual prayer in churches, mosques and other places of religious worship is allowed outside church service hours or/and other religious ceremonies with a maximum of 10 people attending simultaneously the place of religious worship:

Provided that the responsibility for compliance lies with the person or persons who are in charge of the specific religious worship site according to the regulating legal framework of the religion or/and creed concerned.

- (g) Ceremonies such as weddings, christenings and funerals shall be governed by the following terms:

(i) the total number of persons allowed shall be 200 and may not exceed 30% of the capacity of the place of ceremony;

(ii) indoors, persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

- (h) The holding of luncheons or/and dinners is permitted only in outdoor areas of the catering establishments and in outdoor areas of event venues and hotels and the maximum number of persons attending shall be 200, provided that the persons attending shall be seated.

- (i) Visits to hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres are permitted upon approval by the Manager of the institution and provided that persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that visitors are exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test in case of an emergency and exceptional circumstances upon approval by the Manager of the institution.

- (j) Visits are allowed to nursing homes, care for the elderly units, chronic patients' units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres and child protection units subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance and for indoor areas persons aged 12 and over should hold either a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

- (k) All public and private hospitals may perform operations for non-urgent cases. For private hospitals, the occupancy rate should not exceed 80% save for the Intensive Care Units where the occupancy rate should not exceed 60%.

- (l) Persons approaching to a place accessed by the public should maintain a distance of 2 meters from other persons.

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97(l) of 1996.

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

- (n) The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works shall issue guidelines pertaining to the transport of people by all regular buses with a fare per passenger, as well as by all public and/or private transport means:

Provided that the use of a protective facemask is mandatory for employees and passengers in all transport means mentioned in this paragraph.

- (o) The operation of Courts and Registries shall be governed by the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court.

- (p) The holding of written examinations shall be permitted upon request of the competent body, as well as the holding of meetings of State Authorities and/or meetings of Authorities and/or Services and/or Organs and/or Bodies, which are provided for by the Constitution, in places approved by the Ministry of Health, and on the date of the examination those participating therein should hold either a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

- (q) (i) Private and public schools of primary education, as well as private and public nurseries and kindergartens, including pre-primary schools, special schools and special units of public schools shall operate with physical attendance;

(ii) Gymnasiums and the respective classes of private schools of secondary education shall operate with physical attendance and pupils should produce a certificate of negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test on a weekly basis or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that pupils who do not hold a negative test or a proof of release as provided for hereto, or those unable to physically attend school for any medical reason shall attend online education:

Provided further that the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth as the competent authority, may regulate the physical attendance of the teaching and other staff of the public schools for the smooth operation of the online education.

(iii) Lyceums and technical schools, including evening schools and the respective classes of private schools of secondary education shall operate with physical attendance and pupils should hold either a negative laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test on a daily basis or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided further that pupils who do not hold a negative test or a proof of release as provided for hereto, or those unable to physically attend school for any medical reason shall attend online education.

Provided further that the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth as the competent authority, may regulate the physical attendance of the teaching and other staff of the public schools for the smooth operation of the online education;

(iv) Private and public Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions shall operate with physical attendance and students should hold either a negative laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test on a daily basis or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with

Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis:

Provided that on the date the classes start with physical attendance, students should hold either a negative laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis;

(v) Before returning to work for the first time, all personnel and employees working at the school units and institutions of all levels referred to in subparagraphs (i) to (iv) should hold either a negative laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

(r) Social activities and the operation of all private institutes and private educational centres are permitted with physical attendance subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth and on the following terms:

(i) the maximum number of persons shall be 7 including the tutor;

(ii) for private institutes holding classes indoors, persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test on a daily basis, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis;

(iii) for social activities held indoors, persons aged 12 and over should hold either a negative laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

(s) Retailers:

(i) should observe the measure of 1 person minimum per 10 sqm of working capacity;

(ii) big stores exceeding 500 sqm and trading a wide range of products should ensure that there is a check at the entrance in the presence of an authorized person so that the maximum number of customers is upheld;

(iii) for big stores exceeding 500 sqm and trading a wide range of products, other than the essential food retailers and pharmacies, it is required that persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or

certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis;

- (iv) should take measures to mark the minimum distance of 2 meters, which should be observed by the customers while they are being served, both inside and outside the premises and to display at the entrance of the premises the maximum number of persons permitted in the premises under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance;
- (t) The malls:
 - (i) should observe the measure of 1 person minimum per 15 sqm of working capacity and ensure that there is a check at the entrance in the presence of an authorized person so that the maximum number of customers is upheld;
 - (ii) it is required that persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis;
 - (iii) should take measures to mark the minimum distance of 2 meters, which should be observed by the customers while they are being served, both inside and outside the premises and to display at the entrance of the premises the maximum number of persons permitted in the premises under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance:

Provided that retailers inside the malls should observe the provisions of paragraph (s) mutatis mutandis;

- (u) Conferences and trade fairs are permitted and the total number of persons attending should not exceed 30% of the capacity of the premises and for indoor areas it is required that persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis;
- (v) The operation of betting shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority, without using tables and chairs indoors:

Provided that the use of tables and chairs is permitted only outdoors and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority;

- (w) The operation of casinos is permitted and the total number of persons attending should not exceed 30% subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and it is required that clients hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the

establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

- (x) The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and provided that for accessing indoor areas persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.
- (y) Itinerant sales and bazaars are permitted subject to possession of the relevant authorisation delivered by the competent Municipal or Community Authority and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- (z) The operation of hairdressing salons, barber shops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- (aa) The operation of night clubs, event venues, discos, clubs and music and dancing venues is suspended.
- (ab) (i) The operation of open-air and indoor theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls is permitted with a maximum of 50 spectators attending or the number of spectators should not exceed 50% of the outdoor capacity of the venue;

(ii) for indoor venues it is required that persons aged 12 and over shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.
- (ac) The operation of open-air and indoor playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks is permitted outdoors only and without holding any social events under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.
- (ad) The operation of camping sites is suspended.
- (ae) The operation of constructions sites and in general of the construction sector and related activities is permitted according to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.
- (af) The operation of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and for overnight accommodation and use of indoor areas and facilities it is required that persons aged 12 and over hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

(ag) Catering establishments (restaurants, taverns, cafeterias, pubs, snack-bars and bars, coffee shops, catering establishments inside the malls, catering establishments of hotels and tourist accommodation units, canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, societies etc.) is permitted until 23:45 and on the following terms:

- (i) only seated service will be provided and only outdoors, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;
- (ii) the maximum number of persons per table shall be eight (8);
- (iii) the operation and use of bars in catering establishments is limited exclusively to the preparation of food or drinks by the employees and the direct service from the bar is prohibited;
- (iv) catering establishments of Larnaca and Paphos airports may operate after 23:45 p.m.:

Provide that catering establishments may provide delivery services after 23:45 p.m.

(ah) For places where, by virtue of this Decree, access is subject to the holding of a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test or a certificate of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19, non-residents entering legally the Republic:

(i) using Larnaca and Paphos Airports, may present the Cyprus Flight Pass obtained on the www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy platform;

(ii) using legal sea points of entry, if they are cruise passengers, they should have the proof they obtain from the cruise ship as disembarkment card and if they are passengers of recreational craft, they should have the proof they obtain from their Marina Operator subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works and the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

(ai) Private service providers, with the exception of essential services, shall operate through teleworking and physical attendance of employees inside the workplace should not exceed 50% of the total number of employees.

(aj) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the competent authority, by virtue of the Public Services Law of 1990 to 2020 or/and any laws governing the operation of Independent Services and/or Deputy Ministries, shall proceed immediately to the identification of staffing needs for teleworking and physical presence at work for the smooth operation of the Service:

(i) the public sector and the wider public sector shall work through teleworking and with physical presence of the necessary personnel which shall not exceed 50% of the personnel in order to ensure the smooth operation of the service and the service of citizens to meet emergency needs:

Provided that outdoor construction sites/teams shall continue their works by observing the relevant health protocols;

(ii) as to the Essential Services, as determined in paragraph (ak) hereof, the competent authority shall proceed to the necessary arrangements, in order to ensure, to the extent possible the physical presence at work for the smooth operation of the Service and State;

- (iii) civil servants falling within the categories of citizens with risk factors for serious illness by COVID-19 contained in a list prepared by the Ministry of Health and published on 29 December 2020 or/and in any future update of that list and they do not wish to return to their workplace are obliged to perform their duties from home through teleworking. If they do not wish to perform their duties from home, they may apply for a special sick leave which shall be considered as a sick leave according to the legislation in force and/or collective agreement and/or terms of employment for the period of which the said beneficiaries shall be indemnified with 60% of their earnings by their employer;
 - (iv) in cases where due to the nature of the work teleworking is not permitted, depending on the needs of the service, a request for special leave for reasons of public health may be submitted;
 - (v) by decision of the Competent Authority, as the case may be, the essential services defined in paragraphs (ak) may implement flexible working hours in addition to the working hours of the personnel, in agreement with the employees;
 - (vi) Organisations of Public Law and Local Authorities shall implement the provisions of this paragraph *mutatis mutandis*.
- (ak) For the purposes of this Decree, the following services are defined as essential services:
- (1) the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, including all its Departments/Services;
 - (2) the Ministry of Health, including all its Directorates/Departments and Services, as well as the State Medical Services Organisation and the Health Insurance Organisation and their Directorates and/or Services;
 - (3) the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, including all its Departments/Services;
 - (4) the Ministry of Finance, including all its Directorates General /Departments/Services;
 - (5) the Ministry of Interior, including all its Directorates/Departments and Services;
 - (6) the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, including its Directorates/Departments and Services;
 - (7) the Ministry of Justice and Public Order, including its Directorates/Departments and Services;
 - (8) the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, including its Directorates/Departments and Services;
 - (9) the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth including its Directorates/Departments and Services;
 - (10) the Ministry of Defence;
 - (11) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including its Directorates and Departments;

- (12) the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, including its Departments and Services;
- (13) the Deputy Ministry of Shipping;
- (14) the Deputy Ministry of Tourism;
- (15) the House of Representatives;
- (16) the Courts and Registries (including their officers);
- (17) the Law Office of the Republic;
- (18) the Health Services of Local Authorities and the Health Services of the public and wider public sector;
- (19) the Cyprus Intelligence Services;
- (20) The Police, the Fire Service and the Department of Prisons;
- (21) the National Guard;
- (22) the Treasury;
- (23) the private and public hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres;
- (24) the essential services of airports and air companies;
- (25) the telecommunication and radio companies in Cyprus;
- (26) the Electricity Authority of Cyprus;
- (27) the Water Boards and Desalination Plants;
- (28) the Office of the Transmission System Operator;
- (29) the Investigation Committee of Naturalisation by Exception of non-Cypriot Investors and Businesspersons, appointed by virtue of a decree issued by the Attorney General of the Republic (R.A.A. 406/20 and 467/20) and its staff and the Investigation Committee for establishing the facts in relation to Cypra Ltd and/or Cypra Bioenergy Ltd and/or to other connected and/or related companies and/or persons, appointed by virtue of a decree issued by the Attorney General of the Republic (R.A.A. 652/20) and its staff;
- (30) the Financial Market Infrastructures & Payments Division, the Currency Management Division, the Information Technology Division, the General Administration Services Division, the Accounting Services and Controlling Division and the Supervision – Crisis Team, Central Bank of Cyprus;
- (31) the Electricity Authority of Cyprus;
- (32) the Cyprus Sports Organisation;
- (33) the Human Resource Development Authority;
- (34) the Presidency of the Republic;
- (35) the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers;

- (36) The Cyprus Ports Authority, the Ports and their Services;
- (37) the Digital Security Authority;
- (38) the Sewerage Boards;
- (39) the Office of the Commissioner of Electronic Communications and Postal Regulations;
- (40) the Cyprus Agricultural Payments Organisation;
- (41) the Cyprus Stock Exchange;
- (42) the Local Authorities;
- (43) the Public Service Commission;
- (44) the Education Service Commission;
- (45) the Energy Regulatory Authority; and
- (46) The Cyprus Theatre Organisation, other than the personnel dealing with play productions, for which arrangements are made according to the needs of productions.

In addition to the above list, for the purposes of this Decree, the following services are defined as essential: the banking services, the insurance services, the services of credit acquiring companies, the shipping sector, the Mass Media, the services necessary to the monitoring and management of the Coronavirus pandemic, the provision of social services and the payment of grants and other benefits to the citizens, to ensure uninterrupted supply of electric power, the water supply services, the services for the operation of electronic communications / systems, telecommunications and postal services, to the operation of air transports and the control of air traffic, to the operation of the maritime traffic management and monitoring systems, for the operation of civil defence, for the operation of hospitals and similar services in the health sector, the Veterinary Services, the prisons, the asylum and migration services, for the repair or maintenance of the electrical and mechanical installations of the National Guard and the Police, including the Fire Service, the safe waste and strategic State resources management, the operation of ports and similar and support services thereof, as well as the provision of private protection and protection system services, the provision of services to buildings and outdoors, any officers who, on the opinion of the General Registrar of Elections, the Deputy General Registrar of Elections and the Registrars of each constituency, shall be considered necessary for the preparation of the electoral procedure of 30 May 2021, as well as the departments and officers of the public sector whose nature of work provides for the physical attendance for the completion of works pertaining to the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

- (al) The ports of the Republic shall operate for commercial transactions and activities and provide services to cruise passengers and support services are allowed for the operation of the ports and for logistics purposes subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works.
- (am) The operation and use of indoor and outdoor sports facilities is permitted on the following terms:
 - (i) for training and matches of team sports, without the presence of spectators, for the professional championships of 1st, 2nd and 3rd division

clubs and national clubs, without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures and in compliance with the health protocols:

Provided that on the day of the match, the operation of the changing rooms is permitted;

- (ii) for individual training and matches of individual sports without the presence of spectators and without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures and subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health;
- (iii) certain outdoor sports facilities designated by the Cyprus Sports Organisation for group training or/and matches provided that the number of participants should not exceed 10 people per facility and without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures and subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health;
- (iv) swimming pools used by persons with disabilities for reasons of therapeutic exercise, as well as for training is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health and without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures;
- (v) indoor sports facilities including gyms, dancing schools and other sports academies, without the use of changing rooms and other similar infrastructures and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organisation;
- (vi) equestrian events without spectators being present, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;
- (vii) persons aged 12 and above who fall within the provisions of subparagraphs (ii) to (v) and practice sports in indoor sports facilities or participate in contact sports or in sports events should hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours before the operation of the establishment with physical attendance, or certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis. For the rest of the cases governed by the provisions of these subparagraphs, athletes are required to hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test on a weekly basis or a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed after the date of vaccination or a proof of release for those infected with Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

- (an) The entry and exit of any person into and from the reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers are permitted, subject to the provisions of this Decree:

Provided that the persons falling within the provisions of this paragraph should hold a certificate of negative rapid antigen test on a weekly basis.

- (ao) The operation of driving schools is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.

- (ap) Farmers' markets shall operate at 50% of their capacity, observing the distance of 1.5 meters between people and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

2.3 (a) It is prohibited to enter the Republic from illegal points of entry and to this end the competent monitoring authorities implement the necessary measures; and;

(b) any person arriving on and/or entering illegally the territory of the Republic shall remain in areas of compulsory confinement designated by the Republic for 14 days from arrival:

Provided that asylum seekers who enter, are placed and/or obliged to stay in reception, hospitality and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, are placed in areas of compulsory confinement for 14 days, before coming into any contact with those already staying there and the relevant medical protocol shall be observed for each case

2.4 The operation of passenger short sea vessels, recreational fishing vessels and vessels for the transport of divers, private vessels and water sports undertakings shall be governed by the health and safety guidelines issued by the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

2.5 The undertakings serving the public, as well as the offices of the public sector, the wider public sector and the Local Authorities serving the public should take the necessary measures to mark the minimum distance of 2 meters that has to be observed by the citizens, both inside and outside the premises provided that not more than 1 person per 10 sqm of working capacity may be simultaneously at the same place, i.e. the service area, including the staff. Moreover, they should display at the entrance of the premises the maximum number of persons allowed inside the premises under the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.

2.6 Where there is a case of Covid-19 in any private office and/or undertaking and/or in any service of the public service and/or the wider public service and/or in the Independent services and/or in local authorities, they are obliged to suspend their operation immediately and proceed to the disinfection of the area before resuming their operation.

Provided that the whole personnel shall leave the place until the completion of the disinfection and the reoperation of the place. According to the guidelines of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, found on https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/press/3042020_2.pdf, the area must be disinfected with an approved disinfectant by licensed users of viricidal products. Following disinfection, the area must remain closed for at least three (3) hours then the doors open for approximately 30 minutes for ventilation purposes, before the staff enters the premises, with the exception of the close contacts of the case, who will result from the tracing and shall be self-isolated.

2.7 The officers of the following Ministries and/or Services, as well as self-employed persons selected by the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry upon tender procedure for services shall monitor the implementation of measures of the Quarantine Law (Cap. 260) and of this Decree, in cooperation with the Cyprus Police:

- (a) Ministry of Finance;
- (b) Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth;
- (c) Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance;
- (d) Ministry of Interior;

- (e) Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy;
- (f) Deputy Ministry of Shipping;
- (g) Deputy Ministry of Tourism;
- (h) Public Health Services, Department of Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health;
- (i) Department of Agriculture, Department of Forests, Department of Fishery and Marine Research, Mines Service and Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment;
- (j) Consumer Protection Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry;
- (k) traffic wardens of each Municipality;
- (l) members of the National Guard;
- (m) the Cyprus Sports Organisation;
- (n) Safety and Health Officers of Ministries/Deputy Ministries, Services/Departments, Organisations of Public Law, Independent Authorities, Local Authorities and the Minister of Finance shall issue a relevant circular with guidelines;
- (o) private security companies and private guards holding a licence issued by virtue of the Private Security Companies Law of 2007 to 2014; and
- (p) Stewards entered in the Register of Stewards established by the Stewards Commission according to the Prevention and Suppression of Violence at Sports Venues (Stewards) Regulations of 2012 by virtue of the Prevention and Suppression of Violence at Sports Venues Laws of 2008 to 2014.
- (q) the administrations of public and private school units.

125(I) of 2007
54(I) of 2009
101(I) of 2011
179(I) of 2014.

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Gazette, Annex
III(I):
536 of 2012
48(I) of 2008
97(I) of 2011
119(I) of 2012
213(I) of 2012
132(I) of 2014

2.8 The use of protective face mask is mandatory for all persons over twelve (12) years old, indoors where there are more than one person and outdoors where there are more than two persons with the exception of the cases specified by the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

2.9 The entry into the Republic is permitted to passengers, regardless of nationality, from countries of "Green", "Orange" and "Red" category according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

- (a) passengers from countries of Green category need not present a proof of Covid-19 laboratory test before their arrival in the Republic and should comply in case of a random Covid-19 testing upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is borne by the State;
- (b) passengers from countries of Orange category:
 - (i) should hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;

(ii) where it is documented that the authorities of the country do not provide laboratory Covid-19 testing service, may be tested immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;

(iii) who are Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic entering the Republic from countries of Orange category, who do not hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure, shall undergo the laboratory COVID-19 test immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;

(iv) should comply in case of a random Covid-19 testing upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is borne by the State;

(c) passengers from countries of Red category:

(i) should hold a certificate of negative laboratory Covid-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;

(ii) should undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test immediately after arriving in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result; and

(iii) who are Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic entering the Republic from countries of Red category, who do not hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory performed 72 hours before departure, shall undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement for 72 hours upon arrival and should undergo another laboratory Covid-19 test at their own expenses and if the result is negative their self-isolation shall be terminated. These persons should send the result of the test at monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy;

(d) passengers from countries of Green, Orange and Red category diagnosed positive to COVID-19 shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

2.10 (a) The entry into the Republic from countries of Grey category, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health, is permitted only for the following categories of passengers:

(i) Cypriot citizens and members of their families (alien spouses and minor children);

(ii) European citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (Island, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland;

(iii) legal residents of the Republic;

(iv) passengers entitled to enter the Republic according to the Vienna Convention;

(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 of paragraph (a) with the exception of European citizens, including the citizens of the European Economic Area (Island, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland shall either hold a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory performed 72 hours before departure, or undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test immediately after their arrival in the Republic at their own expenses;

(c) citizens of EU Member States, EEA (Island, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland should hold a certificate of negative laboratory Covid-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;

(d) all passengers falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall remain in compulsory confinement and either undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test on the 7th day of their self-isolation at their own expenses and their self-isolation is terminated provided that the result is negative or be released on the 10th day of their self-isolation provided that they are not positive to Covid-19, according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(e) all passengers coming to the Republic and tested positive to COVID-19 shall be placed in compulsory confinement according to the protocol of the Ministry of Health;

(f) all passengers should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which is borne by the State.

2.11 The entry into and/or departure from the Republic is permitted to crew members of merchant vessels or crew members of oil rigs conducting research drilling works in the Exclusive Economic Zones of States with which the Republic has established diplomatic relations, or crew members of cruise ships or crew members of recreational craft, who either come to the ports of the Republic, or arrive by commercial or other flights, from countries of Grey category, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health and on the following terms:

- (a) these persons shall be self-isolated for 14 days before arrival;
- (b) they undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test before arrival, which should be negative and present the relevant proof or if this is not possible upon arrival and if they are tested positive, they remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed; and
- (c) their company and/or the agent who has undertaken the crew change, shall undertake to transport the crew directly from the ship to the airport and the transport of the crews arriving by plane from the airport to the port of departure, under strict protection measures. If the arrival of the ship and the arrival of the flight are not synchronised or if the results of the molecular tests are pending the company and/or the agent shall make the necessary arrangements with the authorities for the crews to be quarantined in designated accommodations until the arrival of the flight or vessel. Where possible, the crew to be disembarked shall remain aboard until the date of flight:

Provided that for those who are already working as crew members of ships that enter the Cypriot ports and will depart from the Republic, only this paragraph shall apply.

2.12 The entry into and residency in the Republic are permitted to seamen and crew members of vessels entering the ports of the Republic, on the following terms:

- (a) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of Green category and provided that they have not entered during the previous 14 days the port of a country of that category, seamen and crew members need not undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test;
- (b) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of Orange and Red category and provided that they have not entered during the previous 14 days the port of a country of Grey category, according to the categorisation, seamen and crew members should produce a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test valid

72 hours before the departure of the vessel or the said persons shall undergo a laboratory test at the port and remain aboard until they receive the results;

- (c) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of Grey category, seamen and crew members must:
 - (i) have been quarantined for 14 days and have filled in the relevant form issued by the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, as part of the protocol for the crew change;
 - (ii) undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test when they disembark;
 - (iii) remain aboard or in places of compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test;
- (d) if the persons referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) above are diagnosed positive to COVID-19, they shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed; and
- (e) the procedures provided for in paragraph 2.11 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the laboratory testing, the transport and the isolation of these people until the results of the test are received.

2.13 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons from countries of Grey category, regardless of nationality, for carrying out public works or for business purposes, upon the approval by the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020, other than those falling within the provisions of paragraph 2.10(a)(i) to (iv), on the following terms:

- (a) if their stay in the Republic does not exceed 4 days:
 - (i) they may either produce a certificate of negative laboratory COVID-19 test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure;
 - (ii) or undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test immediately after arriving in the Republic at their own expenses and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;
 - (iii) these persons should undergo daily Covid-19 antigen rapid tests until the day of their departure, have with them the testing receipt for control purposes and take precautionary measures and measures of self-protection in their place of accommodation;
 - (iv) persons diagnosed positive to COVID-19 shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.
- (b) If their stay in the Republic exceeds 4 days, the provisions of paragraph 2.10 shall apply.

2.14 The following applies to those coming legally to the Republic through legal sea points of entry from countries of Green, Orange, Red and Grey category, according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health:

- (a) passengers of recreational craft coming:
 - (i) from countries of Green category, need not produce a proof of laboratory Covid-19 test before their arrival and should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid test for upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by the State;

- (ii) from countries of Orange category, must produce a certificate of negative laboratory Covid-19 test performed 72 hours before the departure of the craft or undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the berthing area and in this case, they must remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test;
- (iii) from countries of Red category passengers must produce a certificate of negative laboratory Covid-19 test performed 72 hours before the departure of the craft and additionally they must undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the berthing area and remain in compulsory confinement aboard until they receive the result;
- (iv) from countries of Grey category and have not entered during the previous 14 days as of their arrival any port or they have entered ports of countries of Green, Orange and Red category, the passenger aboard must before arriving in the Republic receive the approval of the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its meeting of 17 June 2020, other than those falling within the provisions of paragraph 2.10(a)(i) to (iv) and the passengers aboard shall undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test upon their arrival in the Republic at the berthing area and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test;

Provided that for recreational craft that come from countries of Grey category and for which the interval between their departure from a country of Grey category and their arrival in the Republic is less than 14 days, the passenger aboard shall remain in compulsory confinement aboard until the period of 14 days has elapsed or undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test on the 7th day of their compulsory confinement at their own expenses and the confinement shall be terminated provided that the result of the test is negative;

- (v) passengers falling within paragraphs (i) to (iv) of this Regulation and are tested positive to Covid-19, shall remain in compulsory confinement and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.
- (b) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works, cruise passengers coming to the Republic for a visit not exceeding 24 hours:
- (i) shall produce a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed 24 hours before their disembarkment, the cost of which shall be borne by the Republic;
 - (ii) should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which shall be borne by the State and for those tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed;
 - (iii) whose cruise ends in the Republic and they depart immediately from the Republic, shall not be obliged to produce a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test during their disembarkment;
- (c) Cruise passengers coming to the Republic for a visit exceeding 24 hours and their ship starts the cruise from or ends the cruise in the ports of the Republic and:
- (i) where the destinations of the cruise were only countries of green category, shall be exempted from the obligation to undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test or a Covid-19 antigen rapid test;

- (ii) where the destinations of the cruise include only countries of orange category, during their disembarkment, passengers shall undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the port and at their own expenses and shall remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result;
- (iii) where the destinations of the cruise include only countries of red category, during their disembarkment, passengers shall undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the port and shall remain in compulsory confinement for 72 hours from arrival in hotels or/and tourist accommodation units entered into contract with the State and additionally they shall undergo another laboratory Covid-19 test upon expiry of the 72 hours:

Provided that the cost of laboratory testing shall be borne by the passengers.

- (iv) should comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which shall be borne by the State and for those tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.
- (d) Entities and persons operating at the ports of the Republic, including transporters, passengers and personnel entering and moving inside the ports of the Republic shall observe the Health Protocol of the ports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and those of the Ministry of Health.
- (e) Shipping companies, shipowner's agents and crew members shall observe the Health Protocol of the ports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and the Ministry of Health, as amended from time to time, on the procedures to follow at the ports of the Republic to reduce the spread of Covid-19.
- (f) The operators of the sea points of entry shall ensure that the provisions of this Regulation are respected.

2.15 The entry into the Republic is permitted to persons from countries falling into the Grey category, as announced by the Ministry of Health, who have obtained in advance a work permit as housekeepers, agricultural and farm workers and for any other employment in the Republic from the competent Ministries and Departments and upon approval by the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its session of 17 June 2020, on the following terms:

- (a) the special entry permit is granted based on the order in which applications are submitted, which is recorded in an electronic register kept by the Ministry of Interior;
- (b) employers pay in advance the cost of accommodation for the above persons for their compulsory confinement in hotels and/or tourist accommodation units with which the Deputy Ministry of Tourism has entered into contract, as well as the cost of two laboratory Covid-19 tests (one test upon arrival and a repeat test on the 10th day of the compulsory confinement) and the compulsory confinement shall terminate provided that the result of the molecular test is negative:

Provided that the overall incurred cost prepaid by the employers is determined by the Council of Ministers; and

- (c) employees falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall pay their own cost of transport to the said tourist accommodation units.

2.16 The persons who are entitled to come to the Republic according to the Vienna Convention and arrive from countries other than those of Green category, shall either undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test that has to be negative and valid 72 hours before their departure or undergo a molecular test upon their arrival and remain in a designated area until they receive their result

2.17 (a) Passengers entering the Republic with a valid certificate of vaccination issued by the Republic and provided that, following the administration of all required doses, depending on the vaccine administered to them, the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip, are exempted from the obligation to undergo a Covid-19 test and from the obligation of self-isolation;

(b) passengers who hold a valid certificate of vaccination either for a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or for Sputnik V against Covid-19 and come legally to the Republic from Israel, UK, EU Member States, Member States of the European Economic Area (Island, Lichtenstein, Norway), Switzerland, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Belarus, Serbia, Qatar, Bahrein, United States of America, Armenia, Georgia, Canada and Kuwait and provided that, following the administration of all required doses, depending on the vaccine administered to them, the number of days predetermined by the Ministry of Health has elapsed between the administration of the last dose and the date of the trip, are exempted from undergoing a Covid-19 test and from the obligation of self-isolation:

Provided that passengers falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall comply in case of a random Covid-19 rapid testing upon their arrival in the Republic the cost of which is covered by the State and for those tested positive for Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

2.18 (a) All persons regardless of their country of departure travelling by plane to the Republic and falling within the provisions of paragraphs 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.13, 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 hereof, should fill in electronically and within 24 hours before the commencement of their trip all information, details and declarations requested, according to the procedures provided for on www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy and hold the CyprusFlightPass prior to boarding and upon their arrival in the Republic.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), in case of a technical problem or maintenance of the website www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy, which is officially announced by the Civil Aviation Department, the passenger may fill in the form in writing.

c) Passengers arriving in the Republic without the CyprusFlightPass filled in electronically or in handwriting only in case of the reasons referred to in paragraph (b), are committing an offence and in such case the Out-of-court Settlement of Offences Laws of 1997 (No. 6) of 2020 shall apply providing for the payment of a fine of €300.00, unless they do not enter the Republic and return to the initial country of departure.

(d) Passengers arriving in the Republic without the CyprusFlightPass, shall be subject to a fine of €300.00 and must undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test at the respective airport of the Republic at their own expenses and be self-isolated until they receive the result.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) to (d) hereof, the coordinators of delegation of sports teams traveling with charter flight for events within the context of European and international championships, are obliged to present a list with all the names of the delegation stating the date and the result of the laboratory Covid-19 test.

(f) Referees and Assistant Referees participating in European and/or international championships, travelling from and to the Republic, under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

47(l) of 1997
82(l) of 2000
52(l) of 2002
27(l) of 2006
96(l) of 2010
127(l) of 2010
90(l) of 2012
99(l) of 2012
124(l) of 2013
74(l) of 2015
44(l) of 2016
20(l) of 2017
135(l) of 2018
32(l) of 2020
35(l) of 2020
71(l) of 2020
85(l) of 2020
132(l) of 2020
133(l) of 2020.

2.19 (a) Asylum seekers who enter and/or are placed and/or are obliged to stay for the first time in reception, hospitality and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, should undergo a laboratory Covid-19 test before entering these centres.

(b) Asylum seekers staying in the hospitality and/or detention centre shall undergo and/or repeat the laboratory COVID-19 tests whenever the head of the asylum centre may think appropriate.

2.20 (a) All new inmates shall undergo laboratory Covid-19 test before being admitted to any detention centre and/or prison.

(b) Inmates shall undergo and/or repeat the laboratory COVID-19 tests whenever the Director of the Prison Department and/or the Head of Detention Centres and/or the Chief of Police and/or any other person in charge of the detention centres may think appropriate.

2.21 (a) Entities and persons operating at the airports of the Republic, including passengers and staff entering and moving inside the airports of the Republic, shall observe the Health Protocol of the airports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines and measures issued by the Minister of Transports, Communications and Works and the Minister of Health, as amended from time to time, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the Republic. The Operator of the Airports of the Republic is responsible to ensure their uniform implementation by all those working and moving within the airports of the Republic.

(b) Air companies shall observe the Health Protocol of the airports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines and measures issued by the Minister of Transports, Communications and Works and the Minister of Health, as amended from time to time, regarding the procedures applied by the airports of the Republic for reducing the spread of COVID-19.

(c) Airlines are prevented from allowing passengers traveling to the Republic who do not have the CyprusFlightPass to board the aircraft, unless there are reasons stated in paragraph 2.18(b).

2.22 Persons placed in compulsory confinement and self-isolation should:

- (a) remain inside the place of accommodation, unless they receive instructions from their physician or an authorised public health officer to go to a medical centre;
- (b) maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other persons;
- (c) not accept visits at their place of accommodation:

Provided that these persons are obliged to comply with the directives of the Ministry of Health issued from time to time and notified and/or published in relation to the procedure of compulsory confinement and/or self-isolation.

2.23 (a) The entry of any person into places of compulsory confinement is prohibited without authorisation by the Minister of Health or an authorised officer of the Ministry of Health.

(b) It is forbidden for everyone to approach within a distance of less than two meters any person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 or in compulsory confinement or in self-isolation, without the authorisation by the Minister of Health or an authorised officer of the Ministry of Health.

2.24 Subject to the legislation of the Republic in force from time to time providing otherwise, the persons who are in places of compulsory confinement designated by the

Republic or/and in self-isolation, may ask for repeat prescription of medicines for chronic diseases through a phone interview with any physician provided that:

- (a) they take pharmaceutical products for chronic diseases not related to the development of COVID-19 symptoms;
- (b) the stock of pharmaceutical products in their possession has run low or is not sufficient for their treatment for the time they will spend in areas of compulsory confinement and/or in self-isolation;
- (c) for any reason whatsoever, they are unable to call their personal physician or a specialty doctor to repeat prescription or/and they are not registered with a personal physician who has entered into a contract with the Health Insurance Organisation or/and they are not beneficiaries of the General Health System:

Provided that the physicians contacted by the said persons:

- (i) should take the most complete, under the circumstances, medical history of the person contacting them;
- (ii) should prescribe the necessary pharmaceutical products, the relevant instructions for their administration and the necessary posology of the medicine(s) for the whole period of time during which the patient shall remain in places of compulsory confinement or in self-isolation, provided that they consider that the history taken is sufficient and satisfactory;
- (iii) in case they have entered into contract with the Health Insurance Organisation and the persons who are in a place of compulsory confinement or in self-isolation are beneficiaries of the General Health System, should enter the prescription to the relevant software so the pharmacy can retrieve it and give the pharmaceutical products to a person acting on behalf of the person who is in a place of compulsory confinement or in self-isolation;
- (iv) in case they have not entered into contract with the Health Insurance Organisation or the persons who are in a place of compulsory confinement or in self-isolation are not beneficiaries of the General Health System, should issue a handwritten prescription and make the necessary arrangements so the prescription can be received by the person acting on behalf of the person who is in quarantine in order to be processed by a pharmacy;
- (v) should inform the physician who has issued the initial prescription within a reasonable period of time:

Provided further that the pharmaceutical products prescribed could contain pharmaceutical products containing controlled drugs under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law or which are included in the Second, Third or Fourth Schedule of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Regulations provided that the provisions of Regulation 11 of the said Regulations are observed.

29 of 1977
6 of 1983
20(I) of 1992
5(I) of 2000
41(I) of 2001
91(I) of 2003
146(I) of 2005
24(I) of 2010
99(I) of 2010
57(I) of 2016
10(I) of 2019.

2.25 (a) All physicians registered in the Medical Register at the moment of entry into force of this Decree, shall observe the instructions of the Ministry of Health and execute the duties assigned to them;

(b) All nurses registered in the Medical Register at the moment of entry into force of this Decree, shall observe the instructions of the Ministry of Health and execute the duties assigned to them;

(c) The names of physicians and nurses receiving instructions shall be announced on a board on the website of the Ministry of Health, www.moh.gov.cy or/and update in another way decided by the Ministry of Health;

(d) The persons who shall receive instructions shall appear at a time specified on the board or/and during their briefing, which time should not be less than 24 hours as of the time of announcement on the board or/and of the briefing and at a place determined in each case in order to perform the duties assigned to them.

2.26 The Minister of Health may use the services of graduate students who have attended the 4 or 6-year courses of study of the Cypriot Medical Schools, as well as the services of graduate students of Nursing Schools if and where deemed necessary.

2.27 The Ministry of Health may designate public or private areas where there is an increased gathering of people to perform COVID-19 sample tests.

2.28 The price shown in the table below for each type of product is set as the maximum wholesale and retail price:

| Product description | Maximum wholesale price (incl. of VAT) € | Maximum retail price (incl. of VAT) € |
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| ANTISEPTICS | | |
| Abyss Discinfectand Gel 100ml | 2.62 | 3.55 |
| Abyss Discinfectand Liquid 100ml | 3.57 | 4.85 |
| Activel Gel 80ml | 2.21 | 2.95 |
| Ane Medic - Antiseptic Gel 250ml | 2.38 | 3.20 |
| Ane Medic - Antiseptic Gel 300ml | 2.82 | 3.50 |
| Ane Medic - Antiseptic Gel 350ml | 3.27 | 4.45 |
| Ane Medic - Antiseptic Gel 1L | 7.14 | 9.65 |
| Aseptin 60ml Spray | 5.88 | 8.05 |
| Aseptin 300ml Spray | 11.45 | 15.70 |
| Aseptin 1L Spray (with pump) | 21.42 | 28.90 |
| Aseptin 1L Spray (without pump) | 17.85 | 24.10 |
| Bienclair – Antiseptic Spray 100ml | 3.07 | 3.70 |
| Bienclair – Antiseptic Spray 500ml | 6.40 | 7.75 |
| Biofresh Deep Cleansing Hand Gel 50ml | 2.60 | 3.65 |
| Champion Antiseptic Hand Gel 300ml | 4.46 | 6.00 |
| Champion Antiseptic Hand Gel 1L | 8.33 | 11.25 |
| Chem-Ist Antibacterial Hand Gel 135ml | 2.38 | 3.50 |
| Chem-Ist Antibacterial Hand Gel 500ml | 5.95 | 8.00 |
| Chem-Ist Antibacterial Hand Sterilizer 500ml | 6.55 | 8.85 |
| Chem-Ist Antibacterial Hand Sterilizer 1L | 11.90 | 16.00 |
| Conal Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer Gel 50ml | 1.35 | 2.10 |
| Conal Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer Gel 100ml | 2.38 | 3.40 |
| Conal Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer Gel 500ml | 5.35 | 7.00 |
| Conal Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer Spray 100ml | 2.38 | 3.40 |

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| Conal Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer Spray 500ml | 5.35 | 7.00 |
| Cuticura Hand Gel - Floral 50ml | 1.43 | 1.90 |
| Cuticura Hand Gel - Mint 50ml | 1.43 | 1.90 |
| Cuticura Hand Gel - Mint 100ml | 2.20 | 2.90 |
| Cuticura Hand Gel - Mint 250ml | 3.56 | 4.75 |
| Dalon Alcohol Hand Gel 100ml | 2.20 | 3.20 |
| De Costa Antiseptic Gel 80ml | 1.55 | 2.30 |
| De Costa Antiseptic Gel 250ml (without pump) | 3.00 | 4.50 |
| De Costa Antiseptic Gel 250ml (with pump) | 3.60 | 5.25 |
| De Costa Antiseptic Gel 500ml (with pump) | 5.40 | 7.95 |
| De Costa Antiseptic Gel 1L | 8.93 | 12.50 |
| De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 70% Spray 75ml | 2.40 | 3.55 |
| De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 70% Spray 300ml | 3.75 | 5.55 |
| De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% Spray 75ml | 3.05 | 4.50 |
| De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% (with pump) 300ml | 4.70 | 6.95 |
| De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% (without pump) 300ml | 2.70 | 4.00 |
| De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% (with pump) 1L | 11.31 | 15.85 |
| De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% (without pump) 1L | 9.52 | 13.35 |
| Desderman Pure Gel 100ml | 5.69 | 7.80 |
| Desderman Pure Gel 500ml | 8.15 | 11.15 |
| Desderman Pure Gel 1L | 13.92 | 19.05 |
| Desderman Pure Liquid 100ml | 5.69 | 7.80 |
| Desderman Pure Liquid 500ml | 7.97 | 10.95 |
| Desderman Pure Liquid 1L | 11.54 | 15.80 |
| Dettol Hand Sanitizer Gel 50ml | 2.78 | 3.75 |
| Fami Sanitizing Hand Gel 80ml | 2.38 | 3.20 |
| Fami Sanitizing Hand Gel, 1L | 8.33 | 11.25 |
| Greco Drug Ethyl Alcohol 70% 120ml | 3.03 | 3.80 |
| Greco Drug Ethyl Alcohol 70% 500ml | 6.00 | 7.50 |
| Just Rite Hand Gel (pump) 100ml | 2.07 | 2.60 |
| Just Rite Hand Gel (pump) 500ml | 3.99 | 5.70 |
| Just Rite Hand Sanit Gel 50ml | 0.84 | 1.20 |
| Just Rite Hand Sanit Gel 120ml | 2.24 | 2.80 |
| Just Rite Hand Sanit Gel 250ml | 4.17 | 5.20 |
| Kessler 85ml | 2.38 | 3.30 |
| Kessler 500ml | 5.47 | 7.50 |
| Kessler 1L | 10.71 | 14.45 |
| Medseptox Spray 100ml | 6.66 | 9.00 |
| Mister Brewer, denaturate alcohol (spray) 300ml | 3.93 | 5.50 |
| Mister Brewer, denaturate alcohol 350ml | 3.99 | 5.50 |
| Octiset 50ml | 5.84 | 8.00 |
| Octiset 250ml | 11.45 | 15.45 |
| Octiset 1L | 19.43 | 26.25 |
| Prime Solutions Hand Gel 100ml | 3.33 | 4.50 |
| Primo Antiseptic D40 60ml | 2.38 | 3.30 |
| Primo Antiseptic D40 250ml | 4.76 | 6.55 |

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| Primo Antiseptic D40 500ml | 7.14 | 8.95 |
| Proseptic Spray 60ml | 3.67 | 5.05 |
| Proseptic Gel 200ml | 5.00 | 6.96 |
| Proseptic Gel 500ml | 10.71 | 14.70 |
| Reval plus 30ml | 2.14 | 3.00 |
| Reval plus with case 30ml | 3.07 | 4.15 |
| Reval plus natural 100ml | 4.14 | 5.80 |
| Reval plus natural 500ml | 6.43 | 8.70 |
| Reval plus Spray 1L | 7.00 | 9.45 |
| Rona Ross Antiseptic Gel 70ml | 3.28 | 4.50 |
| Rona Ross Antiseptic Gel 160ml | 6.21 | 8.50 |
| Sani Antiseptic Hand Sanitizer 300ml | 3.57 | 5.00 |
| Sani Antiseptic Hand Sanitizer 500ml | 5.35 | 7.15 |
| Sani Hand Gel 70% 500ml | 5.35 | 7.15 |
| Sani Hand Gel 72 300ml | 4.46 | 5.95 |
| Sani Hand Gel 72 500ml | 8.33 | 10.95 |
| Septtol Antibacterial Hand Gel 300ml | 3.80 | 5.20 |
| Sibon Hand Gel 70% 120ml | 3.57 | 4.65 |
| Sibon Hand Gel 70% 500ml | 7.74 | 10.05 |
| Silky Ethyl Alcohol 96% 75ml | 3.57 | 4.65 |
| Silky Hand Gel 70% 150ml | 3.93 | 5.10 |
| Silky Hand Gel 70% 300ml | 5.95 | 7.80 |
| Silky Hand Gel 70% 1L | 9.52 | 12.40 |
| SP Anticeptic Spray 70ml | 5.87 | 7.90 |
| Super Clean Spray 50ml | 3.45 | 4.65 |
| Super Clean Gel 100ml | 2.86 | 3.85 |
| Super Clean Gel 300ml | 5.95 | 8.05 |
| Super Clean Gel 500ml | 7.38 | 9.95 |
| Super Clean Gel 1L | 13.09 | 17.65 |
| Topline Hand Sanitizer Gel 300ml | 4.58 | 6.00 |
| Topline Hand Sanitizer Gel 500ml | 5.36 | 7.20 |
| Topline Hand Sanitizer Gel 1L | 6.55 | 9.15 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 60ml | 1.79 | 2.50 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 85ml | 2.38 | 3.30 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 100ml | 2.80 | 3.80 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 135ml | 3.57 | 4.90 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 150ml | 4.34 | 5.60 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 500ml | 7.14 | 9.85 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 600ml | 8.33 | 11.50 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Gel 1L | 13.09 | 18.00 |
| Total Care/ PK Eleven/ Silk/ ACD - Liquid 1L | 14.28 | 18.50 |
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| MASKS | | |
| SIMPLE SURGICAL MASKS | 0.62 per piece (31.00/50) | 0.70 per piece (35.00/50) |
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| THERMOMETERS | | |
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| Axillary thermometer | 7.00 – 8.00 | 11.00 – 15.00 |

* The maximum wholesale prices are for producers, importers and dealers and do not apply to intermediates – resellers.

2.29 Authorised officers from the Consumer Protection Services of the Ministry of energy, Commerce and Industry shall proceed to the control of prices to ensure the implementation of the provisions of decrees issued by Ministry of Health, with regard to the fixing of maximum prices for specific products.

2.30 Civil servants who are absent from work for self-isolation purposes shall be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons with a retrospective force as of 20 March 2020, date on which the Minister of Health announced the possibility of providing a Medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Public Health Reasons, provided that the affected officers had produced the said certificate and their absence had been calculated against their rest leave in the following cases and on the following conditions:

- (a) where the officer is placed in compulsory confinement, due to close contact with a confirmed case in the context of his/her duties provided that he/she shall produce a Medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Public Health Reasons;
- (b) where the officer is placed in compulsory confinement after returning from a service trip from a country that do not fall into Green category, according to the categorisation of countries, based on the risk assessment, as announced by the Ministry of Health, provided that he/she shall produce a Medical Certificate of Absence from Work for Public Health Reasons from the Ministry of Health;
- (c) upon decision for compulsory absence from work due to a confirmed case among the staff of the service which should remain closed for a certain period of time;
- (d) for the purposes of taking care of children under the age of 15 where:
 - (i) the child is a contact of a case and is placed in compulsory confinement;
 - (ii) due to a confirmed case at school which should remain closed for a certain period of time;
- (e) The Special Leave for Public Health Reasons is granted in the cases of paragraph (a) to (d) only, if the nature of the work does not allow teleworking and upon approval by the Head of the Ministry/Service/Organisation of Public Law/Local Authority:

Provided that in case the officer is requested to be absent from his work in order to be self-isolated for any reason other than those provided for in paragraphs (a) to (e), the days of absence from his work shall be considered as days of sick leave if and where the nature of work does not allow teleworking.

2.31 Resident doctors and doctors in training who are absent from their duties:

- (a) for being infected by Covid-19 while performing their duties, shall be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons with retrospective force as of 08 January 2021;
- (b) for being infected by Covid-19 or placed in compulsory confinement outside the context of their duties, may use their normal sick leave and have the possibility to use their entire sick leave of the year (and for the semester, in case of doctors in training) and not only of the time worked, provided that this will become a leave accrual by the end of 2021 with retrospective force as of 08 January 2021:

Provided that in case their training is terminated within the context of their residency, they shall be obliged to reimburse to the State the amount corresponding to the accrual basis the leave they were entitled to at that specific moment.

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101 of 1995
307 of 1998
276 of 1999
610 of 2003
909 of 2003
295 of 2005
366 of 2009
327 of 2017.

2.32 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 5(1) of the Public Service (Grant of Leaves) Regulations of 1990 to 2017 (R.A.A. 101/95), people working at the public sector and the wider public sector, who, due to the nature of their duties, were unable to take their annual leave to their credit or their leave was suspended by their service due to the emergency of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, in the years 2020 and 2021, may accumulate and transfer to the following year up to 20 days of rest leave, regardless of the overall number of days of rest leave they may have accumulated:

Provided that in case the maximum limits of accumulated days of rest leave are exceeded, the additional days of leave must be taken in the following two years, i.e. by 31 December 2022.

2.33 The owner and/or the director and/or the manager of nursing homes, care for the elderly units, chronic patients' units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres and child protection units, are obliged to comply with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health as to the performance of COVID-19 molecular tests and/or rapid tests for the staff and those residing in the settings referred to in this Regulation.

2.34 The maximum price for a COVID-19 molecular test is fixed at €50.00 (excluding VAT), per examination, save for the existing contracts that have been entered into by the State.

2.35 The maximum price for a COVID-19 rapid antigen test is fixed at €20.00 (excluding VAT), per examination.

2.36 Taking into consideration the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the imperative urgency to take measures such as the suspension of business activities and with the aim to mitigate these economic impacts:

- (i) Undertakings or/and self-employed persons under a full suspension of their business activities, by virtue of this Decree or by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, including undertakings or/and self-employed persons under a full suspension of their business by virtue of this Decree irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, or undertakings or/and self-employed persons under a full suspension of their business activities by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, shall not pay the rent to the State, including the Turkish Cypriot Properties Management Service and the Organisations of Public Law, as provided for by the lease agreements in force, corresponding to the months of January and February of 2021, or/and February and March of 2021 in case the rent of the month of January 2021 has already been paid;
- (ii) The obligation to pay 70% of the rent corresponding to the months of January and February 2021, or/and February and March 2021 in cases where the rent for the month of January 2021 has already been paid, is temporarily suspended, which is paid to owners of immovable property for business lease purposes by businesses or/and self-employed under a full suspension of their business activities, by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, including undertakings or/and self-employed persons under a full suspension of their business activities by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021,

irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, or undertakings or/and self-employed persons under a full suspension of their business activities by virtue of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No 2) of 2021, irrespective of whether they are able to provide delivery or/and take away services, provided that the said amount should be paid monthly by equal amounts.

2.37 The undertakings the operation of which has not been suspended shall operate under the safety and health guidelines of the Ministry of Health and/or the competent Ministries/Authorities.

2.38 All those working in the private, public and wider public sector, in Local Authorities and in the educational service are obliged to undergo a COVID-19 rapid antigen test under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

Provided that the employers should ensure the compliance of their employees with the provisions of this paragraph, under the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Provided further that employees who fall within the provisions of this Regulation and hold either a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 issued by the Republic with at least one dose administered and provided that three weeks have elapsed from the date of vaccination, or a proof of release for those who were infected by Covid-19 and provided that the period of six months from the sampling date of the initial laboratory diagnosis has elapsed, shall be exempted from undergoing a rapid antigen Covid-19 test.

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

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU
Minister of Health

Annex
(Regulation 2.2)

Form

CONFIRMATION FOR EMPLOYEE'S MOVEMENT*

Employee
of the company/service/organisation
with identity card/passport no

is obliged to move for work purposes to/from the district(s)
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between and o'clock

The employee shall prove his/her identity by producing his/her identity card/passport.

Name of employer/supervisor:

Signature of employer/supervisor:

Date:

*The same form applies for self-employed persons.