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THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

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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.
ANAK. 307
32(I) of 2003
31(I) of 2020
72(I) of 2020.

The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers conferred upon him by article 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g) of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260 and by the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 02 September 2021, hereby issues the following Decree:

Whereas protecting the public health and the health care system is the responsibility of the Republic and for imperative urgency arising from the epidemiological data with the aim of preventing the spread of COVID-19, protecting public health and preventing a possible collapse of the health system due to the spread of the virus, taking into consideration the requirements in human resources and logistical infrastructures necessary to cope with the rapid spread of the virus and whereas the taking of requisite measures has become imperative; and

Government
Gazette, Annex
III (I):
23.3.2020.

Whereas by Notice published in the Government Gazette of the Republic, upon authorization by the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos as being infected with Covid-19, pursuant to article 4 of the Quarantine Law, Cap. 260; and

Whereas, taking into consideration that by 28 December 2021, 86.6% of the adult population received at least one dose of the vaccine and 82.8% completed the vaccination scheme, but at the same time from 21 December until 27 December 2021, 5.732 cases have been recorded and on 28 and 29 December 2021 an additional 5.243 cases have been recorded, while the average rate of persons hospitalized daily is around 165 patients per day, and 7 deaths of patients have been recorded with COVID-19 being the ultimate cause of death, and because the 'omicron' variant' has already been traced in the Republic and because there are indications as to this variant's increased transmissibility and until the full evaluation of the variant's epidemiological data on an international level, the following Regulations shall apply for the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos:

Short title.

1. This Decree shall be cited as the Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (**No. 47**) of 2021.

2. The Regulations of this Decree shall be valid as of **30 December 2021 at 18.00 p.m. until 15 January 2022 at 23.59 p.m.**, unless stipulated otherwise 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. (a) 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.

(b) The carrying out of school festive events as well as events in either indoor or outdoor areas at malls, is suspended.

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. Gatherings at private residences shall be limited to 20 people per residence, including minor children and permanent residents.

6 The presence of congregants is permitted during church services and/or other forms of religious worship with a maximum number of 300 persons in total, either indoors or outdoors, subject to distancing measures and in compliance with Regulation 82, 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

7. 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.

8. (a) The celebration of weddings, christenings and funerals at churches and other areas of religious worship shall be carried out with a maximum of 300 persons attending in total, either indoors or outdoors, subject to distancing measures and in compliance with Regulation 82,

(b) 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.

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

9. The holding of events, including weddings and christenings at catering establishments, event and reception venues, hotels or/and tourist accommodation units, night clubs, clubs and music and dancing venues, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, is governed by the following terms:

(a) with a maximum of 300 persons attending in total, either indoors or outdoors, subject to distancing measures defined in the health protocols and subject to the following:

(i) upon presentation of a valid certificate of completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19, and a negative

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- (ii) laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, except for persons who have received a booster dose of the vaccine; or upon presentation, for persons aged 6 to 11 years, of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 7 days; or
 - (iii) upon presentation, for persons who cannot be vaccinated due to a medical condition, of a medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health and a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with sampling having been carried out within 24 hours; or
 - (iv) upon presentation of either a first dose vaccination certificate if it is a two-dose vaccine and a vaccination date that does not exceed 35 days, or a vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine for the first 14 days from the date of vaccination, as well as a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with sampling carried out within 24 hours:

Provided that, until 6 January 2022, persons aged 12 to 17 years may enter the premises covered by this Regulation with a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 24 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who meets the conditions of the above subsections:

Provided also 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; or

(b) until the 2nd of January 2022, date included, events with a maximum number of 500 persons may be held, subject to the distancing measures specified in the health protocols, in the case where all persons show either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19 disease and a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, except for persons who have received a booster dose of the vaccine:

Provided that, and as long as the total maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under the age of 6 years, persons aged 6 to 11 years who have a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 7 days, and persons who cannot be vaccinated due to a medical problem who present a medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health and a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, shall be excluded,

(c) service to event attendees shall be provided exclusively at table seating, subject to Ministry of Health guidelines,

(d) the maximum number of persons per table is twelve (12) persons.

10. (a) Visits to public and private nursing homes are not permitted, except in exceptional circumstances for which approval is granted by the Director of the said facility, upon presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours:

Provided that, in cases of emergency and subject to the approval of the Director of the said facility, the visit may be carried out upon presentation of a negative rapid antigen detection test, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours,

(b) 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.

11. (a) Visits to nursing homes and other closed care and accommodation facilities for the elderly and vulnerable groups shall not be allowed, except in exceptional cases for which authorisation is given by the Director of the said facility, upon presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours,

Provided that, in cases of emergency and subject to the approval of the Director of the said facility, the visit may be carried out upon presentation of a negative rapid antigen detection test, with the sampling carried out within 24 hours.

(b) 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 shall be followed, and it shall be required that for persons 6 to 11 years of age a negative laboratory test (PCR) or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 shall be presented, with the sampling having been carried out within 7 days or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19, and for persons aged 12 years and over the presentation of either a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a valid certificate of a completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19.

(c) for employees in nursing homes and other closed care and accommodation facilities for the elderly and vulnerable groups, 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 followed, and either a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a valid certificate of a completed vaccination for COVID-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19, shall be required.

12. (a) In public and private hospitals, all scheduled surgeries for non-emergency cases and admissions for patients whose health is at a non-life-threatening state, are postponed:

Provided that day-care clinics, outpatient visits to outpatient clinics and day-care cases performed in clinics, polyclinics and private hospitals, shall be excluded, provided that the maximum bed occupancy limit, as specified in paragraph (b), shall not be exceeded

(b) For private hospitals, the maximum occupancy rate is at 70% save for the Intensive Care Units where the maximum occupancy rate is at 60%.

13. (a) In public means of transport, the provisions of Regulation 82 as well as the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works shall apply for employees and passengers.

(b) 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;

(c) 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.

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

15. 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 82.

16. (a) 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, Welfare and Social Insurance, and it is required that:

- (i) persons aged 6 to 11 shall wear a facial mask and hold either a negative COVID-19 laboratory PCR test or a negative antigen rapid test performed within the last 7 days, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19,
- (ii) persons 12 and above shall wear a facial mask and comply with Regulation 82 and hold either a negative COVID-19 laboratory or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19:

Provided that, for school attending purposes, students of public high schools and the respective classes of Private Schools of Secondary Education, who are under the age of 12, shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or a negative antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19:

Provided further that, for school attending purposes, pupils of public and private primary schools who have turned twelve years old, shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed 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:

Also provided that, only for school attending purposes, pre-primary school pupils who have turned six years old, shall not be obliged to hold a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test or wear a facial mask.

(b) on 10 January 2022, the designated day for the resumption of classes in private and public primary schools and in public and private secondary schools, students and employees of these schools shall be required to present a negative laboratory test (PCR) with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours,

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

- (i) 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 82, are upheld,
- (ii) 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:

Provided that public and private Higher and Tertiary Education Institutions, irrespective of the preconditions set out in this paragraph, may choose to allow access to teaching halls and/or other areas only to persons holding a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a valid certificate of recovery from Covid-19.

Provided also that classes as well as exams may be carried out online.

17. The operation of all private institutes and private educational centres, including social activities, is permitted subject to Regulation 82 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.

18. As regards retail shops, Regulation 82 and the following terms shall apply:

- (a) the measure of 1 person per 10 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 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, Welfare and Social Insurance:

Provided that Regulation 31 shall be upheld for catering establishments serving the public within retail businesses.

19. As regards malls, Regulation 82 and the following terms shall apply:

- (a) the measure of 1 person per 10 sqm, at least, of capacity, should be observed, and additionally, a check must be carried out at the entrance by an authorized person so that the maximum number of customers is upheld;
- (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 18 mutatis mutandis.

Provided that Regulation 31 shall be upheld for catering establishments serving the public within malls.

20. Conferences and trade fairs are permitted and the total number of persons attending should not exceed 50% of the capacity of the premises and subject to Regulation 82.

21. The operation of betting shops is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority and subject to Regulation 82.

22. Casinos operate at 50% capacity, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and Regulation 82.

23. The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 82.

24. (i) 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;

(ii) 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, and subject to Regulation 82.

25. 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 82.

26. The operation of theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls is governed by the following terms:

(a) the maximum number of persons should not exceed 300, either indoors or outdoors, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to the following:

- (i) upon presentation of either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination scheme for Covid-19, or a valid certificate of recover from Covid-19, or
- (ii) upon presentation, for persons aged 6 to 11 years old, of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or
- (iii) upon presentation, for persons who may not get vaccinated due to a medical issue, of the medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, and a negative PCR laboratory test or a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 carried out within the last 7 days, or
- (iv) upon presentation, for persons who have completed their vaccination and a period of 7 months has elapsed without having received a booster dose of the vaccine, of the vaccination certificate and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours; or
- (v) upon presentation of either a first dose vaccination certificate if it is a two-dose vaccine with a vaccination date not exceeding 35 days, or of a vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine for the first 14 days from the date of vaccination, and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours for persons aged 18 years and over and within 72 hours for persons under 18 years of age:

Provided that, until 6 January 2022, persons aged 12 to 17 years may enter the premises covered by this Regulation upon presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been

carried out within 72 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who holds a certificate of a completed vaccination with at least two doses if it is a two-dose vaccine or one dose if it is a one-dose vaccine, as well as a negative PCR or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 or who fulfils the conditions of the above subparagraphs:

Provided also 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; or

(b) the number of persons attending should not exceed 75% of the capacity of the venue provided that all persons shall present either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from Covid-19:

Provided that and where the maximum number of persons is not exceeded, persons under 6 years old, persons aged between 6 and 11 who hold a negative laboratory PCR or antigen rapid detection test performed within 7 days, persons aged between 12 and 17 who have received at least one dose of the vaccine and hold a vaccination certificate and a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 performed within 72 hours, as well as persons who may not get vaccinated due to a medical issue and who present the medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, as well as a negative PCR test or a rapid antigen test performed within the last 7 days, shall be exempted.

27. The operation of playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks, is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 82, and the use of catering establishments within these facilities is governed by Regulation 31.

28. The operation of organised group camping is suspended:

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

29. The operation of constructions 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, Welfare and Social Insurance and subject to Regulation 82.

30. 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 subject to Regulation 82:

Provided that for the use of indoor and outdoor catering and/or event areas the provisions of Regulations 9, 31 and 32 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

31. 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 subject to the following terms:

(a) the maximum number of persons should not exceed 300, either indoors or outdoors, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to the following:

- (i) upon presentation of either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination scheme for Covid-19, or a valid certificate of recover from Covid-19, or
- (ii) upon presentation, for persons aged 6 to 11 years old, of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(iii) upon presentation, for persons who may not get vaccinated due to a medical issue, of the medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, and a negative PCR laboratory test or a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(iv) upon presentation, for persons who have completed their vaccination and a period of 7 months has elapsed without having received a booster dose of the vaccine, of the vaccination certificate and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with sampling carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling carried out within 48 hours; or

(v) upon presentation of either a first dose vaccination certificate if it is a two-dose vaccine with a vaccination date not exceeding 35 days, or of a vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine for the first 14 days from the date of vaccination, and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with sampling having been carried out within 48 hours for persons aged 18 years and over and within 72 hours for persons under 18 years of age:

Provided that, until 6 January 2022, persons aged 12 to 17 years may enter the premises covered by this Regulation upon presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-1, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who holds a certificate of a completed vaccination with at least two doses if it is a two-dose vaccine or one dose if it is a one-dose vaccine, as well as a negative PCR or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 or who fulfils the conditions of the above subparagraphs:

Provided also that for persons under 6 years old, the presentation of a negative laboratory PCR or rapid antigen detection test is not required, or

(b) service to event attendees shall be provided exclusively at table seating, subject to Ministry of Health guidelines,

(c) the maximum number of persons per table is twelve (12) persons,

(d) take away service is excluded from the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b), provided that the customer shall not remain at the facility and/or stay seated there to consume a meal, and provided that Regulation 82 shall be upheld.

(e) for the holding of events in the venues/premises governed by this Regulation, the provisions of Regulation 9 shall be upheld.

32. 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 subject to the following terms:

(a) the maximum number of persons should not exceed 300, either indoors or outdoors, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to the following:

(i) upon presentation of either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination scheme for Covid-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from Covid-19, as well as a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours, excluding those who have received a booster, or

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- (ii) upon presentation, for persons aged 6 to 11 years old, of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or
 - (iii) upon presentation, for persons who may not get vaccinated due to a medical issue, of the medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, and a negative PCR laboratory test or a rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19 performed within the last 24 hours, or
 - (iv) upon presentation of either a first dose vaccination certificate if it is a two-dose vaccine and a vaccination date not exceeding 35 days, or a vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine for the first 14 days from the date of vaccination, and a negative PCR laboratory test or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours:

Provided that, until 6 January 2022, persons aged 12 to 17 years may enter the premises covered by this Regulation with a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 24 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who fulfils the conditions of the above subsections:

Provided that for persons who are under 6 years old, the presentation of a negative laboratory PCR or rapid antigen detection test shall not be required,

(b) service to event attendees shall be provided exclusively at table seating, subject to Ministry of Health guidelines,

(c) the maximum number of persons per table is twelve (12) persons.

33. For places where, by virtue of this Decree, access is subject to the holding of either a negative Covid-19 laboratory test or a negative antigen rapid test or a certificate of vaccination or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19, non-residents entering legally the Republic without a certificate of vaccination or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19:

(a) using Larnaca and Paphos Airports, may present the Cyprus Flight Pass obtained on the www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy platform and their boarding card or a reservation certificate from their place of accommodation;

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

(c) documents referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) for passengers who do not hold a certificate of vaccination or a certificate of recovery from covid-19 shall expire 7 days after the date of arrival and thereafter these passengers should produce either a negative covid-19 laboratory test or a negative covid-19 antigen rapid test.

34. 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 Transport, Communications and Works.

35. The operation and use of sports facilities, including swimming pools, is governed by the following terms:

(a) for training and matches of team sports, for the professional championships of 1st, 2nd and 3rd division clubs and national teams, 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.

(b) for individual training of athletes and for team and individual sports events, including contact sports, in indoor and outdoor sports facilities, subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health, without using changing rooms and similar infrastructures:

Provided that the maximum number of persons shall be determined by the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health;

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

(c) for sports events of a social nature, such as marathons, triathlon etc., subject to the health protocol prepared by the organiser and approved by the Ministry of Health;

(d) indoor sports facilities including gyms, dancing schools and other sports academies, observing the measure of 1 person per 8 sq.m., and subject to the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Organisation and the Ministry of Health, without the use of changing rooms and other similar infrastructures, except changing rooms in gyms, the operation of which is governed by the guidelines of the Cyprus Sport Organisation;

(e) equestrian meetings, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(f) for persons aged 6 and above who fall within the provisions of paragraphs (b) to (e) hereof and practice sports either in indoor or outdoor sports facilities or participate in sports events, Regulation 82 shall be upheld.

(g) irrespective of the provisions of Regulation 48, in sports facilities belonging to the Cyprus Sports Organisation, given by the Organisation to sports associations/stakeholders/federations for use, the said association/stakeholder/federation is responsible, for the duration of the use of each facility, to uphold the Regulations foreseen by this Decree as well as the equivalent health protocols and/or guidelines issued by the competent authorities:

Provided that the Cyprus Sports Organisation reserves the right to check and monitor the implementation of the measures of this Decree, in collaboration with the Cyprus Police, pursuant to Regulation 48.

36. 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 under the following terms:

(a) at 50% capacity maximum, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols and subject to the following:

(i) upon presentation of either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination scheme for Covid-19, or a valid certificate of recover from Covid-19, or

(ii) upon presentation, for persons aged 6 to 11 years old, of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(iii) upon presentation, for persons who may not get vaccinated, due to a medical issue, of the medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, and a negative PCR laboratory test or a rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(iv) upon presentation, for persons who have completed their vaccination and a period of 7 months has elapsed without having received a booster dose of the vaccine, of the vaccination certificate and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with the

sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours; or
(v) upon presentation of either a first dose vaccination certificate if it is a two-dose vaccine with a vaccination date not exceeding 35 days, or a vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine for the first 14 days from the date of vaccination, and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours for persons aged 18 years and over and within 72 hours for persons under 18 years of age:

Provided that, until 6 January 2022, persons aged 12 to 17 years may enter the premises covered by this Regulation upon presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who holds a certificate of a completed vaccination with at least two doses if it is a two-dose vaccine or one dose if it is a one-dose vaccine, as well as a negative PCR or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 or who fulfils the conditions of the above subparagraphs:

Provided that for persons who are under 6 years old, the presentation of a negative laboratory PCR or rapid antigen test is not required, or

(b) at friendly meetings or training sessions of academies and developmental sports, subject to the distancing measures defined in the health protocols and with a maximum number of spectators at outdoor sports facilities with stands not exceeding 40% of the facility's capacity, at outdoor sports facilities without stands not exceeding 150 persons and at indoor sports facilities with stands not exceeding 30% of the facility's capacity and subject to the following conditions:

(i) upon presentation of either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination scheme for Covid-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from Covid-19, or

(ii) upon presentation, for persons aged 6 to 11 years old, of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(iii) upon presentation, for persons who may not get vaccinated, due to a medical issue, of the medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, and a negative PCR laboratory test or a rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(iv) upon presentation, for persons who have completed their vaccination and a period of 7 months has elapsed without having received a booster dose of the vaccine, of the vaccination certificate and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with sampling carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 performed within 48 hours; or

(v) upon presentation of either a first dose vaccination certificate if it is a two-dose vaccine with a vaccination date not exceeding 35 days, or a vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine for the first 14 days from the date of vaccination, and a negative PCR laboratory test with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours if the person is 18 years of age or older and within 72 hours if the person is under 18 years of age:

Provided that, until 6 January 2022, persons aged 12 to 17 years may enter the premises covered by this Regulation upon presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who holds a certificate of a completed vaccination with at least two doses if it is a two-dose vaccine or one dose if it is a one-dose vaccine, as well as a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid

antigen detection test for COVID-19 or who fulfils the conditions of the above subparagraphs:

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

37. The presence of spectators in football matches is permitted provided that their number shall not exceed 50% of the capacity of the pitch and subject to the following conditions:

(a) upon presentation of either a valid certificate of a completed vaccination scheme for Covid-19, or a valid certificate of recovery from Covid-19, or

(b) upon presentation, for persons aged 6 to 11 years old, of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(c) upon presentation, for persons who may not get vaccinated due to a medical issue, of the medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, and a negative PCR laboratory test or a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 performed within the last 7 days, or

(d) upon presentation, for persons who have completed their vaccination and a period of 7 months has elapsed without having received a booster dose of the vaccine, of the vaccination certificate and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with the sampling carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling carried out within 48 hours; or

(e) upon presentation of either a first-dose vaccination certificate if it is a two-dose vaccine and a vaccination date not exceeding 35 days or a vaccination certificate for a single-dose vaccine for the first 14 days from the date of vaccination, and a negative laboratory test (PCR) with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours, or a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours for persons aged 18 years and over and within 72 hours for persons under 18 years of age:

Provided that, until 6 January 2022, persons aged 12 to 17 years may enter the premises covered by this Regulation upon presentation of a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19, with the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours and provided that they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who holds a certificate of a completed vaccination with at least two doses if it is a two-dose vaccine or one dose if it is a one-dose vaccine, as well as a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 or who fulfils the conditions of the above paragraphs:

Provided that for persons who are under 6 years old, the presentation of a negative laboratory PCR test or rapid antigen test shall not be required.

38. For persons who enter reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers, Regulation 82 shall be upheld.

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

40. Farmers' markets shall operate at 50% of their capacity, observing the distance of 1.5 meters between people, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the provisions of Regulation 82.

41. The operation of swimming pools for public use is governed by the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and subject to Regulation 82.

42 (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.

(c) a person arriving and/or entering the territory of the Republic from unauthorised points of entry from the countries listed in Regulation 87(a) of this Decree shall remain in mandatory isolation areas designated by the Republic for the purpose of ensuring public health until the epidemiological data have been evaluated.

43. 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 82 shall be upheld.

44. (a) The undertakings serving the public, as well as the Departments/Services 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 two meters that has to be observed by the citizens, both inside and outside the premises provided that not more than 1 person per 7 sq. m. 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;

(b) Without prejudice to Regulations 9, 26, 31, 32, 36 and 37, in all enterprises serving the public, as well as in all Departments/Services of the public sector, the wider public sector and the Local Authorities, Regulation 82 shall be upheld.

45. (a) The 40% of persons employed in private service-providing enterprises, excluding the enterprises that employ up to ten persons and essential services, shall work remotely:

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60(l) of 1996
109(l) of 1996
69(l) of 2000
156(l) of 2000
4(l) of 2001
94(l) of 2003
128(l) of 2003
183(l) of 2003
31(l) of 2004
218(l) of 2004
68(l) of 2005
79(l) of 2005
105(l) of 2005
96(l) of 2006
107(l) of 2008

Provided that this percentage includes employees who are absent from work, either due to days off, or sick leave or because they are close contacts of confirmed Covid-19 case,

(b) (i) The 40% of persons working in the public and wider public sector, shall work remotely, and the competent authority, under the Public Service Laws 1990 to 2020 and/or the relevant legislation governing the operation of Independent Services and/or Deputy Ministries, determines staff needs for the smooth operation of the service:

Provided that this percentage includes employees who are absent from work, having either a special leave for public health reasons, or a sick leave or days off.

(ii) For Essential Services, as these are defined in Regulation 46 of this Decree, the competent authority makes the necessary arrangements in order to ensure the smooth operation of the Service and the State,

<p>137(l) of 2009 194(l) of 2011 78(l) of 2013 7(l) of 2014 21(l) of 2014 100(l) of 2015 148(l) of 2017 151(l) of 2017 152(l) of 2017 98(l) of 2020 136(l) of 2020</p>	<p>(iii) Public Law organisations and Local Government Authorities apply the provisions of this Regulation mutatis mutandis,</p> <p>(iv) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, where by virtue of the provisions of Regulation 44, the physical presence of the 60% of civil servants and teleworking are not possible in Services/Departments of the public and wider public sector, in Organisations of Public Law and in Local Government Authorities serving the public, the competent authority may give a special leave on grounds of public health:</p>
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Provided that the provisions of this Regulation may be valid mutatis mutandis for the Services/Departments of the public and wider public sector, Organisations of Public Law and Local Government Authorities that do not serve the public, where under the guidelines of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance and the Ministry of Health on the management of issues of health and safety at work under coronavirus conditions, the physical presence of all employees is not possible:

Provided further that where by virtue of the provisions of Regulation 44, the physical presence of the 60% of employees is not feasible, according to the instructions of the competent authority, they shall be obliged to perform their duties through teleworking:

Provided also that in cases where the nature of the duties does not permit teleworking, a request for special leave on grounds of public health may be submitted:

Provided lastly that if the employees 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 respective employer.

46. For the purposes of this Decree, the following 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 Transport, Communications and Works, including its Departments/Services,

(4) the Ministry of Finance, including all its Permanent Directorates/Departments/Services;

(5) the Ministry of Interior, including its Directorates/Departments/Services;

(6) the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, including its Directorates/Departments/Services;

(7) the Ministry of Justice and Public Order, including its Directorates/Departments/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 and its Directorates/Departments;
- (12) the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, including its Departments/Services;
- (13) the Deputy Ministry of Shipping;
- (14) the Deputy Ministry of Tourism;
- (15) the Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare;
- (16) the House of Representatives;
- (17) the Courts and Registries (including their employees),
- (18) the Law Office,
- (19) the Health Services of Local Government Authorities and the public and wider public sector,
- (21) the Cyprus Intelligence Services,
- (21) the Police, the Fire Service and the Prisons Department,
- (22) the National Guard,
- (23) the Treasury,
- (24) private and public hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres,
- (25) the essential services of airports and airlines,
- (26) the telecommunications companies and Radio Cyprus,
- (27) the Cyprus Electricity Authority,
- (28) the Water Boards, Desalination Plants,
- (29) the Cyprus Transmission System Operator,
- (30) the Financial Markets and Payments Infrastructure Department, the Currency Management Department, the Information Technology Department, the General Administrative Services Department, the Accounting Services and Audit Department and the Supervision Department - Crisis Group, of the Central Bank of Cyprus,
- (31) the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority,
- (32) the Cyprus Sports Organisation,
- (33) the Presidency of the Republic,
- (34) the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers,
- (35) the Ports Authority, the Ports and Services within the Ports,

- (36) the Digital Security Authority,
- (37) the Sewerage Boards,
- (38) the Public Service Commission,
- (39) the Education Service Commission,

In addition to the above, for the purposes of this Decree, the following are defined as Essential Services: banking services, insurance services, services of credit purchasing companies, the maritime sector, lawyers, law firms and law offices, the media, the services necessary for the supervision and management of the coronavirus pandemic, for the provision of social services and the payment of benefits and other benefits to citizens, for ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply and water supply, for the operation of electronic communications/systems, telecommunications and postal services, for the operation of air transport and air traffic control, the operation of maritime traffic management and monitoring systems, the operation of civil defence, for the operation of hospitals and similar services in the health sector, veterinary services, prisons, asylum and immigration, the repair or maintenance of equipment and electromechanical installations of the National Guard and the Police including the Fire Service, the safe management of waste and strategic stocks of the State, the operation of ports and similar and supporting services, the activities of private security and protection system services, as well as the provision of services for the maintenance and cleaning of buildings and outdoor venues, as well as departments and civil servants who must be physically present due to their work relating to the implementation of actions of the Recovery and Sustainability Plan.

47. 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 either by licensed users of viricidal products or by the Health and Safety Officer of each undertaking/Service, who is designated by virtue of the Health and Safety at work Laws of 1996 to 2021 and provided that he/she has been trained to this purpose. Following disinfection, the area must remain closed for at least three (3) hours and then the area must be ventilated for approximately 30 minutes before the staff enters the premises.

48. (a) 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.

(b) 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 (c)(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 (c), 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;

(c) 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, Welfare and Social Insurance;
- (iv) Ministry of Interior;
- (v) Ministry of Transport, 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.

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

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48(I) of 2008
97(I) of 2011
119(I) of 2012
213(I) of 2012
132(I) of 2014

49. The use of protective face masks is mandatory for all persons over six 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:

Provided that the use of face masks inside elevators is mandatory irrespective of the number of persons.

50. The entry into the Republic is permitted to passengers, regardless of nationality, who arrive at the Airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of the “Green” category according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health and subject to the guidelines as these are announced on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, and passengers who are 12 years old and above shall undergo a PCR laboratory test upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which is borne by themselves, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. As of 4 January 2022 at 23.00pm, all passengers aged 12 years and over must hold a certificate of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 from a certified laboratory with a negative result, with sampling having been carried out within 48 hours before their departure for the Republic.

51. The entry into the Republic is permitted to passengers, regardless of nationality, arriving at the Airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of the “Orange” category according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health on the following terms and subject to the guidelines as these are announced on the <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> platform :

(a) who hold:

(i) a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca – SKBio, or

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

and who undergo, unless they are 11 years old and below, a PCR laboratory test upon their arrival, the cost of which shall be borne by themselves, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

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

(b) if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met, passengers who are 12 years old and above, must hold a certificate of negative laboratory test (PCR) for Covid-19 from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure and undergo upon their arrival in the Republic, to a laboratory test (PCR), the cost of which shall be borne by themselves, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of

a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,

(c) Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic, if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met and provided that they meet one of the following conditions:

(i) are passengers who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic, or

(ii) are passengers who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons, and who hold a relevant certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Republic,

are not obliged to present a certificate of a laboratory test (PCR) for Covid-19 prior to their arrival to the Republic, and irrespective of whether they present a relevant certificate or not, they shall undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for Covid-19 upon their arrival to the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by themselves, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. If they do not present a relevant certificate prior to their arrival, they shall remain in mandatory self-confinement until the issuing of the results of the test they underwent upon arrival. If they present a relevant certificate prior to their arrival, the provisions of paragraph (b) shall apply.

(d) As of 4 January 2022 at 23.00pm, all passengers aged 12 years and over, who are mentioned in the paragraphs (a) to (c), must hold a certificate of a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 from a certified laboratory with a negative result, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours before their departure for the Republic,

(e) for passengers who test positive to Covid-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

52. The entry into the Republic is permitted to passengers, regardless of nationality, arriving through the Airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of the 'Red' category according to the categorisation of countries based on the risk estimate, as announced by the Ministry of Health, on the following terms, and subject to the guidelines posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform:

(a) who hold:

(i) a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland, and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca – SKBio, or

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

the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, valid for six months as of the date of sampling of positive diagnosis,

and who undergo, unless they are 11 years old and below, a PCR laboratory test upon their arrival, the cost of which shall be borne by themselves, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

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

(b) if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met:

(i) passengers aged 12 years and above must hold a certificate of a negative laboratory PCR test from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure,

(ii) they are obliged to undergo a laboratory PCR test upon their arrival to the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by them, and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result; and additionally, they undergo a rapid antigen detection test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,

(c) Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic, if the conditions of paragraph (a) are not met and provided that they meet one of the following conditions:

(i) they are passengers who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic, or

(ii) they are passengers who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons, holding a relevant certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Republic;

they are not obliged to present a certificate of a laboratory test (PCR) for Covid-19 prior to their arrival to the Republic, and irrespective of whether they present a relevant certificate or not, they shall undergo a laboratory test (PCR) for Covid-19 upon their arrival to the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by themselves. If they do not hold a certificate of negative laboratory (PCR) test for Covid-19 prior to their arrival, they shall undergo a PCR laboratory test upon arrival, remain in mandatory self-confinement for 72 hours and undergo a new PCR test, the cost of which shall be borne by them; once the result of that test is negative, their self-confinement shall be terminated, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works. If they do present a relevant certificate prior to their arrival, the provisions of paragraph (b) shall apply.

(d) As of 4 January 2022 at 23.00pm, all passengers aged 12 years and over, who are mentioned in the paragraphs (a) to (c) must hold a certificate of a laboratory test (PCR)

for COVID-19 from a certified laboratory with a negative result, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours before their departure for the Republic

(e) for passengers tested positive to Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

53. (a) The entry into the Republic through the airports of Larnaca and Paphos from countries of the '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 and subject to the guidelines as these are posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform:

- (i) Cypriot citizens and members of their families (alien spouses and minor children);
- (ii) European citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (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 holding a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio;
- (vi) third-country nationals entitled to enter the Republic provided that they hold an approval for special entry permit to the Republic obtained upon application to the Commission appointed by the Council of Minister in its meeting of 17 June 2020.

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

(i) a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca – SKBio, or;

(ii) a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined in press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, valid for 180 days since the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis;

they undergo, unless they are 11 years old and below, a laboratory PCR test upon their arrival, the cost of which shall be borne by themselves, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

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

(c) if the conditions of paragraph (b) are not met, passengers aged 12 years and above must hold a certificate of a negative laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 from a certified laboratory, performed within 72 hours prior to their departure and undergo, upon their arrival, a laboratory PCR test, the cost of which shall be borne by them,

(d) Cypriot citizens, their alien spouses and minor children, as well as persons residing legally in the Republic, if the conditions of paragraph (b) are not met and provided that they meet one of the following conditions:

(i) they are passengers who have received at least the first dose of the vaccines approved by the Republic, or

(ii) they are passengers who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons, holding a relevant certificate by the Ministry of Health of the Republic;

they are not obliged to present a certificate of a laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 prior to their arrival to the Republic and irrespective of whether they present a relevant certificate or not, they shall undergo a PCR test upon their arrival to the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by them,

(e) all passengers falling within the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) shall remain in compulsory confinement and either undergo a laboratory COVID-19 test on the 7th day of their self-isolation, the cost of which shall be borne by themselves, and their self-isolation is terminated provided that the result is negative or be released on the 14th day of their self-isolation provided that they are not positive to Covid-19, according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health;

(f) Passengers arriving to the Republic from countries of the 'Grey' category for carrying out public works or for other business obligations, 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 Regulation 53(a)(i) to (iv), and whose stay in the Republic shall not exceed 4 days and where they do not fall within the provisions of paragraph (b), shall:

(i) present a certificate of negative laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 from a certified laboratory, performed 72 hours before departure, except in urgent and extraordinary circumstances whereby a permit is granted by the Minister of Health, and they undergo a PCR laboratory test immediately upon their arrival to the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by those persons, and they remain in mandatory self-confinement until the issuing of the result, and

(ii) undergo daily Covid-19 antigen rapid tests until the day of their departure, have with them the test certificate for check purposes and take precautionary measures and measures of self-protection in their place of accommodation,

(g) As of 4 January 2022 at 23.00pm, all passengers aged 12 years and over, who are mentioned in the paragraphs (a) to (c), must hold a certificate of a laboratory test (PCR)

for COVID-19 from a certified laboratory with a negative result, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours before their departure for the Republic,

(h) for passengers who test positive for Covid-19 the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed subject to the provisions of Regulation 79,

54. 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:

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

(b) of the 'Grey' category 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 present a negative laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 performed within 72 hours prior to their departure;
- (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 laboratory PCR 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 as well as the guidelines of the Deputy Ministry of Shipping,

(d) The persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the obligation to self-isolate if they hold:

(i) a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses 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, or

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

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

55. The entry into and residency in the Republic are permitted to seamen and crew members of vessels entering the ports of the Republic, subject to the following terms and guidelines by the Deputy Ministry of Shipping:

- (a) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of the 'Green' category and provided that they have not entered during the previous 14 days the port of a country not falling into this category, laboratory PCR test shall be performed for seamen and crew members, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,
 - (b) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of the 'Orange' and 'Red' categories and provided that they have not entered during the previous 14 days the port of a country of the 'Grey' category, according to the categorisation, seamen and crew members shall present a certificate of negative laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 valid 72 hours before the departure of the vessel and the said persons shall undergo a laboratory PCR test at the port and remain aboard until they receive the results, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,
 - (c) for vessels coming to the Republic from countries of the '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 Transport, Communications and Works, as part of the protocol for the crew change;
 - (ii) undergo a laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 when they disembark;
 - (iii) remain aboard or in places of compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test, and
 - (iv) undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 upon the completion of 72 hours since their arrival, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine,
 - (d) the procedures provided for in Regulation 54 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the laboratory PCR testing, the transport and the confinement of these persons until the results of the test are received;
 - (e) persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempted from the obligation to self-confinement if they hold:
 - (i) a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries
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- determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses 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;
- (ii) a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, valid for 180 days since the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis.
- (f) for persons who test positive to Covid-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed, subject to the provisions of Regulation 79.

56. The following applies to those entering legally the Republic through legal sea points of entry from countries of the 'Green', 'Orange', 'Red' and 'Grey' categories, 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 the 'Green' category, shall undergo a laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 upon their arrival to the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by themselves, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,
- (ii) from countries of the 'Orange' category, shall present a certificate of negative laboratory PCR test performed 72 hours before the departure of the craft and undergo a laboratory test at the berthing area and in this case, they must remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,
- (iii) from countries of the 'Red' category, shall present a negative laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 with sampling having been carried out within 72 hours prior to the departure of the vessel and these persons shall be subjected to a laboratory test (PCR) for COVID-19 in the docking area, the cost of which shall be borne by them and they shall remain under compulsory self-limitation on board the vessel until the result is available and in addition, with the exception of those who have been shown to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a single-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, shall undergo a rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,

- (iv) from countries of the 'Grey' category, who have not entered any other ports, 14 days before their arrival, or who have entered ports of countries of the Green, Orange and Red categories, must secure, before arriving in the Republic, the approval of the Commission appointed by the Council of Ministers in its meeting of 17 June 2020, except those falling within the provisions of Regulation 53(a)(i) to (iv), and the passengers aboard shall undergo a laboratory PCR test upon their arrival to the Republic at the berthing area and remain in compulsory confinement until they receive the result of the test, and additionally, with the exception of those proven to have received a booster dose of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-dose vaccine, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 within 72 hours of arrival, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health:

Provided that for recreational craft that come from countries of the 'Grey' category and for which the interval between their departure from a country of the 'Grey' category and their arrival in the Republic is less than 14 days, the passengers 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) For persons who test positive to COVID-19, the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.
- (b) Subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, cruise passengers coming to the Republic for a visit not exceeding 24 hours:
 - (i) shall present a negative laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 performed within 48 hours before their disembarkment, the cost of which shall not be borne by the Republic;
 - (ii) Shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 upon their arrival to 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; and
 - (iii) Those 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 upon their disembarkment.
 - (c) subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works, passengers coming to the Republic for a visit exceeding 24 hours and whose cruise begins from or ends in the ports of the Republic:
 - (i) where the destinations of the cruise were only countries of the 'Green' category, shall undergo a laboratory PCR test for Covid-19, the cost of which shall be borne by them; and if they remain in the Republic for more than 72 hours, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 upon the completion of 72 hours since their arrival, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Those who are proven to have received a booster shot of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-doses vaccine, are exempt from the obligation of undergoing a rapid antigen test,
 - (ii) where the destinations of the cruise include only countries of the 'Orange' category, during their disembarkment, passengers shall undergo a

laboratory PCR test at the port, the cost of which shall be borne by them, and shall remain in self-compulsory confinement until they receive the result; and if they remain in the Republic for more than 72 hours, they shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 upon the completion of 72 hours since their arrival, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Those who are proven to have received a booster shot of the vaccine, i.e. a second dose of a one-dose vaccine or a third dose of a two-doses vaccine, are exempt from the obligation of undergoing a rapid antigen test,

- (iii) where the destinations of the cruise include only countries of the 'Red' category, upon their disembarkment, passengers shall undergo a laboratory PCR test at the port and shall remain in compulsory self-confinement for 72 hours since their arrival in hotels or/and tourist accommodation units which have entered into contract with the State, and additionally, they shall undergo another laboratory PCR test, the cost of which shall be borne by them, upon expiry of the 72 hours,
- (d) persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempt from the obligation to self-isolate if they hold:
- (i) a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses 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; or
 - (ii) a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, valid for 180 days since the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis,
- (e) 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, the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and those of the Ministry of Health, as well as Regulation 82;
- (f) shipping companies, shipowner's agents and crew members shall observe the Health Protocol of the ports of the Republic, 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, as well as Regulation 82; and
- (g) the operators of the sea points of entry shall ensure that the provisions of this Regulation and Regulation 82 are observed.

57. 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 in the Republic, or have obtained in advance an entry permit to the Republic for any other purpose 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, whereby the aforementioned permit is mandatory based on the provisions of Regulation 53(a)(vi), 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) these persons shall present a negative laboratory PCR test for Covid-19 from a certified laboratory, performed within 48 hours before departure, and shall undergo a laboratory PCR test upon their arrival to the Republic;
- (c) 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 7th 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

- (d) employees falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall pay their own cost of transport to the said tourist accommodation units;
- (e) persons falling within the provisions of this Regulation shall be exempt from the obligation to self-isolate, and additionally, they must undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 upon the completion of 72 hours since their arrival, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, if they hold:

- (i) a certificate of complete vaccination scheme issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, either with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency or with Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca – Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio and provided that, following administration of all required doses 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:

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

- (ii) a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 in the form of the EU Digital COVID Certificate issued by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and Switzerland and the countries determined by press releases of the Ministry of Health and/or posted on the www.flightpass.gov.cy platform, valid for 180 days since the date of sampling of the positive diagnosis.

58. Persons who are entitled to enter the Republic according to the Vienna Convention:

- (a) shall undergo a laboratory PCR test for Covid-19, with a negative result, within 72 hours prior to their departure, and
- (b) shall undergo a laboratory PCR test for Covid-19, the cost of which shall be borne by them, upon their arrival to the Republic, except in urgent and extraordinary circumstances, for which the Minister of Health shall give a permit, and
- (c) shall undergo a rapid antigen test for Covid-19 upon the completion of 72 hours since their arrival, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. Those who are proven to have received a booster shot of the vaccine, i.e. the second dose of a one-dose vaccine or the third dose of a two-shot vaccine, are exempt from the obligation to undergo a rapid antigen test.
- (d) As of 4 January 2022 at 23.00 p.m., all passengers must hold a certificate of a PCR laboratory test for Covid-19 from a certified laboratory with a negative result, with the sampling having been carried out within 48 hours before their departure for the Republic.

59. (a) All persons regardless of their country of departure travelling by plane to the Republic, should fill in electronically and within 48 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.

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82(I) of 2000
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74(I) of 2015
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20(I) of 2017
135(I) of 2018
32(I) of 2020
35(I) of 2020
71(I) of 2020
85(I) of 2020
132(I) of 2020
133(I) of 2020.

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

60. (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; and

(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.

61. (a) All new inmates shall undergo laboratory Covid-19 test before being admitted to any detention centre and/or prison, with the exception of new inmates holding either a

certificate of a completed vaccination scheme against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19, and

(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.

62. (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 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;

(b) 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; and

(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 Regulation 59(b).

63. Persons declared as close contacts of Covid-19 cases and/or persons placed in compulsory confinement and self-isolation, shall abide with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

64. (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; and

(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.

65. (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.

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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.

66. (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.

67. 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.

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

69. 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) €
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 - Αντισηπτικό Gel 250ml	2,38	3,20
Ane Medic - Αντισηπτικό Gel 300ml	2,82	3,50
Ane Medic - Αντισηπτικό Gel 350ml	3,27	4,45
Ane Medic - Αντισηπτικό Gel 1L	7,14	9,65
Aseptin 60ml Spray	5,88	8,05
Aseptin 300ml Spray	11,45	15,70
Aseptin 1L Spray (με αντλία)	21,42	28,90
Aseptin 1L Spray (χωρίς αντλία)	17,85	24,10
Bienclair – Αντισηπτικό Spray 100ml	3,07	3,70
Bienclair – Αντισηπτικό 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
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 (χωρίς αντλία)	3,00	4,50
De Costa Antiseptic Gel 250ml (με αντλία)	3,60	5,25
De Costa Antiseptic Gel 500ml (με αντλία)	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% (με αντλία) 300ml	4,70	6,95
De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% (χωρίς αντλία) 300ml	2,70	4,00
De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% (με αντλία) 1L	11,31	15,85
De Costa Ethyl Alcohol 96% (χωρίς αντλία) 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
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
MASKS		
SIMPLE SURGICAL MASKS	0.62 per piece (31.00/50)	0.70 per piece (35.00/50)
THERMOMETERS		
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.

70. 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.

71. 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 work trip, according to the provisions of Regulations 51 to 53, provided that they present a Medical Certificate of Absence from the Workplace 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 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;
- (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 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 (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.

72. 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 with retrospective force as of 08 January 2021;

(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 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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14.4.1995
31.12.1998
19.11.1999
25.7.2003
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24.6.2005
6.11.2009
13.10.2017.

73. 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.

74. 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.

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

76. The maximum price for a COVID-19 rapid antigen test is fixed at €10.00 (excluding VAT), per test.

77. 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:

(a) 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;

- (b) 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.

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

79. (a) 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

(b) 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.

80. (a) 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.

(b) all students aged 12-17 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.

81. (a) All employees, including self-employed persons, 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,

(b) all employees, including self-employed workers, who hold either a valid certificate of completed vaccination, excluding those who have received a booster dose, or a valid certificate of recovery from COVID-19, must, for the purposes of their employment, hold a negative laboratory test (PCR) or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 with the sampling having been carried out within 7 days,

(c) in workplaces where the Ministry of Health identifies a chain of transmission of positive cases of COVID-19, all employees without exception shall undergo a PCR or rapid antigen detection test for COVID-19 in accordance with the Ministry of Health's guidelines:

Provided that the employers should ensure the compliance of their employees with the provisions of this Regulation.

Provided further that, for those working in nursing homes and other closed care and accommodation facilities for the elderly and vulnerable groups, day care facilities for vulnerable groups, transitional shelters for the homeless, day centres and child protection facilities, the provisions of Regulation 11 shall be complied with.

82. Without prejudice to Regulations 9, 26, 31, 32, 36 and 37, In all indoor and outdoor areas and/or organizations and/or enterprises and/or premises where, subject to the distancing measures, more than 10 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that:

(a) persons aged 6 to 11 shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 7 days, 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,

(b) persons aged 12 to 17 shall hold either a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours, or 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,

(c) persons aged 18 and above shall 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 Covid-19 laboratory test performed within 72 hours, or a negative Covid-19 antigen rapid test performed within 48 hours, and

(d) persons who cannot be vaccinated due to a medical reason, shall hold a medical certificate issued by the Ministry of Health and a negative laboratory PCR test or a rapid antigen test for Covid-19, performed within the last 7 days:

Provided that persons aged 6 years and below are not obliged to hold a negative laboratory PCR test or a rapid antigen test for Covid-19:

Provided also that the venues and/or organizations and/or enterprises and/or premises should display in a prominent place outside the venue and/or organization and/or enterprise and/or premises that the relevant proof is required:

Provided further that this Regulation shall not apply to parks, linear parks, beaches, squares, dams, excursion sites and nature trails.

83. All persons entering or/and moving inside areas for which it is required a negative Covid-19 laboratory or antigen rapid test, or 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, shall carry with them their identity card or passport as an additional proof whenever requested by 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 48.

84. The venues and/or organizations and/or enterprises and/or premises that choose to allow access only to persons holding a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 or a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 valid for six months are obliged to:

(a) inform in writing the Ministry of Health, at least seven days before the implementation of their decision, at the email address: healthservices@mphs.moh.gov.cy;

(b) mark in a prominent place of their business/premises the entry conditions and inform their clients about their decision.

85. (a) 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 Sputnik V, Sinopharm, Sinovac, AstraZeneca - Covishield and AstraZeneca - SKBio vaccines and the validity period 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,

(b) The period of validity of the certificate of recovery from Covid-19 shall be 180 days from the date of sampling of the initial positive diagnosis.

86. 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.

87. (a) Due to the epidemiological data presented in South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Lesotho, Eswatini, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi and Botswana, regarding the new strain B.1.1.529 of the Covid-19 disease, and for public health reasons, and following

recommendations by the European Commission, the arrival and/or entry into the Republic of any person who, during the last 14 days prior to his/her arrival in the Republic, has either resided in or transited through the territory of the countries referred to in this Regulation, regardless of whether he/she holds a valid entry and/or residence permit in the Republic, shall be prohibited, except for the following cases:

- (i) Cypriot citizens and members of their family (their foreign spouses and their underage children),
- (ii) citizens of Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland, and
- (iii) nationals of third countries, who have proven to have their exclusive legal and permanent residence in the areas located in the areas controlled by the Government of the Republic,

(b) persons falling under categories (i) to (iii) shall comply with all of the following conditions, regardless of whether they hold a certificate of a completed vaccination scheme from the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland or a certificate of recovery from the Covid-19 disease:

- (i) they shall undergo a laboratory test for Covid-19 with a negative result, the sampling having been carried out within 72 hours prior to their departure for the Republic and shall present the relevant evidence and shall undergo a laboratory PCR test upon their arrival in the Republic, the cost of which shall be borne by these persons:

Provided that persons under the age of twelve years shall not be required to undergo a laboratory PCR test,

- (ii) they shall be transferred to hotels and/or tourist accommodation with which the Deputy Ministry of Tourism has contracted and they shall remain there under compulsory confinement for a period of 10 days since the date of their arrival, and their date of arrival is counted as day "0":

Provided that, the cost of transportation and stay of these persons in the said accommodations shall be borne by the persons themselves,

- (iii) they shall undergo, on the 10th day since the date of their arrival, a laboratory examination, the cost of which shall be borne by the Republic, and those persons who have a negative result shall be released from mandatory confinement,

(c) those persons, out of those whose arrival and/or entry is permitted in accordance with paragraph (a), who are positively diagnosed, either by the laboratory test carried out upon their arrival in the Republic or by the laboratory PCR test carried out on the 10th day since the date of their arrival, shall remain under mandatory confinement and the relevant medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be followed.

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88. 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,

89. The Quarantine (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No. 46) of 2021 is hereby abolished with effect as of 30th December 2021 at 17.59 p.m.

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

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