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According to the Article 55, paragraph 1, item. 2, 4, 6 and 9 of the Law on Protection of the Population from Infectious Diseases (Official Gazette of Montenegro 12/18), based on the proposal of the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro, the Ministry of Health announces the

DECREE ON TEMPORARY MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF ENTRY INTO THE COUNTRY, CONTROL AND PREVENTING THE TRANSMISSION OF THE NEW CORONAVIRUS

Article 1

Temporary measures are brought in order to prevent the entry of infectious diseases into the country, to control and prevent the transmission to other countries, and to protect the population from the new coronavirus, namely:

1) prohibited entry into the country for all the foreigners, with the exception of foreign holders of permanent or temporary residence in Montenegro, and the foreigners operating a motor vehicle, used for the transport of commodities.

The transport of commodities for the Montenegrin needs or for further transit, remains unobstructed, with special measures of the health-sanitary control applied;

2) obligatory self-isolation applying to all Montenegrin citizens and the foreigners with permanent or temporary residence in Montenegro, arriving from abroad, based on the Sanitary inspection's decision.

The self-isolated are meant to stay at home, having their health status monitored by the competent hygienic-epidemiological services, for a period of 14 days. The same applies to the members of their households.

- 3) ban on providing hotel services, with the exception of registered guests;
- 4) closing disco clubs / bars and nightclubs / bars;
- 5) closing cafes, cafeterias, restaurants and bars, with the exception of catering providers, performing food delivery and take away services, whereas the customers are not allowed to linger within the facilities.
 - 6) prohibition on providing merchant and other services in shopping malls;
 - 7) closing of children's playrooms;

- 8) closing of gyms;
- 9) closing of casinos, bookmaking and gambling spaces;
- 10) limiting the number of customers at the points of sales, by restricting it to only one consumer per ten square meters. Regardless of the total space capacity, no more than 50 consumers are allowed to be present within one point of sales, at the same time, with the exception of green markets, where the allowed number of customers limits up to 100 consumers, simultaneously present.
 - 11) the responsible managers at the points of sales are obliged to provide or mark a distance of at least two meters between the persons in front of the shelves, at the counters, and within the sectors where the products are served by the employees in shops;
 - 12) the responsible managers at the points of sales are obliged to ensure the implementation of all the necessary health protection measures by their employees, as prescribed by the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro;
 - 13) the responsible managers at the points of sales are obliged to indicate at the entrance the maximum number of customers allowed at a time, and to make sure that this measure is implemented correctly;
 - 14) the Capital and the Old Royal Capital municipalities, in cooperation with the municipal crisis headquarters, are obliged to identify proper facilities for the implementation of quarantine measures, in accordance with the Rulebook on closer conditions, organization, health surveillance and quarantine implementation, and the necessary conditions of such accommodation facilities (Official Gazette of Montenegro 13/20) and propose further quarantine defining procedures, to the Ministry of Health.

The measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be of a temporary nature and shall apply 15 days from the day this Decree enters into force.

Article 2

Specific cases, which are the subject of interstate cooperation or of a special state interest, especially for the purposes of public health, will be considered and further decided upon, by the National Infectious Diseases Coordination Body.

Article 3

Failure to comply with the measures referred to within Article 1 of this Decree, shall be subject to criminal liability, in accordance with Art. 287 and 302 of the Criminal Code of Montenegro.

Article 4

This Decree applies from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

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Minister,

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