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In view of Italian Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020 on "Urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency" and in particular Article 3 thereof;

In view of Italian Law no. 400 of 23 August 1988;

In view of Decree of the Italian Prime Minister of 23 February 2020, containing "Provisions implementing Italian Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020, containing urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency", published in the Official Journal no. 45 of 23 February 2020;

In view of Decree of the Italian Prime Minister of 25 February 2020, containing "Further implementing provisions of Italian Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020, containing urgent measures for the containment and management of the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency", published in the Official Journal no. 47 of 25 February 2020;

In view of the Order of the Italian Minister for Health of 25 January 2020 on "Prophylactic measures against the new Coronavirus (2019 - nCoV)", published in Official Journal no. 21 of 27 January 2020;

In view of the Order of the Italian Minister of Health of 30 January 2020 on "Prophylactic measures against the new Coronavirus (2019 - nCoV)", published in the Official Journal no. 26 of 1 February 2020;

In view of the Order of the Italian Minister of Health of 21 February 2020 on "Further prophylactic measures against the spread of the COVID-19 infectious disease", published in the Official Journal no. 44 of 22 February 2020;

In view of the orders adopted by the Italian Minister of Health in agreement with the President of the Lombardy Region and the President of the Veneto Region, respectively on 21 February 2020 and 22 February 2020;

In view also of the orders adopted by the Italian Minister of Health in agreement with the Presidents of the Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lombardy, Piedmont and Veneto Regions on 23 February 2020, published in the Official Journal no. 47 of 25 February 2020;

In view also of the order adopted by the Italian Minister of Health in agreement with the President of the Liguria Region, on 24 February 2020, published in the Official Journal no. 47 of 25 February 2020;

Given that the World Health Organisation declared the COVID-19 epidemic a public health emergency of international proportions on 30 January 2020;

In view of the deliberation of the Italian Council of Ministers of 31 January 2020, which declared a six-month state of emergency on the national territory due to the health risk related to the onset of diseases caused by transmissible viral agents;



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Given the evolution of the epidemiological situation, the particularly widespread nature of the epidemic and the increase in cases on the national territory;

Whereas it is considered necessary to regulate in a consistent manner the framework of the interventions and measures implementing Italian Decree-Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020 by providing, from the effective date of this measure, for the termination of the measures adopted with the abovementioned decrees of the Italian Prime Minister;

Furthermore, given that the supranational scale of the epidemic and the involvement of several areas on the national territory call for measures to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the prophylaxis programmes drawn up at international and European level;

Taking into account the recommendations made by the Scientific Technical Committee referred to in Article 2 of order of the Head of the Italian Civil Protection Department no. 630 of 3 February 2020 at the meetings of 28 February 2020 and 1 March 2020;

Upon proposal by the Italian Minister for Health, after consulting the Italian Ministers for the Interior, Defence, Economy and Finance, as well as the Italian Ministers for Education, Justice, Infrastructure and Transport, University and Research, Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, Labour and Social Policies, Public Administration and Youth and Sports Policies, Regional Affairs and Autonomies, and after conferring with the Presidents of the Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lombardy, Veneto, Piedmont, Liguria and Marche Regions and the President of the Italian Conference of Presidents of the Regions;

Decrees:

Art. 1

(Urgent measures for containment of the contagion in the municipalities listed in Annex 1)

1. In order to combat and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the following containment measures shall be adopted in the municipalities listed in Annex 1 to this Decree:
 - a) prohibition to leave the municipalities listed in Annex 1 by all individuals in any case present therein;
 - b) prohibition to enter the municipalities listed in Annex 1;
 - c) suspension of events or initiatives of any kind, events and all forms of public or private gatherings, including those of a cultural, recreational, sporting or religious nature, even if held in closed places open to the public;
 - d) suspension of the educational services for children referred to in Article 2 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 65 of 13 April 2017, and of schools of all levels, as well as institutions of higher education, including universities and institutions of higher artistic, musical and choreographic training, without prejudice to the possibility of carrying out learning activities from remote;



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- e) suspension of school trips, exchange or twinning initiatives, guided tours and educational trips of any kind planned by educational institutions of all levels until 15 March 2020;
 - f) suspension of the opening hours of museums and other cultural institutions and places as per Article 101 of the Italian Cultural Heritage and Landscape Code, as per Italian Legislative Decree no. 42 of 22 January 2004, as well as of the effectiveness of the regulatory provisions on free or unrestricted access to such institutions and places;
 - g) suspension of the activities of public offices, without prejudice to the provision of essential public utility services, in the manner and within the limits indicated by order of the locally competent prefect;
 - h) suspension of public and private insolvency procedures, both called and in progress in the municipalities under Annex 1;
 - i) closing of all business activities, with the exception of those of public utility, of the essential public services referred to in Articles 1 and 2 of Italian Law no. 146 of 12 June 1990, and of the retail businesses engaged in the sale of essential goods, in accordance with the procedures and limits indicated by order of the locally competent prefect;
 - j) obligation to access essential public services, as well as retail establishments for the purchase of basic necessities wearing personal protective equipment or taking special precautionary measures identified by the prevention department of the local health company;
 - k) suspension of goods and passenger transport services by land, rail and inland waterways, as well as local public transport services, including non-scheduled transport, with the exclusion of the transport of basic necessities and perishable goods and subject to any exceptions provided for by the locally competent prefects;
 - l) suspension of work activities for enterprises, with the exception of those providing essential services and services of public utility, including veterinary activities, and those which may be carried out at home or from remote. The Prefect, in agreement with the competent authorities, may identify specific measures aimed at guaranteeing the activities necessary for the breeding of animals and the production of food and activities that cannot be postponed due to their being linked to the biological cycle of plants and animals;
 - m) suspension of work activities for workers resident or domiciled, also *de facto*, in the municipality or area concerned, even if said activities take place outside one of the municipalities listed in Annex 1.
2. The measures referred to in letters a), b) and o) of paragraph 1 shall not apply to healthcare personnel, the police, the national fire brigade and the armed forces in the performance of their duties.



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Art. 2

(Urgent measures for the containment of the infection in the regions and provinces listed in Annexes 2 and 3)

1. In order to control and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the regions and provinces listed in Annex 2, the following containment measures shall be adopted:
 - a) suspension of sporting events and competitions of all types and sports disciplines, until 8 March 2020, in public or private places. The aforementioned events and competitions, as well as training sessions, may continue to be held inside sports facilities behind closed doors, in municipalities other than those listed in Annex 1 of this decree. It is forbidden for supporters residing in the regions and provinces listed in Annex 2 to take part in sporting events and competitions taking place in the remaining regions and provinces;
 - b) permission to carry out activities in ski areas on condition that the operator restricts access to closed transport facilities by ensuring the presence of a maximum of one third of the capacity (funiculars, cable cars, etc.);
 - c) suspension, until 8 March 2020, of all organised events of a non-routine nature, as well as events in public or private places, including those of a cultural, recreational, sporting or religious nature, even if they take place indoors but open to the public, such as major events, cinemas, theatres, discotheques and religious ceremonies;
 - d) the opening of places of worship shall be subject to the adoption of organisational measures designed to avoid groups of people, taking into account the size and characteristics of the places, and such as to ensure that visitors can keep a distance of at least one metre between each other;
 - e) suspension, until 8 March 2020, of the educational services for children referred to in Article 2 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 65 of 2017 of 13 April 2017 and educational activities in schools of all levels, as well as attendance of school and higher education activities, including universities and institutions of higher artistic, musical and choreographic training, professional courses, masters, courses for health professions and universities for the elderly, excluding courses for doctors undergoing specialist training and specific training courses in general medicine as well as the activities of trainees in the health professions, without prejudice to the possibility of carrying out training activities from remote;
 - f) opening to the public of museums and other cultural establishments and places as per Article 101 of the Italian Cultural Heritage and Landscape Code, as per Italian Legislative Decree no. 42 of 22 January 2004, provided that such establishments and places ensure that they can be used on a limited basis or in any case in such a way as to avoid groups of people, taking into account the size and



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characteristics of the places, and such as to ensure that visitors can keep a distance of at least one metre between each other;

- g) suspension of public and private competition procedures, except in cases where the assessment of candidates is carried out exclusively on a curricular and/or telematic basis, and excluding competitions for medical personnel, including state examinations and examinations for the profession of medical surgeon, and those for civil protection personnel, without prejudice to compliance with the provisions of Directive no. 1 of the Italian Minister for Public Administration of 25 February 2020;
 - h) permission to carry out restaurant, bar and pub activities provided that the service is carried out for sitting customers only and that, taking into account the size and characteristics of the premises, patrons are able to keep a distance of at least one metre between each other;
 - i) the opening of commercial activities other than those referred to in point h) shall be subject to the adoption of organisational measures allowing access to those places under quota or otherwise in a way such as to avoid groups of people, taking into account the size and characteristics of the premises open to the public, and such as to ensure that visitors can keep a distance of at least one metre between each other;
 - j) limitation of visitors' access to in-patient areas by hospital health directorates;
 - k) strict limitation of visitors' access to nursing homes for dependent residents;
 - l) suspension of the ordinary leave of health and technical staff and of staff whose work is necessary to manage the activities required by crisis units set up at regional level;
 - m) prioritisation, when holding meetings or gatherings, of remote liaison arrangements with particular reference to health and social-health facilities, public utility services and working groups activated in the context of the COVID-19 emergency.
2. The following measure shall apply in the provinces listed in Annex 3 only:
 - a) closing down on Saturdays and Sundays of medium- and large-sized stores and shops in shopping centres and markets, excluding pharmacies, para-pharmacies and grocery stores;
 3. The following measure shall apply in the Lombardy region and in the province of Piacenza only:
 - a) suspension of the activities of gyms, sports centres, swimming pools, wellness centres and spas, with the exception of the provision of services covered by the essential levels of care, cultural centres, social centres, leisure centres.
 4. The Head of a judicial office included in the districts of the Court of Appeal to which the municipalities listed in Annex 1 belong, after hearing the administrative manager, may decide to reduce the opening hours to the public also by way of derogation from the provisions of Article 162 of Italian Law no. 1196 of 23 October 1960, for services open to the public and in relation to activities not strictly related to urgent acts and activities.



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Art. 3

(Information and prevention measures throughout the Italian territory)

1. The following measures shall be implemented throughout the Italian territory:
 - a) health personnel shall comply with the appropriate prevention measures concerning the spread of respiratory infections provided for by the World Health Organisation and implement the indications for the sanitation and disinfection of environments provided for by the Italian Ministry of Health;
 - b) in the educational services for children referred to in Italian Legislative Decree no. 65 of 13 April 2017, in schools of all levels of education, in universities, in the offices of the remaining public administrations, the information on the prevention measures issued by the Italian Ministry of Health, as set out in Annex 4, shall be displayed in the areas open to the public, i.e. those with a high level of crowding;
 - c) in public administrations and, in particular, in the areas providing access to healthcare service facilities, as well as in all premises open to the public, means of ensuring hand hygiene shall be made available to staff, users and visitors in accordance with the provisions of Directive no. 1 of the Italian Minister for Public Administration of 25 February 2020;
 - d) mayors and trade associations shall promote the dissemination of the information on the preventive health and hygiene measures listed in Annex 4 in retail establishments;
 - e) public transport companies, including long-distance ones, shall adopt special measures for the sanitation of vehicles;
 - f) where permitted, appropriate organisational measures shall in any case be taken to reduce close contacts among candidates and to ensure that participants are able to maintain a distance of at least one metre between each other when carrying out public and private tendering procedures;
 - g) anyone who has entered Italy, starting from the fourteenth day prior to the date of publication of this decree, after spending time in areas at epidemiological risk, as identified by the World Health Organization, or has passed through or stopped in the municipalities listed in Annex 1 of this decree, shall notify said fact to the prevention department of the health company competent for the area as well as to their general practitioner (hereinafter referred to as "GP") or to their paediatrician of choice (hereinafter referred to as "POC"). The modalities according to which data is transmitted to the public health services shall be defined by the regions by means of a specific measure indicating the names and contact details of National Health Service doctors; in the event of contact via the single emergency number 112, or the toll-free number set up by the region, the operators of the centres shall make known the general information and contact details for transmission to the locally competent public health services.
2. The locally competent National Health Service operator and National Health Service services shall, on the basis of the communications referred to in lett. g) of paragraph 1, provide for mandatory home stay, in accordance with the following procedures:
 - a. they shall establish contact by telephone and obtain information, as detailed and



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- substantiated as possible, on the areas of stay and the routes travelled during the previous fourteen days in order to properly assess the risk of exposure;
- b. upon ascertaining the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary isolation, they shall thoroughly inform the person concerned of the nature and purpose of the measures to be taken in order to ensure maximum adherence;
 - c. upon ascertaining the need to initiate health surveillance and fiduciary isolation, the National Health Service operator shall also inform the GP/POC by whom the subject is treated also for the purposes of INPS certification (INPS. HERMES. circular of 25 February 2020. 0000716 of 25 February 2020);
 - d. in the event of a need for INPS certification for absence from work, a statement shall be issued to INPS, the employer, and the GP/POC reading that the person has been placed in quarantine for public health reasons, specifying the start and end date;
3. The National Health Service operator shall also:
 - a. ascertain the absence of fever or other symptoms in the subject to be placed in seclusion,
 - b. as well as any other possible cohabitants;
 - c. inform the person about the symptoms and contagiousness of the disease and the way this latter is transmitted, as well as about the measures to be implemented to protect any cohabitants in the event of the appearance of symptoms;
 - d. inform the person about the need to measure body temperature twice a day (in the morning and in the evening).
 4. In order to maximise the effectiveness of the Protocol, it is essential to provide information on the meaning, modalities and purpose of home seclusion in order to ensure maximum adherence to and implementation of the following measures:
 - a. maintenance of the isolation status for fourteen days since the last exposure;
 - b. ban on social contact;
 - c. ban on travelling and/or leaving;
 - d. obligation to maintain reachability for surveillance activities;
 5. Should symptoms appear, the person under surveillance shall:
 - a. immediately notify the GP/POC and the National Health Service operator;
 - b. put on the surgical mask (to be provided at the start of the protocol) and move away from any cohabitants;
 - c. remain in their room with the door closed, ensuring adequate natural ventilation, pending their transfer to the hospital if necessary.
 6. The National Health Service operator shall contact the person under surveillance on a daily basis to obtain information on their health condition. Should symptoms appear, after consulting the GP/POC, the National Health Service doctor shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of Circular 5443-22/02/2020 of the Italian Ministry of Health.
 7. The prevention measures set out in Annex 4 shall apply throughout the Italian territory.



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Art. 4

(Further measures throughout the country)

1. The following measures shall apply throughout the country:
 - a) the agile working method governed by Articles 18 to 23 of Italian Law no. 81 of 22 May 2017 may be applied for the duration of the state of emergency referred to in the resolution of the Italian Council of Ministers of 31 January 2020 by employers to any employment relationship, in compliance with the principles dictated by the aforementioned provisions, even in the absence of the individual agreements provided for therein. The information obligations set forth in Article 22 of Italian Law no. 81 of 22 May 2017 shall be fulfilled electronically, also by means of the documentation made available on the website of the Italian Institute for Insurance against Accidents at Work;
 - b) school trips, exchange or twinning initiatives, guided tours and educational trips of all kinds planned by educational institutions at all levels of education shall be suspended until 15 March 2020;
 - c) readmission to the educational services for children referred to in Article 2 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 65 of 13 April 2017 and to schools of all levels for absences due to an infectious disease subject to compulsory notification in accordance with the Italian Ministerial Decree of 15 November 1990, published in the Official Journal no. 6 of 8 January 1991, for a duration of more than five days, shall take place, until 15 March 2020, upon presentation of a medical certificate, also in derogation of the provisions in force;
 - d) the heads of the schools in which the teaching activity has been suspended due to the health emergency, may, after consulting the teaching staff, activate, for the duration of the suspension, remote teaching modalities also based on the specific needs of students with disabilities;
 - e) an extension of the terms provided for in Articles 121 and 122 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 285 of 30 April 1992 is ordered by means of a specific executive order in favour of candidates who have been unable to sit exams due to the suspension referred to in Article 1, paragraph 1, letter f) of Decree of the Italian Prime Minister of 25 February 2020;
 - f) in the universities and institutions of higher artistic, musical and choreographic training in which the participation of students in educational or curricular activities is not allowed due to needs related to the health emergency referred to in this decree, said activities can be carried out, where possible, using remote modalities selected by the very universities and institutions, with particular regard to the specific needs of students with disabilities. The universities and institutions referred to in the previous sentence, upon resumption of the ordinary activities, shall ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case with the appropriate methods, the



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resumption of the training and curricular activities, tests or exams, even mid-term, deemed functional to the completion of the course;

- g) students who are not allowed, due to needs related to the health emergency referred to in this decree, to participate in the teaching or curricular activities of universities and institutions of higher artistic, musical and choreographic training, may benefit from said activities, where possible, by means of remote teaching methods, selected by the very universities and institutions, also based on the specific needs of disabled students. The universities and institutions referred to in the previous sentence, upon resumption of the ordinary activities, shall ensure, where deemed necessary and in any case with the appropriate methods, the resumption of the training and curricular activities, tests or exams, even mid-term, deemed functional to the completion of the course; the absences of the students referred to in this letter shall not be taken into account for the purposes of admission to final examinations and the relevant assessments;
- h) taking into account the indications provided by the Italian Ministry of Health, in agreement with the coordinator of the interventions for the overcoming of the coronavirus emergency, the local branches of the National Health Service shall provide the Italian Ministry of Justice with adequate support for the containment of the spread of the Covid-19 contagion, also by means of procedures aimed at ensuring, according to the health protocols drawn up by the General Directorate for Health Prevention of the Italian Ministry of Health, new admissions to penitentiaries and penal institutions for minors, with particular regard to persons from the municipalities listed in Annex 1 to the Decree of the Italian Prime Minister of 23 February 2020, until the end of the state of emergency.

Art. 5

(Implementation and monitoring of measures)

1. The locally competent prefect shall, by informing the Italian Minister for the Interior in advance, ensure the implementation of the measures referred to in Article 1 and monitor the implementation of the remaining measures by the competent administrations. The Prefect shall, where necessary, make use of the police forces, possibly with the assistance of the national fire brigade and the armed forces, upon consultation with the locally competent commands and informing the President of the region and autonomous province concerned.

Art. 6

(Final provisions)

1. The provisions of this Decree shall take effect from 2 March 2020 and shall be effective, unless otherwise provided in the individual measures, until 8 March 2020.



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2. The Decree of the Italian Prime Minister of 23 February 2020 and the Decree of the Italian Prime Minister of 25 February 2020 shall cease to have effect from the date on which the provisions of this Decree take effect. Any further measures, including those of a permanent and urgent nature, adopted pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of Italian Decree Law no. 6 of 23 February 2020, shall also cease to have effect.

Rome, 1 March 2020

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Annex 1

Municipalities:

1) In the Lombardy Region:

- a)* Bertonico;
- b)* Casalpusterlengo;
- c)* Castelgerundo;
- d)* Castiglione D'Adda;
- e)* Codogno;
- f)* Fombio;
- g)* Maleo;
- h)* San Fiorano;
- i)* Somaglia;
- l)* Terranova dei Passerini.

2) In the Veneto Region:

- a)* Vò.



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Annex 2

Regions:

- a) Emilia-Romagna;
- b) Lombardy;
- c) Veneto.

Provinces:

- a) Pesaro-Urbino;
- b) Savona.



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Annex 3

Provinces:

- a) Bergamo;
- b) Lodi;
- c) Piacenza;
- d) Cremona.



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Annex 4

Hygiene measures:

- a) wash your hands often. Hydroalcoholic solutions for hand washing should be made available in all public places, gyms, supermarkets, pharmacies and other places where people gather;
- b) avoid close contact with persons suffering from acute respiratory infections;
- c) do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands;
- d) cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze or cough;
- e) do not take antiviral drugs and antibiotics unless prescribed by a doctor;
- f) clean surfaces with chlorine- or alcohol-based disinfectants;
- g) use a mask only if you think you are ill or are assisting ill people.