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THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

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PART I

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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 3 March 2022, 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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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 16 April 2022, 88.5% of the adult population received at least one dose of the vaccine and 86.7% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 6 April until 18 April 2022, 18.728 cases have been recorded, while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily is around 140 patients per day, and from 6 April until 19 April 2022 34 deaths of patients have been recorded with COVID-19 being the ultimate cause of death, and because although there are indications as to the 'Omicron' variant's increased transmissibility and because there is an increased risk of re-infection after recovery from COVID-19 within a timeframe of less than six months, nevertheless, an evaluation of the epidemiological data shows that the variant causes milder symptoms, and despite the increased numbers of positive cases, the numbers of hospitalised cases are stable and manageable, 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. 19**) of 2022.

2. The Regulations of this Decree shall be valid as of **22nd April 2022 at 05.00 a.m. until 15th May 2022 at 04.59 a.m.**, unless stipulated differently in the Regulations of this Decree.

3. Access to parks, linear parks, beaches, squares, dams, excursion sites, marinas, zoos and nature trails is permitted.

4. (1) Mass events, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, concerts, festivals in public or private places are prohibited, with the exception of events for which guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Health.

(2) The carrying out of school festive events and school parades is permitted, subject to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth:

Provided that for any other events, including events taking place in Municipalities, Communities and places of religious worship, the Local Authorities and/or organisers must abide by the provisions of this Decree as well as the health protocols and guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

5. The presence of congregants during church services and/or other forms of religious worship is permitted at 70% capacity of the place of worship, either indoors or outdoors, subject to distancing measures and in compliance with Regulation 65 (2), and the responsibility for compliance with this Regulation 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

6. 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 20 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.

7. (1) The celebration of weddings, christenings and funerals at churches and other areas of religious worship shall be carried out at 70% capacity of the place of worship, either indoors or outdoors, subject to distancing measures and in compliance with Regulation 65 (2).

(2) The responsibility for compliance with the provisions of this Regulation 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.

(3) for the holding of a civil wedding, the Municipal Authorities shall uphold the provisions of this Regulation *mutatis mutandis*.

8. (1) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, visits to patients in public and private hospitals are permitted with the presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or an antigen rapid test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours:

Provided that one visitor per patient is allowed.

(2) for visits of patients and their companions to outpatient clinics, medical and diagnostic centres, the presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 shall be required, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, except for persons who have received a booster dose of the vaccine.

9. (1) As regards visits to nursing homes and other closed care and accommodation facilities for the elderly and vulnerable groups and subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare:

(a) Visits are permitted only upon approval by the Director of the facility and subject to Regulation 65 (1).

(b) residents are allowed to stay overnight outside the nursing home and/or the closed facility.

(2) for visits to day care facilities for vulnerable groups, transitional shelters for homeless persons, day centres and child protection facilities, the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare, and Regulation 65 (2) shall be followed.

10 (a). For private hospitals, including Intensive Care Units in these hospitals, the maximum occupancy rate is at 80%.

(b) The following hospitals: Apolloneio Hospital, Aretaieio Hospital, Mediterranean Hospital of Cyprus, American Medical Center / American Heart Institute and YGEIA Polyclinic, shall have at least two beds exclusively for COVID-19 patients who require hospitalization for reasons other than COVID-19:

Provided, that such beds shall be counted towards the maximum bed occupancy limit specified in paragraph (a).

11. (1) In public means of transport, the provisions of Regulation 65 (2) as well as the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works shall apply for passengers,

(2) 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;

(3) The use of a protective facemask is mandatory for employees and passengers in all transport means mentioned in this paragraph, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.

12. The operation of Courts and Registries shall be governed by the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court.

13. 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 subject to Regulation 65 (3).

14. (1) The operation of schools of all levels, including schools of special education, as well as nurseries, kindergartens and children's clubs, is governed by the health protocols of the Ministries of Health, Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, and Labour and Social Insurance, and it is required that:

- a) pupils aged 6 and over shall wear a facial mask indoors and hold either a negative COVID-19 laboratory PCR test or a negative antigen rapid detection test with the sampling having been carried out within the last 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against COVID-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19,
- b) as of 3rd May 2022, pupils aged 6 and over, shall wear a facial mask indoors and hold either a negative COVID-19 laboratory PCR test or a negative antigen rapid detection test with the sampling having been carried out within the last 7 days, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against COVID-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19,
- c) children aged 4 years and over, attending kindergartens and pre-primary schools, shall present a negative laboratory test (PCR) or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 7 days, or a certificate of completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19,

Provided that, only for school attending purposes, pre-primary school pupils who have turned six years old, shall not be obliged to wear a facial mask.

- d) on the 2nd May 2022, the set date for the resumption of lessons after the Easter holidays, it is required that pupils aged 4 and over, who will be returning to the school units, must hold either a negative laboratory test (PCR) or an antigen rapid test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours.

(2) the Minister of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth shall, if necessary, make additional contingency arrangements to replace teachers who may be absent from work for reasons related to the pandemic, including the assignment of teaching duties to teachers of a higher rank and/or the use of teachers on the list of appointed teachers and/or the use, within the framework of their duties, of teachers already employed in programmes of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth through the purchase of services,

(3) the operation, with physical presence, of public and private Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions is governed by the following conditions:

- a) for a maximum capacity of teaching halls of up to two thirds (2/3), the health protocols of the Ministries of Health, and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, as well as the provisions of Regulation 65 (3), are upheld,
- b) for a maximum capacity of teaching halls that is beyond two thirds (2/3) and up to 100% of capacity, the health protocols of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth are upheld and it is mandatory to present either a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a valid certificate of recovery for Covid-19:

15. The operation of all private institutes and private educational centres, including social activities, is permitted subject to Regulation 65 (3) and the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth:

Provided that the maximum number of persons is dependent upon the capacity of each classroom of the premises, as set out in the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, and a minimum of seven persons physically present, including the tutor, if the manager of premises wishes so.

16. As regards retail shops, the following terms shall apply:

- (a) the measure of 1 person per 4 sqm, at least, of capacity, should be observed;
- (b) large stores exceeding 500 sqm and trading in a wide range of products, should ensure that there a check is carried out at the entrance by an authorized person or by an automated counting system, so that the maximum number of customers is upheld;
- (c) Measures must be taken 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 and Social Insurance, and
- (d) Pharmacies, supermarkets, grocery stores, butchers, fishmongers, bakeries, confectioners, fruit shops, kiosks and mini-markets are exempted from Regulation 65:

Provided that Regulation 29 shall be upheld for catering establishments within retail businesses.

17. As regards malls, the following terms shall apply:

- (a) the measure of 1 person per 4 sqm, at least, of capacity, shall be observed, and additionally, a check must be carried out at the entrance by an authorized person or an automated counting system, so that the maximum number of customers is upheld; and
- (b) Measures must be taken 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:

Provided that retailers inside the malls should observe the provisions of Regulation 16 mutatis mutandis.

Provided that Regulation 29 shall be upheld for catering establishments within malls.

18. Conferences and trade fairs are permitted and the total number of persons attending should not exceed 70% of the capacity of the premises and subject to Regulation 65 (2).

19. The operation of betting shops is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority and subject to Regulation 65 (3).

20. Casinos operate at 70% capacity, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and Regulation 65 (2).

21. The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

22. (1) 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;

(2) bazars and popular bazars in areas next to places of religious worship are permitted, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, provided that the organisers have obtained authorisation by the Public Health Services of the Ministry of Health.

23. The operation of hairdressing salons, barber shops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 65 (2).

24. The operation of theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls is permitted, at full capacity of the venue, subject to the distancing measures defined by the health protocols and Regulation 65 (3).

25. The operation of playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 65 (3).

26. The operation of organised group camping is permitted, subject to Regulation 65(2):

Provided that the guidelines of the Ministry of Health shall apply to the operation of camping sites.

27. The operation of construction sites and of the construction sector in general, as well as related activities, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Labour and Social Insurance.

28. The operation of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, and for persons staying overnight and/or using the facilities of the said establishments, Regulation 65 (2) is upheld:

Provided also that for catering establishments within hotels and for the holding of events in venues/establishments governed by the present Regulation, the provisions of Regulations 29 and 30 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

29. The operation of 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 governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the maximum number of persons should not exceed 500, either indoors or outdoors, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to the following conditions:

(a) for indoor catering establishments with capacity of 150 persons and over, which have a dance floor, Regulation 65 (1) is upheld,

(b) for all other indoor catering establishments, irrespective of capacity, Regulation 65 (2) is upheld,

(c) take away services are exempted from the provisions of Regulation 65, provided that the customer will not remain at the catering establishment to eat and/or sit down:

Provided that, for the carrying out of events, including weddings and christenings in the premises governed by this Regulation, the provisions of this Regulation shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

30. The operation of night clubs, event venues, discos, clubs and music and dancing venues is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the maximum number of persons should not exceed 500, either indoors or outdoors, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to the following conditions:

(a) for indoor venues/premises governed by this Regulation, with capacity of 150 persons and over, Regulation 65 (1) is upheld, and

(b) for indoor venues/premises governed by this Regulation, with capacity of under 150 persons, Regulation 65 (2) is upheld:

Provided that, for the carrying out of events, including weddings and christenings in the premises governed by this Regulation, the provisions of this Regulation shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

31. The ports of the Republic shall be operated for commercial transactions and activities and for cruise passenger services and services supporting the operation of the ports for supply chain support purposes shall be permitted, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.

32. The operation and use of sports facilities, including sports swimming pools are governed by the following conditions:

(a) for training and team sports competitions, for professional leagues of teams A, B and C divisions and national teams, in compliance with sanitary protocols:

(b) for training of athletes and conducting individual and team sports competitions, including contact sports, in indoor and outdoor sports facilities, in compliance with the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organization and the Ministry of Health:

Provided that the maximum number of athletes is determined by guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health.

(c) for the holding of races of a social nature, such as marathons, triathlons, etc., with the observance of a health protocol prepared by the organizer and certified by the Ministry of Health,

(d) operation of indoor sports facilities including gyms, dance schools, as well as schools of other sports, in compliance with the measure of one person per 4 square meters and in compliance with the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organization and the Ministry of Health,

(e) operation of race horse meetings, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,

(f) for persons aged 6 years and over who fall within the provisions of paragraphs (b) to (e) of this Regulation and, whether they play sports in indoor sports facilities, or in outdoor sports facilities, or take part in sports events (competitions), Regulation 65 (2) is upheld,

(g) regardless of the provisions of Regulation 43, in sports facilities owned by the Cyprus Sports Organization, which it grants for use to sports organizations / associations / federations, this organization / association / federation, for the period of use of the facility, is responsible for compliance with the Regulations provided for in this Decree, as well as the relevant health protocols and / or guidelines issued by the relevant competent authorities:

Provided that, the Cyprus Sports Organization reserves the right to control and supervise the implementation of the measures of this Decree, in cooperation with the Cyprus Police, pursuant to Regulation 43.

33. The presence of spectators in matches and events that take place in pitches and sports facilities, with the exception of football pitches, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Cyprus Sports Organisation and at maximum 70% capacity, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and Regulation 65 (2).

34. The presence of spectators in football matches is permitted provided that their number shall not exceed 70% of the capacity of the pitch and subject to Regulation 65 (2).

35. For persons who enter reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers, Regulation 65 (2) shall be upheld.

36. The operation of driving schools is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.

37. Farmers' markets shall operate at 70% of their capacity, observing the distance of 1.5 meters between people, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

38. The operation of swimming pools for public use is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 65 (2).

39. (1) 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

(2) 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 and health protocol shall be observed for each case.

40. 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, and for the use of passenger short sea vessels by the public, Regulation 65 (3) shall be upheld.

41. Businesses that serve the public, as well as departments/services of the state and wider state sector and local government authorities that serve the public:

(a) take measures to mark the distance, at least two metres, which must be observed by citizens while serving them, both inside and outside the premises,

(b) no more than one person per 4 square metres shall be permitted in the same area, that is to say, the service area, at any time; and

(c) they must post, at the entrances to the premises, the maximum number of persons permitted to be present in the premises, on the basis of the guidelines issued by the Ministries of Health and Labour and Social Insurance.

42. 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, depending to the instructions of the disinfectant used.

43. (1) Without prejudice to the obligation and individual responsibility of every person to comply with the Regulations provided for by this Decree and the relevant health protocols and/or guidelines issued by the competent authorities, the owner or/and manager or/and the person in charge of the undertaking or/and premises or/and any other place where economic activity is taking place in relation to goods or services according to the Quarantine Law (Cap. 260), shall be responsible for the observation of the Regulations provided for by this Decree and the relevant health protocols and/or guidelines issued by the competent authorities.

(2) the owner or/and manager or/and the person in charge of the undertaking or/and premises or/and any other place where economic activity is taking place in relation to goods or services, who under paragraph (a) is responsible for the compliance with the Regulations provided for by this Decree shall perform the required checks for the observation of the measures provided for by this Decree, the relevant health protocols and/or guidelines issued by the competent authorities and to this end he/she may

assign in writing this task to an authorised employee/officer or to a Private Security Agency or/and Private Guard as provided for by paragraph (3)(xvi):

Provided that in case a person refuses to present a proof of either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or rapid antigen test or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19, or a proof or release for those who have recovered from Covid-19 or a European Digital COVID Certificate, where this is mandatory by virtue of the provisions of this Decree, during a control by the Police or/and any other Competent Authority or/and any authorised officer by virtue of paragraph (3), the person who refused to comply shall be solely liable and to the owner or/and manager provided that he/she has not been served by the establishment;

(3) 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:

- (i) Ministry of Finance;
- (ii) Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth;
- (iii) Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance;
- (iv) Ministry of Interior;
- (v) Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works;
- (vi) Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy;
- (vii) Deputy Ministry of Shipping;
- (viii) Deputy Ministry of Tourism;
- (ix) Public Health Services, Department of Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health;
- (x) Department of Agriculture, Department of Forests, Department of Fishery and Marine Research, Mines Service and Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment;
- (xi) Consumer Protection Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry;
- (xii) traffic wardens of each Municipality;
- (xiii) members of the National Guard;
- (xiv) the Cyprus Sports Organisation;
- (xv) Safety and Health Officers of Ministries/Deputy Ministries, Services/Departments, Organisations of Public Law, Independent Authorities, Local Authorities and private undertakings;
- (xvi) Private Security Agencies or/and Private Guards holding a licence issued under the Private Security Agencies Law of 2007 to 2014;
- (xvii) 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; and
- (xviii) 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):
28.12.2012.
48(I) of 2008
97(I) of 2011
119(I) of 2012
213(I) of 2012
132(I) of 2014

44. The use of protective face masks is mandatory for all persons over six years old, indoors and with the exception of the cases specified by the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health:

45. (1) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health, Transport, Communications and Works, for the purposes of entry into the Republic of Cyprus,

persons irrespective of nationality and country of departure who hold either a COVID-19 European Union Digital Certificate (EUDCC) or a COVID-19 vaccination or recovery certificate equivalent from third countries, or a valid vaccination certificate from the competent authorities of any third country, provided that the required doses of vaccine acceptable to the Republic of Cyprus have been completed, shall provide either a paper or electronic version of these supporting documents, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The vaccination or recovery certificates have been issued by the public authorities of the States,

(b) The vaccines accepted by the Republic are Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, AstraZeneca, (Vaxzervia, COVISHIELD, SKBio), Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-Vac), Sinopharm (BBIBPCOVID-19), COVOVAX, Sinovac (CoronaVac), Covaxin, Sputnik Light (only as booster dose in a basic vaccination regimen) and Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19,

(c) certificates of vaccination of persons 18 years of age and over shall be accepted if they have received two doses of two-dose vaccine or one dose of one-dose vaccine, provided that no period of 9 months has elapsed since the date of administration of the second dose in the case of a two-dose vaccine or one dose in the case of a one-dose vaccine, or if they have received both the booster third dose in the case of two-dose vaccine or the booster second dose in the case of one-dose vaccine,

(d) certificates of vaccination of persons under 18 years of age shall be accepted if they have received two doses of a two-dose vaccine or one dose of a one-dose vaccine,

(e) with the exception of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine, for which a period of 14 days must have elapsed between the administration of the vaccine dose and the date of travel, passengers may travel to the Republic immediately upon completion of the required doses of vaccines accepted by the Republic,

(f) the digital European or third country equivalent COVID-19 recovery certificate shall be considered acceptable if the date of travel does not exceed 180 days from the first positive result,

(g) they must comply with a random check on arrival and, if they refuse, they shall be transferred and required to remain in places of mandatory confinement determined by the Republic for a period of 10 days, unless they undergo a laboratory test (PCR) before the end of this period:

Provided that the costs of accommodation in the places of confinement and of the laboratory examination (PCR) shall be borne by the persons themselves.

(2) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Transport, Communications and Works, for the purposes of entry into the Republic of Cyprus, persons irrespective of nationality and country of departure who do not meet the requirements of paragraph (1) must:

(a) Produce in paper or electronic form, either a negative laboratory test (PCR) valid 72 hours prior to their departure or a negative rapid antigen detection test valid 24 hours prior to their departure:

Provided that self-diagnostic tests are not acceptable,

(b) comply with a random check on arrival and, if they refuse, they shall be transferred to and required to remain in places of mandatory confinement determined by the Republic for a period of 10 days, unless they undergo a laboratory test (PCR) before the end of this period:

Provided that the costs of accommodation in the places of confinement and of the laboratory examination (PCR) shall be borne by the persons themselves.

47(I) of 1997
82(I) of 2000
52(I) of 2002
27(I) of 2006
96(I) of 2010
127(I) of 2010
90(I) of 2012

(3) Persons under 12 years of age shall not be required to produce a certificate of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test.

(4) For persons who, upon their arrival to the Republic, are diagnosed COVID-19 positive, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health is followed.

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
139(l) of 2021.

(5) Persons who arrive in the Republic without satisfying the conditions imposed by the provisions of these Regulations shall commit an offence, and the Out-of-Court Offences Acts 1997 to 2021, which provide for an out-of-court fine, shall apply in their case, unless the passengers do not enter the Republic and return to their original country of departure.

46. (1) 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 Transport, 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.

(2) airlines shall observe the Health Protocol of the airports of the Republic, as well as the guidelines and measures issued by the Minister of Transport, 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;

(3) Airlines will only board passengers on flights to the Republic if they are in possession of electronic or paper copies of the documents cited in Regulation 45.

47. (1) Asylum seekers, who for the first time enter and/or are placed and/or are obliged to stay in reception, accommodation and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, shall undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 before entering these centres.

(2) The test for COVID-19 shall be administered and/or repeated on any asylum seeker who is present in the reception and/or detention centre, whenever deemed necessary by the person in charge of that centre.

48. (1) All newly admitted detainees shall, prior to admission to any detention centre and/or prison, undergo laboratory testing (PCR) for COVID-19, except for detainees who hold either a valid certificate of completed vaccination for COVID-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19.

(2) Testing for COVID-19 shall be administered and/or repeated on any detainee whenever deemed necessary by the Director of the Department of Corrections and/or Detention Officer and/or Chief of Police and/or other detention officer.

49. (1) Persons declared as positive COVID-19 cases or close contacts of COVID-19 cases and/or persons placed in compulsory confinement and self-isolation, shall abide with the guidelines and health protocols of the Ministry of Health.

(2) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, pupils of private and public primary schools and public and private secondary schools, as well as children aged 3 and over attending pre-schools, kindergartens and special education schools, who are close contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases within the school unit, who:

(a) According to the protocols of the Ministry of Health, must remain in mandatory confinement, with the exception of pupils who are close contacts of a positive case within the family unit, may continue their attendance at the school unit with physical presence, as well as any extracurricular activities, provided that

they undergo daily, on school working days and for a period of five days from the date of the close contact, an antigen rapid test for COVID-19, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health,

- (b) Hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme for COVID-19 or a valid recover certificate, shall undergo, on the third and fifth day since the close contact, an antigen rapid test in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

Provided that in the case of a positive COVID-19 case, the health protocols of the Ministry of Health shall be followed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministries of Health and Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, for teachers of private and public primary schools and public and private secondary schools, who are close contacts of confirmed positive cases, who:

(a) According to the protocols of the Ministry of Health, must remain in mandatory confinement, may undergo daily, for a period of five consecutive days from the date of the close contact, an antigen rapid test and if the test result is negative, they may attend the school facility:

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

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

Provided that persons who have received a booster dose of the vaccine are excluded from the provisions of this subparagraph,

(5) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, health professionals of public and private hospitals who are close contacts of confirmed positive cases, shall comply with the Ministry of Health's health protocol concerning Health Professionals.

50. (1) 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; and

(2) 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.

51. (1) 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:

(2) The physicians contacted by the said persons are obliged:

- (a) to take the most complete, under the circumstances, medical history of the person contacting them;
- (b) to 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;
- (c) 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, to 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;
- (d) 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, to 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;
- (e) to 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.

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.

52 (1) 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;

(2) 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;

(3) 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;

(4) 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.

53. 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.

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

55. Officers from the Consumer Protection Services of the Ministry of energy, Commerce and Industry shall be authorised to check the 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.

56. Civil servants who are absent from work for self-isolation purposes shall be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons, provided that the affected persons had produced the said certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, 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) 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;
- (c) for the purposes of taking care of children under the age of 15 where:
 - (i) the child is positive to COVID-19 or 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;
- (d) The Special Leave for Public Health Reasons is granted in the cases of paragraph (a) to (c) 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 also that if the civil servants do not wish to perform their duties through teleworking they should apply for a special leave on grounds of public health, for the period of which the said beneficiaries shall be indemnified with 60% of their earnings by their employer

Provided further 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 (d), 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.

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

(a) for being infected with Covid-19 while performing their duties, shall be granted a Special Leave for Public Health Reasons,

(b) for being infected with 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 2022:

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.

58. Employees in the public and wider public sector who, due to the nature of their duties, either were unable to take the annual rest leave they had in good standing or had it revoked by their department due to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and in the years 2020 and 2021, had accrued and carried over to the following year up to 20 days of rest leave, regardless of the total number of days of rest leave they may have accrued, these additional days of rest leave must be taken by 31st December 2022.

59. 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 laboratory PCR tests and/or rapid tests for the staff and those residing in the settings referred to in this Regulation.

60. (a) The maximum charge for a COVID-19 PCR laboratory test is fixed at 50 euros (excluding VAT), per examination, save for the existing contracts that have been entered into by the State.

(b) The maximum charge for a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 is fixed at 10 euros (excluding VAT) per test.

(c) The maximum charge for self-diagnostic tests for COVID-19 is fixed at 6 euros per package of 5 tests.

61. All undertakings shall operate under the safety and health guidelines of the Ministry of Health and/or the competent Ministries/Authorities.

62. (1) Residents of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units, who are diagnosed positive to COVID-19 shall be transferred to a compulsory confinement area designated by the Ministry of Health or alternatively, if they wish so, they may stay in compulsory self-confinement in private premises, of non-common use, at their own

expenses and provided that where there are other persons in these premises, they shall not use common areas; and

(2) residents of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units, who, according to the health protocol of the Ministry of Health, are a close contact of a person infected with COVID-19, shall be transferred to hotels and/or tourist accommodation units which have entered into contract with the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, especially for the accommodation of close contacts or alternatively, if they wish so, they may stay in compulsory self-confinement in private premises, of non-common use, at their own expenses and provided that where there are other persons.

63. (1) All employees working at the private, public, wider public sector and at the local authorities may be absent from their work for the whole day of their vaccination without this day being taken away from the rest leave and the earnings of the employee and provided that the certificate of vaccination is produced:

Provided that if the vaccine requires two doses this Regulation shall also apply to both days of vaccination.

Provided also that the present paragraph shall also apply to the day of vaccination with the third booster dose, in the case of two-dose vaccines, and the day of vaccination with the second booster dose, in the case of a single-dose vaccines.

Provided further that this Regulation shall be valid for parents/legal guardians of a child under the age of 18 where the parent/legal guardian accompanies his child to be vaccinated provided that he/she produces his/her child's certificate of vaccination.

(2) all students aged 6-17 years may be absent from school for the entire day of their vaccination with a vaccine against COVID-19, with excused absence, without the days being deducted from the pre-determined number of excused absences and provided that the certificate of vaccination is produced:

Provided that if the vaccine requires two doses, this Regulation shall also apply to both days of vaccination.

64. (1) Persons working in hospitals, medical centres and rehabilitation centres, must hold either a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis, or a negative laboratory PCR test performed within 72 hours, or a negative rapid test performed within 48 hours,

(2) For those persons working in nursing homes and other closed care and accommodation facilities for the elderly and vulnerable groups, the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare shall be complied with, and the following are required:

(a) the presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or antigen rapid test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, or

(b) the presentation of a valid certificate for a completed vaccination scheme for COVID-19 or a valid recovery certificate, as well as a negative laboratory test (PCR) or an antigen rapid test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours.

(3) For those persons working in day care facilities for vulnerable groups, transitional shelters for the homeless, day centres and child protection facilities, the guidelines of the Ministry of health and the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare shall be complied with, and it is necessary to present either a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a negative antigen rapid test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, or a valid

certificate for a completed vaccination scheme for COVID-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19.

65. (1) In premises and/or organizations and/or enterprises and/or premises which are declared by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health as high risk for the spread of COVID-19 spreading and where, subject to the distancing measures, there is a possibility of more than 25 persons gathering, the following are required:

(a) The presentation of a valid certificate of completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19 and a negative laboratory test (PCR) certificate for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a certificate of rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours; or

(b) the presentation of a negative laboratory test certificate (PCR) for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours or a rapid antigen detection test certificate for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours; or

(c) the presentation, for persons aged 6 to 17 years, of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours:

Provided that for persons under 6 years of age, the presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, is not required.

(2) In premises and/or organizations and/or businesses and/or establishments that are declared by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health as moderate risk for the spread of COVID-19 and where, subject to the distancing measures, there is a possibility of more than 25 persons gathering, the following are required:

(a) The presentation of a valid certificate of completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19; or

(b) the presentation of a negative laboratory test certificate (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a negative rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours; or

(c) the presentation, for persons aged 6 to 17 years, of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours:

Provided that for persons under 6 years of age, the presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 is not required.

(3) In premises and/or organizations and/or businesses and/or establishments that are declared by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health as low risk for the spread of COVID-19 and where, subject to the distancing measures, there is a possibility of more than 25 persons gathering, the following are required:

(a) The presentation of a valid certificate of completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19; or

(b) The presentation, for persons 6 years of age and older, of a certificate of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been performed within 72 hours:

Provided that for persons under 6 years of age, the presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 is not required,

(4) Excluded from the provisions of this Regulation are businesses that serve the public as well as Departments / Services of the state and wider state sector and Local

Authorities that serve the public, pharmacies, supermarkets, grocery stores, butchers, fishmongers, bakeries, confectioneries, fruit markets, farmers' market kiosks and mini-markets:

Provided that, residences, parks and linear parks, beaches, squares, dams, recreational areas and nature trails shall be exempt from these Regulations.

Provided further that the exemptions in this paragraph shall not apply to businesses falling within the provisions of Regulations 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 and 28 and to indoor venues of businesses falling within the provisions of Regulations 29 and 30.

66. All persons entering or/and moving inside areas for which it is required a negative Covid-19 laboratory PCR or antigen rapid detection test, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 or a medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, must carry with them their identity card or passport or in case of persons under 12 years old (who do not have an identity card or passport) a birth certificate as additional evidence, and present it to the competent authorities or/and the owners or/and managers or/and the persons in charge of the organization and/or enterprise and/or premises and/or the persons authorised by them, by virtue of Regulation 43.

67. (1) In the venues/premises where access under this Decree is subject to the presentation of a valid certificate of completed vaccination, it means a certificate of vaccination with the vaccines accepted by the Republic for COVID-19, i.e. vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency, as well as the vaccines Johnson&Johnson/Janssen, AstraZeneca, (Vaxzervia, COVISHIELD, SKBio), Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-Vac), Sinopharm (BBIBPCOVID-19), COVOVAX, Sinovac (CoronaVac), Covaxin, Sputnik Light (only as booster dose in a basic vaccination scheme) and Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19, and the period of validity of the certificate for persons aged 18 years and over is 7 months from the date of the second dose of the vaccine if it is a two-dose vaccine or a single dose of the vaccine if it is a single-dose vaccine. The validity of the certificate shall be renewed if a booster dose of the vaccine is received:

Provided that the validity of the vaccination certificate for persons under the age of 18 years has no expiry date:

Provided further that the validity of the vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine shall commence 14 days after the date of vaccination.

(2) The period of validity of the certificate of recovery from Covid-19 shall be 90 days from the date of sampling of the initial positive diagnosis.

68. When checks are being carried out at premises to which access, under this Decree, requires the presentation of either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a rapid antigen test, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme, or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19, these documents and/or certificates shall be checked via the scanning of the QR code of the European Digital Covid Certificate and the check is

carried out via the digital application 'CovScanCyprus'.

Provided that persons aged 65 years and above, underage persons up to 13 years old, Turkish Cypriots who have been vaccinated in areas of the Republic of Cyprus over which the Government doesn't exercise effective control, as well as persons who have been vaccinated in States outside the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland, may present these documents and/or certificates in their print form rather than the European Digital Covid Certificate form.

Provided also that the check falling under the provisions of Regulation 8 (2) and the check of the certificate of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen test falling under the provisions of Regulation 65 (1)(a) shall not be carried out through the electronic application "ConScanCyprus".

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97(I) of 1996

69. The meetings/elections of Trade Unions registered under the Trade Unions Laws of 1965 to 1996 may be held by electronic means, subject to the approval of the Registrar of Trade Unions,

70. Up to 25% of employees in the state and wider state sector and local authorities, may work remotely by decision of the competent authority, provided that the proper operation of the Service and the State is ensured:

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Annex III (I):

Provided that the possibility of teleworking also applies to private service providers.

8.4.2022

14.4.2022

71. The Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decrees (No. 17) and (No. 18) of 2022 are hereby abolished, with effect as of 22nd April 2022 at 04.59 a.m.

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

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