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Enforcement of entry restriction to third-country nationals except for EU and Schengen Agreement citizens for the containment of the COVID-19 spread

MINISTERS

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CITIZEN-OF HEALTH-OF INTERIOR

Taking into consideration:

1. The provisions of article 9 of the Act of Legal Content “Extremely urgent measures for facing the need for containment of the COVID-19 spread” dated 14.03.2020 (A'64) and especially its paragraphs 1 and 2
2. The p.d. 86/2018 “Reestablishment of the Ministry of Public Order and Protection of the Citizen and its renaming to Ministry for the Protection of the Citizen” (A'59)
3. The p.d. 121/2017 “ Code of the Ministry of Health” (A'148)
4. The p.d. 141/2017 “Code of the Ministry of Interior” (A'80)
5. The p.d. 83/2019 “Assignment of Vice-President of the Government, Ministers, Alternate Ministers and Deputy Ministers” (A'121)
6. The report of the National Committee for the Protection of Public Health against COVID-19 dated 17.03.2020
7. The Directive 2003/109/EC of the Council concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents, Official Journal of the European Union [2004] L 016/44
8. The fact that the COVID-19 pandemic afflicts, for the current period, the whole world community, as it is recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO)
9. The attestation, no. B1 a/oik. 19029/17.03.2020, of the Budget and Fiscal Accounts Division, according to which the issuance of the present decision does not incur any expenses in the state budget, we decide:

Single article

1. Temporary restriction of entering the country for all third-country nationals from any entry point to the country and by any way or any means, including air, maritime, rail and road connections, for preventive reasons for the protection of public health from the further spread of COVIC-19 in the Greek territory.
2. The restriction of par.1 of the present decision does not apply to nationals of EU member-states and of Schengen Agreement, including their spouses or persons with whom they have entered into civil partnership as well as their minor children.

3. The restriction of the present decision applies for the period 18.03.2020 and time 06.00 until 18.04.2020 and time 06.00.
4. The restriction of the present decision does not include:
 - a) medical and nursing staff, researchers and professionals in the health sector as long as they present at entry points in the country their professional license or other appropriate documentation proving their profession and on condition of their immediate inclusion in the National Health System management
 - b) long-term residents in EU or Schengen Agreement member-states and third-country nationals with a residence permit in EU or Schengen Agreement member-states
 - c) members of government missions
 - d) members of diplomatic or consular authorities and missions, members of international and European organizations, members of humanitarian organizations during the carrying out of their duties, military and security personnel
 - e) lorry drivers, which are entering for the transportation of commodities as well as the essential personnel for the transport, and
 - f) passengers in transit
5. Third-country nationals subject to the present restriction have the right to apply to the Greek consular authority of their area of residence for their extraordinary entry to the country for professional or personal reasons.

This decision shall be published in the Official Government Gazette

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