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NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Treaty Office) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to enclose a copy of a Note verbale from the Permanent Representation of Albania to the Council of Europe, dated 31 March 2020, transmitted to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on 31 March 2020, concerning Article 15 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 5).

This information is transmitted in pursuance of Resolution (56) 16 of the Committee of Ministers.

The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Treaty Office) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Annex to the Note verbale JJ9020C
dated 1 April 2020
ETS No. 5 – Article 15

**PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
Strasbourg**

No 057/20

NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of Albania presents its compliment to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms informs the following:

The World Health Organization on 11 March 2020 characterized COVID-19 as pandemic. Since the first case of COVID-19 was detected on the territory of Albania on 9 March, the Government has been taking measures to protect public health. On 11 March 2020, the Minister of Health and Social Protection, declared the epidemic state by Order no.156/2. Furthermore, the Minister of Health and Social Protection in order to protect the health of the population by the infection caused by COVID-19 approved some other measures. However, the increase in number of infected persons necessitated adoption of additional measures. On 15.03.2020 the Council of Minister approved normative Act No.3 "*On taking special administrative measures during the period of infection caused by COVID-19*".

Furthermore, on 24 March 2020 the Council of Ministers of Republic of Albania decided state of natural disaster in order to ensure the containment of the spread of COVID-19 virus on the entire territory of Albania. The aim of the decision is to ensure epidemiological safety, restrict the spread of COVID-19 and ensure public health at national level. The Council of Ministers Decision restricted certain fundamental human rights and freedom enshrined in Articles 37, 38, 41, paragraph 4, 49 & 51 of the Constitution of Albania. The state of natural disaster starts **on 24 March 2020**.

The measures adopted by the Government, among others include, gradual restriction of air, land and sea traffic, suspension of education process, establishment of quarantine procedures and self-isolation, restriction of assembly, manifestation and gathering, restriction on the right of property, special regulation on public service delivery and administrative proceedings.

The Permanent Representation of Albania to the Council of Europe attaches to this Note the unofficial translation of the following documents: Council of Ministers Decision no.243, dated 24.3.2020 "*On the declaration of the state of natural disaster*"- Annex 1; Normative Act no. 3, dated 15.03.2020 "*On taking special administrative measures during the period of infection caused by COVID-19 as amended*" and amendments dated on 24.03.2020 – Annex 2; and Order No. 156/2, dated 11.03.2020 "*On the declaration of the state of Epidemic*" and other Orders of the Minister of Health and Social Protection listed on Annex 3.

The application of measures taken by the Government gives reasons for the necessity to derogate from certain obligations of Republic of Albania under Articles 8 and 11 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom, Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom and Article 2 of Protocol No.4 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom.

Therefore, the Permanent Representation kindly asks that this Note Verbale be considered as notification for the purposes of Article 15 paragraph 3 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

The Permanent Representation of Albania to the Council of Europe will inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe about future developments with regard to the emergency situation and will notify her when the state of natural disaster is lifted.

The Permanent Representation of Albania to the Council of Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the assurances of its highest consideration.

Strasbourg, 31 March 2020

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Secretary General of the Council of Europe
STRASBOURG

(*) **Declaration registered at the Secretariat General on 31 March 2020 – Or. Engl.**

ANNEX 1

DECISION No.243, dated 24.3.2020

ON THE DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF NATURAL DISASTER

Pursuant to Articles 100, 170, 174, point 1, and 175, point 2, of the Constitution, and the letter "ç" of Article 18, point 1 of Article 19, and point 1 of Article 39, Law No.45/2019, "On Civil Protection", on the proposal of the Minister of Health and Social Protection and the Minister of State for Reconstruction, the Council of Ministers

DECIDED

1. Declaration of the state of natural disaster throughout the Republic of Albania due to the epidemic caused by COVID-19.
2. Limitation of the rights guaranteed by Articles 37, 38, 41, points 4, 49 and 51 of the Constitution to the extent considered necessary to achieve the protection of the health of citizens.
3. The Inter-Ministerial Committee on Civil Emergencies (KNEC), established by Decision No.750, dated 27.11.2019, of the Council of Ministers, "On the declaration of the state of natural disaster in Durres, Lezha and Tirana", as amended, is the highest body for coordinating the actions of state institutions and private entities, as well as the financial and material resources to cope with the natural disaster due to the epidemic caused by COVID-19, up to 30 (thirty) days from entry in force of this decision. The Minister of State for Reconstruction is also appointed as a member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee.
4. Representatives of various public authorities, business, experts/professionals in the field of medicine and public health and representatives of civil society or NGO leaders shall attend the meetings of the Inter-Ministerial Committee, at the request of the Chair, with subject of activity to public health and humanitarian aid.
5. The Institute of Public Health is assigned the role of the KNEC Technical Secretariat, for natural disaster issues declared due to the epidemic caused by COVID-19.
6. Extraordinary measures shall be taken to cope and mitigate the consequences of natural disaster, as follows:
 - 6.1. Public institutions:
 - a) to implement plans of organizational and administrative measures to cope with the state of natural disaster;
 - b) to use the financial resources provided for in the annual budget and to reassess their annual budget in accordance with unforeseen additional expenditure incurred;
 - c) to make available human and logistical resources;
 - ç) to assign the state facilities under their administration responsibility, which can be made available for housing the evacuated population;
 - d) to restrict access to public places which are widely frequented;
 - dh) to stop gatherings, manifestations and strikes;
 - e) to limit the activities to the necessary minimum for all public bodies;
 - ë) to quarantine all persons confirmed or suspected of being affected by COVID-19;
 - f) to establish and secure staffed quarantine zones, which shall be provided with all preventive measures to avoid infection;
 - g) to guarantee conditions and qualified staff for specialized treatment in quarantine centers;

gj) to equip all staff of hospital and health centers with the necessary material basis for avoiding infection.

6.2. Operational structures of the civil protection system:

- a) to establish and implement special measures to ensure and increase the safety of citizens in disaster-affected areas;
- b) to activate and organize the quarantine procedure for the endangered population;
- c) to organize unilateral controls of dwellings and private facilities for the identification and treatment of persons affected by the virus;
- ç) to restrict free movement within or outside the State in accordance with the needs dictated by the natural disaster;
- d) to limit the organization of strikes;
- dh) to limit the development of economic activities for private entities in accordance with the needs dictated by the natural disaster;
- e) to provide first aid to those peoples affected by the virus and to transport them to hospital centers or quarantine infrastructure;
- ë) to organize the required procedures for conducting funeral services.

6.3. Private entities:

- a) to comply with procedures and measures of quarantine;
- b) to provide information on data that assist civil protection institutions and structures to cope with the disaster;
- c) to involve in specific tasks, in accordance with the preparation, skills and need to help overcome the state of natural disaster;
- ç) to close or temporarily limit their activity;
- d) to not collect road toll charges for vehicles engaged in coping with the natural disaster.

6.4. Citizens:

- a) to comply with the orders, measures and instructions of the civil protection authorities, and follow the required procedures, in particular for quarantine and suspension of activities;
- b) to provide information on data that assist public institutions and civil protection structures to cope with the disaster;
- c) to involve in specific tasks, in accordance with the preparation, skills and need to help overcome the state of natural disaster.

7. All rights and freedoms restricted by acts, pursuant to Law No.15/2016, "On the prevention and fighting of infections and infectious diseases", as amended, and Normative Act No.3, dated 15.3.2020, of the Council of Ministers, "On special administrative measures taken during the period of infection caused by COVID-19", as amended, shall remain in force.

8. The Inter-Ministerial Committee on Civil Emergencies and all state and public institutions are in charged with the implementation of this decision.

This Decision shall enter into force immediately and is published in the Official Gazzete.

PRIME MINISTER

Edi Rama

Signed, Sealed

ANNEX 2

NORMATIVE ACT NO. 3, DATED 15.03.2020

“ON TAKING SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES DURING THE PERIOD OF INFECTION CAUSED BY COVID-19”

Pursuant to Articles 101 of the Constitution, on the proposal of the Minister of Health and Social Protection and the Minister of State for Reconstruction, the Council of Ministers

DECIDED

Article 1

The object and the subjects

This normative act aims at defining special measures to be taken against natural / legal persons or individuals, Albanian or foreign, regardless of their domicile, who violate the rules, decisions, orders and instructions issued by the competent authorities, during the entire duration of the infection period caused by COVID-19.

Article 2

Purpose

This normative act aims at defining and strengthening the implementation of the rules, decisions, orders and instructions issued by the competent authorities, throughout the territory of the Republic of Albania, to prevent and combat the spread of infection caused by COVID-19.

Article 3

Special administrative measures

1. Subjects exporting medicines and medical equipment from the Republic of Albania, without the special authorization of the Minister of Health and Social Protection, for the performance of this activity, shall be punished by a fine of 5,000,000 (five million) ALL and seized of all the quantity of medicines / medical equipment. In the event of a recurrence, the prohibition on the export of medicines / medical equipment may be increased by up to 6 months.

2. Entities or individuals organizing the development of public and non-public activities, such as sports, cultural and conference activities, or mass gatherings indoors or outdoors, such as concerts, gatherings and public hearings, shall be fined up to 5,000,000 (five million) for organizers and banning the activity.

3. Access of patients' companions and / or family members to emergency medical facilities, health care facilities, hospital service facilities where patients are receiving inpatient treatment, unless such a request comes from the Directorate hospital, shall be fined in the amount of 500,000 (five hundred thousand) ALL for the patient's companion and / or family member and for the person responsible for the implementation of this rule.

4. A fine of 700,000 (seven hundred thousand) ALL shall be fined:

a) The citizen who enters the territory of the Republic of Albania and does not declare his / her arrival from the areas affected by the COVID-19 infection declared by the competent authorities, domestic or foreign or international;

b) The citizen, who enters the affected areas in the territory of the Republic of Albania, which is not self-quarantined for a period of 14 days in the premises of his residence, as a preventive measure for the non-spread of the infection caused by COVID-19;

c) A citizen coming from the affected areas and failing to comply with an order issued by the competent authorities for compulsory self-quarantine;

ç) Citizen who has proved positive and does not comply with the order issued by the

competent authorities for compulsory self-quarantine.

5. Educational institutions, kindergartens and kindergartens, public and non-public, which do not close their activities for the period specified by the competent authorities, shall be punished by a fine of 5,000,000 (five million) ALL for educational institutions, public / non-public, and in the amount of ALL 1,000,000 (one million) for kindergartens and kindergartens, public / non-public. In case of repetition, the activity is closed for a period of 6 months.

6. Subjects or individuals, public or private, conducting activities in indoor recreation facilities for children and young people, gyms, sports centers, swimming pools, internet centers, cultural centers, which do not comply with the order of the competent authority for their closure, shall be punished by a fine 1,000,000 (one million) ALL, and in the event of recidivism, the termination of their activity shall be added for a period of six months.

7. Entities or individuals who fail to comply with orders issued by the competent authorities for the non-closure of bars, premises, restaurants and clubs shall be punished by a fine of up to 1,000,000 (one million) ALL and in case of recidivism the activity shall be closed. for a period of 6 months.

8. Subjects and individuals, public or private, who contrary to the orders of the competent authorities, allow the development of sports, social, cultural, educational excursions organized by educational institutions, public and private, at home and abroad, are punished by: a fine in the amount of 1,000,000 (one million) ALL and in case of recidivism the activity shall be closed for a period of six months.

9. The postal service authorities should ensure continuity of service and develop a plan of measures to limit employee contact with the public and to avoid crowding at counters or other indoor facilities. Failure to comply with this obligation shall be punishable by a fine of 1,000,000 (one million) ALL and in the event of a repetition, it shall be further terminated for a period of six months.

10. Immediate measures shall be taken to prohibit the collection of non-patients in the internal premises or special structures of healthcare institutions, polyclinics, hospitals, public and non-public, where outpatient visits and consultations are held. Failure to comply with this obligation shall be punishable by a fine of 1,000,000 (one million) ALL and in the event of a repetition, it shall be further terminated for a period of six months.

11. Drivers who fail to enforce the prohibition of circulation of public and private vehicles, including private vehicles, in the zones and schedules specified by the competent authorities shall be punished by revocation of the driving license for a period of three years and by blocking of the vehicle. This rule excludes persons authorized by the competent authorities.

12. Increase in the selling price of all foodstuffs, medicines, medical devices and services as compared to their regular sale price, traded in the preceding months from the date of entry into force of this normative act, and for seasonal products, according to the price traded in the same period in the preceding year from the date of entry into force of this normative act, when it does not result from the increase of the price from their import, shall be punished by a fine of 5,000,000 (five million) ALL for wholesalers and 100,000 (one hundred thousand)ALL for retailers. In case of repetition, the activity is closed for a period of 6 months.

13. All audiovisual broadcasts with more than two persons in the same tele-visual studio shall be punished by a fine of up to 1,000,000 (one million) ALL and in the event of repetition, the blocking, partial or full, shall be added broadcasting by audiovisual media as well as blocking and / or stopping the operation of the equipment, after a decision is taken by the ministry responsible for health and implemented by the competent body.

14. Failure to provide services by pharmacies, wholesalers and medicines manufacturers, by applying the safety criteria set by the competent authorities, shall be punishable by a fine of 10,000,000 (ten million) ALL to wholesalers and 50,000 (fifty thousand) ALL for retailers. In case of repeated blocking of the whole quantity of goods and closure of activity for a period of three years.

15. Failure to provide services by entities / individuals trading foodstuffs, wholesalers or retailers, by applying the security criteria set by the competent authorities, shall be punishable by a fine of 10,000,000 (ten million) ALL to wholesalers and to the extent 50,000 (fifty thousand) ALL for retailers. In case of repetition with the blockage of the whole quantity of goods and closure of the activity for a period of three years.

16. Depending on the dynamics of hospitalization of those affected by COVID-19 infection, by order of the Minister of Health in charge, private hospital, outpatient, hotel, ambulance and ambulance and related staff, health and support staff are also available.

Failure to comply with this order is punishable by a fine of 5,000,000 (five million) ALL and in the event of a recurrence, the activity is suspended, placing the facility at the disposal of the public health service throughout the duration of the COVID-19 infection. In this case, the relevant health and support staff are required to serve under the guidance of state health structures. Failure to comply with this obligation by the relevant health and support staff shall be punishable by a fine of 100,000 (one hundred thousand) ALL and in case of repetition, the right to exercise the profession for a period of 10 years shall be added.

17. Individuals who fail to comply with an order issued by the competent authorities to prohibit pedestrians from traveling within the prescribed times shall be punished by a fine of up to 10,000 (ten thousand) ALL and with a 3-month suspension of the private vehicle if available.

18. Individuals who fail to comply with an order issued by the competent authorities to restrict movement in open parks and green areas, in urban areas, or other open public areas shall be punished by a fine of up to 20,000 (twenty thousand) ALL and with a 3 month suspension of the private vehicle, if one is available.

19. For individuals who, by virtue of the violations of points 17 and 18 of this Article, ride a bicycle, a moto cycle or a motor vehicle, the accompanying measure of blocking the vehicle for 3 months shall apply”.

Article 4

Competent authorities for issuing administrative measures

1. The competent body according to the area of responsibility and, in any case, the State Police, shall have the right to impose administrative measures as provided for in Article 3 of this normative act.

2. For the cases referred to in Article 3 of this normative act, the same administrative measure is not granted simultaneously by two or more competent bodies. In such cases, the fine given by the body which first ascertained the violation shall apply.

3. The fines given under this normative act constitute an executive title and their pattern is determined by the competent body according to the area of responsibility and, in each case, by the State Police.

4. The fines collected under this normative act shall be paid 100% to the state budget.

5. The review and issuance of administrative measures shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

Article 5

Decision making by collegial bodies

Collegiate decision-making during the duration of the infection status caused by COVID-19 is also accomplished through electronic means of communication.

“Article 5/1 Contracts for cleaning and public transport of local self-government units

The local self-government units, in the framework of taking measures during the duration of the infection period caused by COVID-19, with the consent of economic operators, may make amendments to contracts they have with cleaning operators and public transport operators for the provision of these services, according to the needs dictated by the emergency situation.

The contract enters into force after approval by the relevant municipal council. The contract is signed by the head of the contracting authority.

The expenses will be borne by the budget of the local self-government units.”

Article 6

Duration and implementation

1. This normative act shall be of a provisional nature and shall apply for the duration of the period of infection caused by COVID-19.

2. Implementation of this normative act, for the duration of the infection period caused by COVID-19, shall take precedence over the provisions of other acts concerning administrative measures.

3. In any case, this normative act shall not preclude the application of the legislation in force for the prevention and control of infectious diseases or other legal acts, insofar as they are not contrary to the provisions of this act.

Article 7

Entry into force

This normative act enters into force immediately and is published in the Official Journal.

PRIME MINISTER

Edi Rama

Signed, Sealed

NORMATIVE ACT

No. 8, dated 24.3.2020

ON SOME ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO NORMATIVE ACT NO.3, DATED 15.3.2020, OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, "ON TAKING SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES DURING THE PERIOD OF INFECTION CAUSED BY COVID-19"

Pursuant to Article 101 of the Constitution, on the proposal of the Minister of Health and Social Protection and the Minister of the Interior, the Council of Ministers

DECIDED:

Article 1

Article 3 shall be amended as follows: After the first sentence, point 16, is added the sentence with this content:

“On the proposal of the Minister responsible for Health and the Minister responsible for Reconstruction, any other structure / facility deemed necessary shall be made available to cope with the situation caused by COVID-19.”

Point 17 is amended as follows:

“17. Individuals who fail to comply with an order issued by the competent authorities to restrict movement only on fixed time schedules and unaccompanied by other persons on their side are fined ALL 10,000 (ten thousand), as well as non-benefit from the financial package. of solidarity and blocking 3 (three) months of a private vehicle if one is available.”

Article 2

After Article 3, Article 3/1 is added, with the following content:

“Article 3/1

Binding measures

1. All entities trading in foodstuffs and other wholesale products necessary to deal with the epidemic situation are obliged to take measures to maintain stocks trading for a period of 3 months or in accordance with the longevity of the epidemic product, in order to cope with the situation caused by COVID-19 infection. Goods purchased for the purpose of coping with the situation, if they have not been sold on the free market at the conclusion of the epidemic situation, may be sold to the General Directorate of Material Reserves of the State, upon invoice, upon the request of the entity, which these goods are purchased. The rules and procedures for the purchase of such goods by the General Directorate of Material Reserves of the State shall be determined by decision of the Council of Ministers.
2. All entities wholesaling medicines / medical devices, entities producing medicines and medical devices and entities providing health services shall be alert and take all necessary measures to ensure supplies of medicines and medical equipment; and to provide necessary health services, in the context of coping with the emergency situation caused by COVID-19.
3. Failure to take measures as provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be punishable by a fine of up to 5 000 000 (five million) ALL and by exclusion from public procurement procedures for a period of 3 years from the Agency Public Procurement.”.

Article 3

Entry into force

This normative act enters into force immediately and is published in the Official Journal.

PRIME MINISTER

Edi Rama

Signed, Sealed

ANNEX 3

1. Order No. 156/2, Date 11.03.2020“On the declaration of the state of Epidemic”
2. Order No. 177, Date 15.03.2020“For closing or restricting movements in parks and green areas”
3. Order No. 177/2, Date 18.03.2020“On some additions and amendments on the order no. 177/1date 16.03.2020 “on restricting movements in urban areas”
4. Order No. 168/2, Date 18.03.2020“On restricting the movement of private and state-owned vehicles of the public administration”
5. Order NO. 190, Date 19.03.2020“On closing the activity of public and non-public educational institutions and kindergartens for restricting the spread of covid-19 infection”
6. Order No. 193, Date 20.03.2020“On closing or restriction of movements in the republic of Albania”
7. Order Nr. 164, date 12.03.2020"for closing coffees, restaurant, bar, fast food and limiting the services provided by the accommodation structures that provide customer service"
8. Order Nr. 165, date 12.03.2020"for Closing Dental Offices / Clinics"
9. Order No. 168, date 12.03.2020 “On the prohibition / restriction of movements by means of transport”
10. Order Nr. 168/1, date 15.03.2020"on restricting movements within the country"
11. Order No. 173/1, date 14.03.2020 “On the prohibition by air highways with Greece”
12. Order Nr. 158, date 11.3.2020 “Suspending the operation of disability assessment committees and labor disabled”
13. Order No.173 date 14.03.2020“On the restriction of all movements of vehicles at land border points”
14. Order, date 14.03.2020 "On the restriction of freight transport to Greece”
15. Order Nr. 157, date 10.03.2020 “Taking covid-19 infection prevention measures of beneficiaries of social care services”
16. Order Nr. 160, date 11.3.2020 “On termination of planned surgery interventions in all public and non-public hospital structures”

ORDER
NO. 156/2, DATE 11.03.2020

“ON THE DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EPIDEMIA”

Pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, article 21 paragraph 1 of the Law No.15/2016, “ On the prevention and Combating infections and infection diseases” according to the Public Health Institution, in order to protect the health of the population by the infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER

1. Declare the epidemic' state by COVID-19 infection up to a second order.
2. The Institute of Public Health and all institutions defined by Law 15/2016 "On Prevention and Combating infections and infection diseases” should implement specific protocols for intervention in the epidemic situation caused by COVID-19.
3. The Institute of Public Health, the State Health Inspectorate, the Central Health Care Operator and all health care institutions in cooperation with the State Police, the General Directorate of Civil Emergencies, and the local government bodies are in charge to take all appropriate steps based on the epidemic situation action plans.

This order shall enter into force immediately.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

Ogerta Manastirliu

Signed, Sealed

ORDER

NO. 177, DATE 15.03.2020

“FOR CLOSING OR RESTRICTING MOVEMENTS IN PARKS AND GREEN AREAS”

Pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, article 7 paragraph 4 and article 15 of the Law No.15/2016, “On the prevention and fight against infections and infection diseases” according to the Public Health Institution, in order to protect the health of the population by the infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER

1. Closure to a second order of public parks and green spaces in urban areas.
2. Restriction of movement to a second order in surrounded parks and green areas in urban areas while respecting the obligation not to gather more than 2 persons, who must respect the distance of not less than 2 meters between them.
3. Local government units issue specific orders for the implementation of clause 1 of this order for surrounded parks in their territory, and local police structures are charged with checking compliance with the above conditionality by patrolling the cited areas.
4. Failure to comply with the foregoing prohibitions shall be punishable under the provisions of Article 35 (c) of the Law 15/2016 amended by the Normative Act no.2 date 11.03.2020.
5. The Local units, State Health Inspectorate, responsible structures of State Police and Municipal Police are in charge for the implementation of this order to cooperate with local government units.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

Ogerta Manastirliu

Signed, Sealed

**ORDER
NO. 177/2, DATE 18.03.2020**

**“ON SOME ADDITIONS AND AMMENDMENTS ON THE ORDER NO. 177/1DATE
16.03.2020 “ON RESTRICTING MOVEMENTS IN URBAN AREAS”**

Pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, letter “d” of the Law No.15/2016, “On the prevention and fighting against infections and infection diseases” according to the Public Health Institution, in order to protect the health of the population by the infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER

At the order no. 177/1, date 16.03.2020 “On restricting movements in urban areas” the following changes are made:

1. Paragraph 1 changes as follows:

“1. Limiting movements of pedestrians in urban areas only between 6am - 10pm and 4pm - 6pm and unaccompanied by other people to the side.”

2. After paragraph 1 is added paragraph 1/1 as follows:

“1/1/ Exceptions to the rule set out above are made by persons authorized by the competent authorities and in the event of a health emergency or attendants for patients receiving hospital service.”

This order shall enter into force immediately.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

Ogerta Manastirliu

Signed, Sealed

ORDER
NO. 168/2, DATE 18.03.2020

**“ON RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PRIVATE AND STATE-OWNED VEHICLES OF
THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION”**

Pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, letter “d” of the Law No.15/2016 , “ On the prevention and fighting against infections and infection diseases” according to the instructions of the Public Health Institution, in order to protect the health of the population by the infection caused by COVID -19,

ORDER

1. Prohibition on the use of private or state vehicles of public administration employees of central and local institutions whose work relates at being in the office and not in the field.
2. Exceptions to this rule are employees of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, including medical and nursing staff, employees of the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Finance or prefectures and municipalities included in the priority list signed by the head of the institution.
3. Ministries and public administration institutions not covered by point 2 of this order shall submit a request to the competent authorities for their personnel who must move by private or state vehicle to obtain a special permit.
4. Heads of subordinate institutions of the institutions referred to in point 2 of this order shall submit to the Minister or the mayor a reasoned list of persons who must move by private or state vehicle. The list of names is forwarded to the competent authorities for special permission.
5. Heads of central and local institutions are responsible for implementation of this order.

This order shall enter into force immediately.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

Ogerta Manastirliu

Signed, Sealed

ORDER
NO. 190, DATE 19.03.2020

**“ON CLOSING THE ACTIVITY OF PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS AND KINDERGARDENS FOR RESTRICTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-
19 INFECTION”**

Pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, Article 7, paragraph 4, letter “a” of the Law No.15/2016, “On the prevention and fighting against infections and infection diseases” according to the instructions of the Public Health Institution, in order to protect the health of the population by the infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER

1. Closing of public and non-public educational institutions and kindergartens by 03.04.2020.
2. The Order No. 153/1, date 09.03.2020 of the Minister of Health and Social Protection “On closing the activity of kindergartens for restricting the spread of and Order No. 135 date 9.03.2020 “On closing the activity of educational institutions for restricting the spread of COVID-19 infection” are abrogated.
3. The Ministry responsible for education and local institutions is responsible for the implementation of this order.

This order shall enter into force immediately.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

**Ogerta
Manastirliu**

Signed, Sealed

ORDER
NO. 193, DATE 20.03.2020

“ON CLOSING OR RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA”

Pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, Article 7, paragraph 4, letter “a” and 15 of the Law No.15/2016, “On the prevention and fighting against infections and infection diseases” according to the instructions of the Public Health Institution, in order to protect the health of the population by the infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER

1. Allowed to perform their activity only at 05:00 - 13:00 starting on Monday 23.03.2020, food products of sales points, wholesale and retail points, drug trading points, medical products and financial institutions.
2. Restriction of movement in all urban centers of the Republic of Albania for all categories (pedestrians, bicycles, cyclometers, motorcycles and vehicles) starting at 13:00 o'clock on Saturday 21.03.2020 until 05:00 on date 23.03.2020. This rule excludes all means of transport of goods and food products, State Police, Armed Forces, critical units of state and media services and in-house delivery.
3. It is prohibited to provide services to citizens from all activities, including those specified in point 1 and the attached table of this order, starting from 13:00 on Saturday 21.03.2020 until 05:00 on the date 03/23/2020. The list of activities set forth in the attached Schedule to this Order shall enter into force at 05:00 on 24.03.2020.
4. Employees of financial institutions, food and product lines and all activities permitted under the table attached to this order shall be allowed to circulate only for the home-work route.
5. Any rule set forth in the previous orders in violation of this order shall be abrogated.

This order shall enter into force immediately.

**MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

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Division into permitted and prohibited activities

Kode NVE 2 digit	Description of activity	Status of activity
1	Animal and vegetable production, hunting and related services	Permitted
2	Forests and forest exploitation	Permitted
3	Fishing and Aquaculture	Permitted
5	Extraction of coal and lignite	Permitted
6	Extraction of crude oil and natural gas	Permitted
7	Extraction of metallic minerals	Permitted
8	Extraction of other minerals from mines	Permitted
9	Mining support activities	Permitted
10	Food products processing	Permitted
11	Beverage production	Permitted
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	Permitted
13	Textile processing	Permitted
14	Clothing confections	Permitted
15	Manufacture of leather and leather products	Permitted
16	Manufacture of wood and oak and wood products, except furniture	Permitted
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products	Permitted
18	Printing and regrouping of registered media	Permitted
19	Coke processing and refining of petroleum by-products	Permitted
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	Permitted
21	Processing of pharmaceuticals products and pharmaceuticals preparations	Permitted
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	Permitted
23	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products	Permitted
24	Metallurgy	Permitted
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, other than machinery and equipment	Permitted
26	Manufacture of optical products, electronics, computers	Permitted
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment	Permitted

28	Manufacture of machinery and equipment	Permitted
29	Manufacture of vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	Permitted
30	Manufacture of other means of transport	Permitted
31	Manufacture of furniture	Permitted
32	Other industries	Permitted
33	Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	Permitted
35	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning	Permitted
36	Collecting, treatment and water supply	Permitted
37	Canalisation	Permitted
38	Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery	Permitted
39	Other waste cleaning and management services	Permitted
41	Construction of buildings	Permitted
42	Engineering works	Permitted
43	Specialized construction works	Permitted
45	Wholesale and retail trade of vehicles, motorcycles, cyclomotors and their repair.	Permitted
46	Tire repair	Closed
47	Wholesale except of vehicles and motorcycles	Permitted
48	Retail trade, except for motor vehicles, motorcycles and cyclomotors	Permitted
49	Retailing in non-specialized stores with a predominance of food and beverages.	Permitted
50	Shopping Centers	Closed
51	Retailing in non-specialized computer stores, Telecommunication Equipment, Consumer Electronics.	Permitted
52	Other non-specialized stores of various non-food products	Closed
53	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco products in specialized units	Permitted
54	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles	Permitted
55	Retail sale of computer and telecommunication equipment (ICT)	Permitted
56	Retail sale of textile products in specialized stores	Closed
57	Retail sale of physical equipment, paints, flat glass and construction materials	Permitted
58	Retail sale of sanitary ware	Permitted
59	Retail sale of building materials, ceramics and Plates	Closed

60	Retail sale of machinery, equipment and products for agriculture; Gardening machinery and equipment	Permitted
61	Retail Sale of Carpets, Belt Carpets and Upholstery. For floors and walls (Carpet, Linoleum) in specialized units	Closed
62	Retail sale of home appliances in specialized stores	Closed
63	Retail sale of household appliances, glass and ceramics	Closed
64	Retail sale of lighting items	Permitted
65	Retail sale of sewing machines for home use	Closed
66	Retail of security systems	Closed
67	Retail sale of musical instruments	Closed
68	Retail sale of books in specialized stores	Closed
69	Retailing of Newspapers, Magazines and Periodicals	Permitted
70	Retail for office supplies and office supplies	Closed
71	Retailing of music and video recordings in a specialized studio	Closed
72	Retail sale of sporting goods in specialized stores	Closed
73	Retail of toys and toys in specialized stores	Closed
74	Retail of clothing items	Closed
75	Retail of shoes and leather goods	Closed
76	Retail sale of medicines in specialized stores	Allowed
77	Retailing in medical and orthopaedic items in specialized units	Allowed
78	Retail sale of perfumes, toiletries and personal hygiene products	Allowed
79	Popular doctors / remedies	Allowed
80	Retail sale of flowers and plants	Closed
81	Retail sale of small pets	Closed
82	Retail sale of watches, jewellery and valuables	Closed
83	Retail office furniture	Closed
84	Retail sale of optical materials and photographic equipment	Allowed
85	Retailing in art and decoration facilities	Closed
86	Retail sale of home fuel and for heating	Allowed
87	Retailing in weapons and ammunition, military items	Closed

88	Retail sale of soaps, cleaners, related products	Allowed
89	Retail sale of other non-food products	Closed
90	Retail sale of second-hand items in stores	Closed
91	Ambulant	Allowed
92	Retail business by mail or internet	Allowed
93	Retailing of various products, through a demonstrator or salesperson (door to door)	Closed
94	Trade made by vending machines	Allowed
95	Land freight and pipeline transport	Allowed
96	Water freight transport	Allowed
97	Air freight transport	Allowed
98	Storage and transportation support activities	Allowed
99	Mail and courier activities	Allowed
100	Accommodation / hotel accommodation	Allowed
101	Food and beverage services (except those catering / delivery service)	Closed
102	Publication activities	Allowed
103	Film, video and television production, sound recording and music publishing activities	Allowed
104	Programming and Distribution Activities	Allowed
105	Telecommunications	Allowed
106	Information technology services	Allowed
107	Information service activities	Allowed
108	Financial services activities, other than insurance and pension financing	Allowed
109	Insurance, reinsurance and financing of pension funds, excluding compulsory social security	Allowed
110	Other financial activities	Allowed
111	Real estate activities	Allowed
112	Legal and accounting activities	Allowed
113	Enterprise management activities and consulting activities	Allowed
114	Architectural and engineering activities; audit and technical analysis activities	Allowed
115	Research and development	Allowed
116	Publicity and market research	Allowed

117	Other professional, scientific and technical activities	Allowed
118	Veterinary Activities	Allowed
119	Rental and leasing activities	Allowed
120	Employment activities	Allowed
121	Travel agencies, tour operators and other reservation service activities	Allowed
122	Security and investigation activities	Allowed
123	Services to buildings and squares	Allowed
124	Office administration, administrative support and other enterprise support activities	Allowed
125	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	Allowed
126	Education	Closed
127	Health activities	Allowed
128	Medical care centres	Allowed
129	Social care activities without accommodation	Allowed
130	Creative, arts, and leisure activities	Closed
131	Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities	Closed
132	Gambling and betting activities	Closed
133	Sporting, recreational and leisure activities.	Closed
134	Activities of associations and organizations (except meetings, gatherings, etc.)	Allowed
135	Repair of personal and family computers and items	Allowed
136	Other service activities (Aesthetic treatments, physical wellbeing, gyms)	Closed
137	Family activities as home staff employers	Allowed
138	Activities of producing household goods and services unaltered for its own use	Allowed
139	Activities of international organizations and bodies	Allowed
140	Funeral agencies	Allowed

ORDER
Nr. 164, dated 12.03.2020

"FOR
CLOSING COFFEES, RESTAURANT, BAR, FAST FOOD AND LIMITING THE
SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ACCOMMODATION STRUCTURES THAT PROVIDE
CUSTOMER SERVICE"

Pursuant to Article 7, point 4 of the Law No 15/2016 " On the prevention and combating of infections and infectious diseases " and the guidance of the Institute of Public Health in order to prevent the spread of the infection caused by COVID-19 in the Republic of Albania and protection of the health of the population,

ORDER:

1. Closure of coffees, restaurants, fast food, bars offering customer service throughout the country by 3.04.2020.
2. Exemption from the rule set out in point 1 only for home delivery carried out in compliance with the approved hygiene rules.
3. Use of bars and restaurant services in accommodation facilities only for citizens accommodated in relevant accommodation facilities until 3.04.2020;
4. Accommodation structures are prohibited from offering bar and restaurant service to citizens who are not clients of accommodation structures until 3.04.2020;
5. The State Health Inspectorate, the Health Care Operator and the entities that carry out the activities specified in point 1 of this order are responsible for the implementation of this order.
6. The State Health Inspectorate monitors the implementation of the Order and imposes a fine according to the legislation in force.

This Order shall enter into force immediately and shall be published in the Official Journal.

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ORDER
Nr. 165, dated 12.03.2020
"For Closing Dental Offices / Clinics"

Pursuant to Article 7, point 4 of the Law No 15/2016 " On the prevention and combating of infections and infectious diseases ", Law no.9106 dated 17.07.2003 "For the dental service in the Republic of Albania" in order to prevent the spread of the infection caused by COVID-19 in the Republic of Albania and protection of the health of the population,

ORDER:

1. Closing of dental offices / clinics throughout the country until 03.04.2020
2. Emergency dental cases should be treated at the University Dental Clinic near the "Mother Teresa" University Hospital Center and in the public dental institutions that will function only for the emergency dental service.
3. The Health Inspectorate, the Health Care Operator and the entities that carry out the activity specified in point 1 of this order are responsible for the implementation of this order.
4. The State Health Inspectorate monitors the implementation of the Order and imposes a fine according to the legislation in force.

This Order shall enter into force immediately and shall be published in the Official Journal.

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ORDER

No. 168, dated 12.03.2020

“ON THE PROHIBITION / RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENTS BY MEANS OF TRANSPORT”

Pursuant to Article 102, point 4, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, Article 7, point 4, letter “ç” and “d” of law no. 15/2016 "On the prevention and fight against infections and infectious diseases" guidelines of the Institute of Public Health with the aim of protecting the health of the population from COVID-19 infection,

ORDER

1. Prohibition of the circulation of state and private transport vehicles, including private vehicles, within Tirana and Durrës and from Tirana and Durrës to other areas of the country and vice versa, starting at 06:00 am on 13.03.2020 until 24:00 on 15.03.2020.
2. Prohibition of circulation of state and private transport vehicles, including private vehicles, in Shkodra, Lezha, Elbasan, Lushnje, Fier and Vlora starting from 06:00 am on 13.03.2020 until 24:00 on 15.03.2020.
3. An exception to the rule sets out in points 1 and 2 of this order is for ambulances, vehicles that perform state service functions and those that transport goods. Authorization for the circulation of ambulances, vehicles carrying out state service functions and those transporting goods is carried out as directed by the State Police.
4. The State Health Inspectorate, the Operator of the Health Care Services that cooperate with the Local Government Unit and the State Police are in charge of implementing of this order.

This Order shall enter into force immediately.

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ORDER

Nr. 168/1, dated 15.03.2020

"ON RESTRICTING MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY"

Pursuant to Article 102, point 4, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, Article 7, point 4, letter "d" of law no. 15/2016 "On the prevention and fight against infections and infectious diseases" guidelines of the Institute of Public Health with the aim of protecting the health of the population from COVID-19 infection,

ORDER:

1. Prohibition of movements by public and private means of transport of urban, intercity and suburban passengers until a second order.
2. Exemption from the rule set out in point 1 of this order shall be the means of transport provided with special authorization by the competent authority and the means of transport of employees in public and / or private institutions who are allowed to circulate within the period of 5:00 am until 8:00 am and between 16:00 to 17:00.
3. The State Health Inspectorate and the responsible structures of the State Police and Municipal Police are responsible for the implementation of this order.

This Order shall enter into force immediately.

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ORDER

No. 173/1, dated 14.03.2020

“ON THE PROHIBITION BY AIR HIGHWAYS WITH GREECE.”

Pursuant to Article 102, point 4, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, Article 7, point 3, letter “a” and “b” of law no. 15/2016 "On the prevention and fight against infections and infectious diseases" and in accordance with the International Health Regulations, with the aim of protecting the health of the population from COVID-19 infection,

ORDER:

1. Prohibition of the carriage of passengers by air to and from all airports in Greece starting on 15.03.2020 up to a second order.
2. Responsible for the implementation of this order the State Health Inspectorate and the Operator of Health Care Services shall cooperate with the Authorities responsible for the border and the Directorate of Customs and Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy.

This Order shall enter into force immediately.

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ORDER

Nr. 158, dated 11.3.2020

SUSPENDING THE OPERATION OF DISABILITY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEES AND LABOR DISABLED

Pursuant to Article 116, paragraph 3, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, and law no. 10107 dated 30.03.2009, as amended, "On Health Care in the Republic of Albania", as amended, of Article 7 of Law no. 57/2019 "On the Prevention and Fighting of Infectious Diseases and Diseases" of Law No. 7703, dated 11.05.1993 "On Social Security in the Republic of Albania", as amended, Law no. 57/2019 "On social assistance in the Republic of Albania as well the Decision of the Interim Committee on Infectious Disease Spread by the New Coronavirus, with the aim of protecting the health of the population from infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER:

1. Suspension of the examination of complaints by senior medical committees on the assignment of work qualifications that operate within the Institute of Social Security and State Social Service.
2. Suspension of the functioning of the Medical Disability Assessment Committees and the Multidisciplinary Disability Assessment Committees to which individuals are submitted for evaluation / reassessment.
3. The suspension of the functioning of the committees referred to in points 1 and 2 of this order shall be effective until 3 April 2020.
4. Are charged with enforcing this order the State Social Service and the Social Security Institute.

This Order shall enter into force immediately.

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AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

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ORDER

No.173 dated 14.03.2020

“ON THE RESTRICTION OF ALL MOVEMENTS OF VEHICLES AT LAND BORDER POINTS”

1. Prohibition of movements by means of transport for passengers (buses, cars etc.) at entry and exit at points of land border crossing starting at 23:59 on 15.03.2020. This restriction shall remain in force until a second order of the Minister responsible for health.
2. Means of transport for goods, foodstuffs, medicines and medical devices and other products necessary for health service shall be exempt from the rule laid down in point 1.
3. Responsible for the implementation of this order PHI (Public Health Institution) and SCHO (the State Health Care Operator) shall cooperate with the authorities responsible for the border and the Directorate of Customs and MIE.

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ORDER

DATED 14.03.2020

"ON THE RESTRICTION OF FREIGHT TRANSPORT TO GREECE"

1. In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Albania starting at 10:00 on 14.03.2020, the carriage of passengers shall be prohibited:
 - a) By air to and from all airports in Greece
 - b) Through internationally approved land lines and taxis licensed to and from all Greek cities;
 - c) Through licensed shipping lines to and from all ports of Greece
2. Exempt from the application of this circulation order to and from Greece by 4 + 1 personal vehicles and freight transport.

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ORDER

Nr. 157, dated 10.03.2020

TAKING COVID-19 INFECTION PREVENTION MEASURES OF BENEFICIARIES OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

Based on Article 116, paragraph 3, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania and Law no. 10107, dated 03.30.2009, "On health care in the Republic of Albania", as amended, Article 7 of Law no. 57/2019, "On the Prevention and Fighting of Infectious Diseases and Infectious Diseases", of the Decision of 8.3.2020 of the Interim Committee on Infection Spread by the New Coronavirus, as well as the Instruction of the Institute of Public Health for the Protection of population from the infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER:

1. Visits by relatives and family members are suspended / prohibited in social care institutions. In specific cases, visits can only be allowed with the approval of the head of the State Social Service.
2. Social care institutions should take additional hygienic-sanitary measures until disinfection of the environment if recommended by the responsible structures.
3. All local health care units establish contacts with executives / physicians who operate in social, residential and day care facilities, public and non-public, and monitor the health status of beneficiaries receiving services at these institutions and staff of the institution.
4. Doctors who practice activities in social, residential and day care institutions, public and non-public, to report to local health care units and to the General Directorate of State Social Service on process monitoring in these institutions.
5. Physicians practicing at residential and day care institutions, day care, public and non-public, shall, for any suspected case, follow protocols approved by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection and the Institute of Public Health.
6. The Health Care Operator, the State Social Service, the State Health Inspectorate are responsible for the implementation of this order, who must coordinate the work with the local self-government units.

This order shall enter into force immediately.

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ORDER
Nr. 160, dated 11.3.2020

**ON TERMINATION OF PLANNED SURGERY INTERVENTIONS IN ALL PUBLIC AND
NON-PUBLIC HOSPITAL STRUCTURES**

Pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, Law no. 10107, dated 30.3.2009, "On health care in the Republic of Albania", as amended, of Law no. 9106, dated 17.7.2003, "On the hospital service in the Republic of Albania", as amended, of Law no. 15/2016, "On the Prevention and Fighting of Infectious Diseases and Diseases", with the aim of protecting the health of the population from the infection caused by COVID-19,

ORDER:

1. Termination of planned surgical interventions in all public and non-public hospital structures by April 3, 2020.
2. Exceptions to the rule set out in paragraph 1 of this order shall apply only to surgical interventions for malignant pathologies, which shall be performed as planned.
3. Public and non-public hospital structures and the Compulsory Health Insurance Fund are charged for the implementation of this order.

This order shall enter into force immediately.

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