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THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES LAW, CAP. 260

Regulations pursuant to section 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)

The Minister of Health, in exercising the powers under section 6(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Infectious Diseases Law, Cap. 260, conferred on him by Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 3 September 2020, hereby issues the following Regulations.

1. These Regulations shall be referred to as the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.55) of 2020.

2. Whereas the protection of public health and the health care system are the responsibility of the Republic with the aim of containing the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease, the protection of public health as well as the prevention of the possible collapse of the health system by any dissemination of the virus, taking into consideration the needs in human resources and logistical services that may be necessary to combat the rapid spread of the disease, and whereas the adoption of additional measures beyond the Regulations that have been issued by the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Regulations (No.1) to (No. 54) of 2020, has become imperative, and without prejudice to those of the Regulations which continue in force, and

Whereas, by Notice published in the Official Gazette of the Republic on the authorization of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health has declared the local districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos as being infected by the COVID-19 Coronavirus, pursuant to article 4 of the Infectious Diseases Law, Cap. 260, the following Regulations are issued:

2.1 Regulation 2.6 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.52) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 29th of November 2020 at 23:59 hours.

2.2 Regulation 2.7 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.52) of 2020, as amended by Regulations 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.53) of 2020 and Regulation 2.3 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.53) of 2020 is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 29th of November 2020 at 23:59 hours.

2.3 Regulation 2.2 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.54) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished.

2.4 Regulation 2.10 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.52) of 2020, is amended by the deletion of the following phrase: “For the purposes of this Decree, the following are designated as Essential Services:” (first and second lines) and its replacement with the following phrase “are designated as Essential Services the following:”.

2.5 Regulation 2.4 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.23) of 2020, is hereby deleted and abolished as of the 29th November 2020 at 23:59 hours.

2.6 Due to compelling need for the protection of public health arising from the epidemiological data for combating the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the following will take effect from 30th November 2020 at 00:00 hours until 13th December 2020 at 23:59 hours in the Districts of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Paphos:

(a) Movement of persons is banned from 21:00 hours until 05:00 hours with the exception of the following cases:

- (i) Travel to and from the place of work and for work purposes by using the Employee Movement Confirmation Form, which is attached as Appendix to this Decree,
- (ii) Travel to a medical centre or hospital or vet in case of emergency, and
- (iii) Movement of hunters to and within non-prohibited hunting areas, as defined by the Protection and Management of Wild Birds and Prey Laws of 2003 until 2017, from 03:00 hours only on the days allowed for hunting:

Provided that the hunters carry with them a hunting licence and documentation of their permanent residential District for verification purposes:

- (b) With the exception of the catering areas in the airports of Larnaca and Paphos, which may function until 22:30 subject to the terms of paragraph (c)(v), the functioning of catering areas is prohibited after 19:00 hours, including the following:

- (i) restaurants,
- (ii) taverns.
- (iii) cafeterias,
- (iv) pubs, snack-bars and bars,
- (v) coffee shops and
- (vi) catering areas in canteens or/and sports clubs, cultural circles, associations, societies etc.:

Provided that, the catering areas can provide home delivery services after 19:00 hours.

Provided further that, pursuant to Regulation 2.1 of the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus) Decree (No.28) of 2020, the functioning of night clubs, discos, entertainment venues and dancing halls is suspended,

- (c) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), services to the public in catering establishments shall be provided under the following conditions:

- (i) The public shall exclusively be served at table arrangements subject to the guidelines of the Minister of Health,

- (ii) Serving at the bar in the said establishments, where applicable, is prohibited, their use being limited exclusively to the preparation of food or drinks by the employees; it is forbidden to serve the public directly at the bar.
 - (iii) Table reservations may not exceed six (6) persons per table in the catering establishments, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and
 - (iv) The maximum number of persons allowed to be served in catering establishments is determined at 75 in indoor areas and 150 in outdoor areas, provided the social distancing of at least one person per 3 sq.m. indoors and at least 2 sq.m. outdoors is upheld, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, and
 - (v) Catering areas within hotels or/and tourist accommodation may function until 22:30 hours, provided that between 19:00 and 22:30 hours only persons staying overnight at the said hotels or/and tourist accommodation are served.
- (d) Collective and other events, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, concerts, open-air fairs, festivals in public or private places, are prohibited:

It is understood that events held in open-air or indoor theatres, performance halls and cinemas are allowed, on the condition that the provisions of paragraph (l) are upheld, as well as in other spaces for which guidelines are issued by the Ministry of Health.

- (e) Gatherings of more than two persons are prohibited in private and public places (parks, squares, dams, picnic areas, beaches, pedestrian streets and marinas, etc.) with the exception of under-age children accompanying their parents.

It is understood that residences, catering venues, indoor and outdoor theatres, performance venues and cinemas, as well as any other areas defined in the guidelines of the Ministry of Health, are excluded from the above.

- (f) The presence of up to 10 persons is allowed in residences, including under-age children.

- (g) Subject to paragraph (h), church going and other forms of religious worship in religious places shall be performed with a maximum number of 75 persons attending, provided that the distancing measure one person per 3 sq.m. is observed, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health,
- (h) The performing of weddings, christenings, funerals is allowed with a maximum number of 10 persons.
- (i) The holding of luncheons or/and dinners is allowed with a maximum number of 10 persons attending, including under-age children,
- (j) Visits to hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres are prohibited,
- (k) No visits are allowed to nursing homes, care for the elderly units, chronic patients' units, homes and hostels for vulnerable groups, transitional hospitality hostels for the homeless, day centres, child protection units, with the exception of persons with disabilities whereby each tenant may receive two visits per week, with the possibility of additional visits being considered by a competent officer on exceptionally necessary occasions.
- (l) Outdoor and indoor theatres, performance halls and cinemas may operate at 50% seating capacity,
- (m) The operation of children's playgrounds, amusement parks and thematic parks in indoor and outdoor areas, is suspended,
- (n) The operation of trade fairs is suspended.
- (o) General meetings/elections of Trade Unions registered under the Trade Unions Laws of 1965-1996, may take place via electronic means, subject to approval by the Registrar of Trade Unions.
- (p) The operation of camping areas is suspended.
- (q) The maximum number of passengers allowed on all regular passenger buses for a fare per passenger, as well as on all the means of public transport and/or private transport, in regard to their capacity, is defined in accordance with the guidelines, which are issued by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works.

It is understood that the use of protective face-mask is mandatory by the employees and passengers on all means of transport cited in this paragraph,

- (r) Retail trade enterprises, including indoor commercial centres, supermarkets and malls, may operate, provided that the measure of one person per 10 sq.m. is observed,
- (s) Public markets may operate at 50% capacity while observing social distancing rules of 1.5 m. distance among persons and complying with the relevant guidelines of the Ministry of Health,
- (t) Gaming and betting enterprises may operate, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the National Betting Authority and provided that the measure of one person per 8 sq.m. is observed and that customers remain within the establishment only during the time period required for completing and depositing the bet coupon or collecting the winnings.
- (u) The operation of casinos is suspended,
- (v) The operation of swimming pools is suspended, except use by persons with disabilities for treatment exercise or for training of up to 4 persons, including the trainer,
- (w) Gyms, swimming pools, wellness centres and other related establishments within hotels and tourist accommodation facilities, may function exclusively in order to serve persons staying overnight in the said hotels or/and tourist accommodation facilities,
- (x) The operation of gyms, dance schools as well as schools of other sports, is suspended:

It is understood that the private exercise or/and training in the establishments stated in this paragraph is allowed, on the condition that those attending shall not exceed two persons, including the trainer/coach,

- (y) The operation of indoor and outdoor sports facilities is suspended, with the following exceptions:
 - I. The operation of sports facilities exclusively for use by persons or teams of four persons, including the coach and without any spectators,

- II. The operation of sports facilities for trainings and matches without the presence of spectators, for the championships of teams from the First, Second and Third Divisions as well as national teams, in compliance with health protocols, and
 - III. The operation of sports facilities for training high-performance athletes, who are included in the lists of the Cyprus Sports Organization, with the participation of up to four persons, including the coach; i.e. athletes who have secured or are trying to secure a place in the Olympics and/or are included in the Cyprus Sport Organization's High-Performing and Talent Plans.
- (z) All group sports and social activities are banned for persons under 18 years of age, including football, dance, theatre, martial arts, choirs activities et al.
- (aa) Retail food trade outlets shall on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays (if applicable) from their opening hour until 9:00 hours exclusively serve persons:
- (i) aged 65 and above,
 - (ii) with disabilities,
- (bb) The maximum number of persons who may be present at the Courts and courtrooms is determined on the basis of the guidelines by the Supreme Court.
- (cc) The Ports of the Republic shall operate only for commercial transactions and activities while the disembarkation of passengers from cruise liners is prohibited.
- (dd) The entry and/or exit of any person into and from the centres for the reception, hospitality and detention of asylum seekers is prohibited, save the entry of new-arriving asylum seekers.
- It is understood that the entry into and/or exit from the said centres is permitted for the workers and exceptionally the entry and exit are permitted for humanitarian and/or medical reasons and/or for other serious reasons, such as for the purpose of having access to the Court, upon a relevant permit by the Minister of the Interior.
- (ee) Any person arriving and/or entering unlawfully in the territory of the Republic shall remain for 14 days since arrival in areas of compulsory isolation (quarantine) designated by the Republic:

It is understood that asylum seekers, who enter, are placed and or are obliged to stay in reception, hospitality and/or detention centres for asylum seekers, are placed in areas of mandatory isolation (quarantine) for 14 days, before coming into any contact with those already staying there and the relevant medical protocol is followed in each case.

(ff) Written examinations and/or conferences and/or meetings of State Authorities and/or Services and/or Bodies and/or Associations, may take place provided the security and health guidelines are observed, as issued by the Ministry of Health,

2.7 Enterprises in suspension may carry out work of an administrative nature or/and other work behind closed doors.

2.8 All enterprises the operation of which has not been suspended, shall operate subject to the security and health guidelines of the Ministry of Health or/and the competent Ministries/Authorities per case.

2.9 The competent authority, by virtue of the Public Service Laws 1990 to 2020 or/and the byelaws in each case governing the function of Independent Services and/or Deputy Ministries, may in exceptional cases and if deemed necessary implement such regulations for the work of its personnel as are suitable to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to their Services, providing among other the discretion to the personnel of the Ministry/Deputy Ministry/Independent Service and Departments/Services thereof, of working remotely during the period from 1st December 2020 until 7th January 2021 inclusive, provided that this in no way affects the smooth functioning of Ministries/Deputy Ministries/Independent Services and Departments/Services thereof.

2.10 Public Law Organisations and Local Government Authorities may proportionately apply the stipulations provided in Regulation 2.9 of this Decree during the period from 1st December 2020 until 7th January 2021, provided they do not in any way affect the smooth operation of the services.

3. This Decree shall take immediate effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

CONSTANTINOS IOANNOU
Minister of Health

Appendix
(Regulation 2.6)

EMPLOYEE MOVEMENT CONFIRMATION FORM*

The employee
of company/service/organization

is obliged to move for work purposes in the District/s of
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between andhours.

The identification of the above employee can be verified by presenting his/her identity card/passport.

Full name of employer/supervisor:

Signature of employer/supervisor:

Date:

*The same form is applicable to and is to be used by self-employed persons.