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PART I

REGULATORY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS

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THE QUARANTINE LAW, CAP. 260

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

Cap. 260.
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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

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

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 June 2021, 59.3% of the population received the first dose of the vaccine and 40.1% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 7 June 2021 to 13 June 2021, 331 cases have been recorded with the average rate of persons hospitalized daily fluctuating between 30 and 40 patients per day, and given that during the above period 5 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 fluctuates close to 0.2%, 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. 24) of 2021.

Government
Gazette, Annex
III (I):
28.5.2021.

2.1 a) Irrespective of the provisions of the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 20) of 2021, as this has been amended by the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees (No. 21) to (No. 23) of 2021, due to the epidemiological

data present in India vis-à-vis the new strain of the COVID-19 disease and for the protection of public health, arrival and/or entry in the Republic is prohibited for any person who, during the 14 days preceding his/her arrival and/or entry in the Republic, was either residing or passed through Indian territory, regardless of whether he/she holds a valid visa and/or residence permit in the Republic, excluding:

- (i) Cypriot citizens and their family members (alien spouses and their underage children),
- (ii) Citizens of EU member states, of European Economic Area countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and of Switzerland, and
- (iii) Third country nations, who permanently and exclusively reside (and hold proof thereof) in the areas under the control of the Republic,

b) the persons who fall under categories (i) to (iii) are obliged to comply with the following conditions:

- (i) They will either undergo a laboratory test for COVID-19, within 72 hours prior to their departure for the Republic, with a negative outcome and relevant proof, or undergo a laboratory test upon their arrival in the Republic, the examination cost of which will be borne by themselves:

It is understood that persons under twelve years old are not obliged to undergo a laboratory test,

- (ii) They will be transported to hotels and/or tourist accommodation facilities which collaborate with the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, and they must remain there in mandatory quarantine for a period of 10 days since their arrival date; their arrival date is calculated as day "0":

It is understood that the cost of transportation and stay at the aforementioned facilities will be borne by the Republic,

- (iii) They will undergo, on the 10th day since their date of arrival, a laboratory test, the cost of which will be borne by the Republic, and the persons whose test result comes back negative will be released from mandatory quarantine,

c) those persons, out of those who are allowed arrival and/or entry according to paragraph a), who test positive, either after a laboratory test undergone upon their arrival in the Republic or after a laboratory test carried out on the 10th day since their date of arrival, must remain in mandatory quarantine, and the relevant health protocol of the Ministry of Health must be adhered to.

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

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU
Minister of Health