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Taking into account:

1. Articles 24, 25, 27, 28 and 43, as well as Annex 5 of the International Health Regulations, as ratified by Article One of Law No. 3991/2011 "Ratification of the revised International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization" (Government Gazette A' 162).

2. Paragraph 2 of Article Two of Law No. 3991/2011 "Ratification of the revised International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization" (Government Gazette A' 162).

3. Law No. 3852/2010 "New Architecture of Local and Decentralized Administration – Kallikratis Program" (Government Gazette A' 87).

4. Article 1 of Law No. 2520/1940 "On Health Regulations" (Government Gazette A' 273).

5. Presidential Decree No. 27/2025 "Appointment of Ministers, Deputy Minister, Alternate Minister, and Deputy Prime Minister" (Government Gazette A' 44).

6. Presidential Decree No. 2/2024, "Appointment of Ministers and Deputy Ministers" (Government Gazette A' 2).

7. Presidential Decree No. 32/2024, “Appointment of Ministers and Deputy Ministers” (Government Gazette A' 91).

8. Presidential Decree No. 79/2023, “Appointment of Ministers, Alternate Ministers, and Deputy Ministers” (Government Gazette A' 131).

9. Presidential Decree No. 77/2023, “Establishment and Renaming of Ministries – Establishment, Abolition, and Renaming of General and Special Secretariats – Transfer of responsibilities, administrative units, staff positions and supervised entities” (Government Gazette A' 130).

10. Presidential Decree No. 141/2017, “Organization of the Ministry of the Interior” (Government Gazette A' 180).

11. Presidential Decree No. 123/2017, “Organization of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport” (Government Gazette A' 151).

12. Presidential Decree No. 121/2017, “Organization of the Ministry of Health” (Government Gazette A' 148).

13. Presidential Decree No. 97/2017, “Organization of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food” (Government Gazette A' 138).

14. Prime Minister’s Decision No. Y22/03-01-2024, “Determination of the order of precedence of the Ministries” (Government Gazette B’ 28), in conjunction with paragraph 1 of Article 16 and point 22 of Article 119 of Law No. 4622/2019, “Executive State: organization, operation and transparency of the Government, governmental bodies and central public administration” (Government Gazette A' 133), and Article 90 of the Code of Legislation for the Government and Governmental Bodies (Presidential Decree No. 63/2005, Government Gazette A' 98).

15. Prime Minister’s Decision No. Y14/09-07-2023, “Delegation of responsibilities to the Alternate Minister of Health, Eirini Agapidaki” (Government Gazette B’ 4435).

16. Joint Ministerial Decision No. 2749/1-11-2024 of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Rural Development and Food, “Delegation of Responsibilities to the Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Food, Dionysios Stamenitis” (Government Gazette B’ 6049).

17. Joint Ministerial Decision No. 35247/18-03-2025 of the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Defence, “Delegation of Responsibilities to the Deputy Minister of National Defence, Athanasios Davakis” (Government Gazette B’ 1313).

18. Certification No. B1a/oik.14640/28.03.2025 by the Directorate of Budget and Fiscal Reporting of the General Directorate of Financial Services of the Ministry of Health, confirming that the issuance of this decision does not incur any expenditure to the State Budget.

19. Ministerial Decision No. A1b/GP.62063/02-11-2022, which amends (2) Ministerial Decision No. A1b/GP.54622/27.09.2021 of the Minister of Health, titled “Establishment and Appointment of Members of the Committee for the Prevention and Management of Tropical Diseases” (ADA: ΨΧΠΘ465ΦΥΟ-8ΑΛ).

20. The minutes of the 42nd Meeting (01-02-2024) and the 44th Meeting (06-06-2024) of the Committee for the Prevention and Management of Tropical Diseases.

21. The need to protect public health.

22. The fact that, as of the present date, no biocidal products for use inside aircraft interiors have been approved for sale or use within the European Economic Area (EEA) that comply with the WHO recommendations for residual spray application (2% w/w permethrin), nor products that can be diluted to a 2% w/w permethrin concentration, in accordance with document No. 86462/31-03-2025 of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

23. The fact that biocidal products have been approved for sale or use within the EEA which can be diluted to 2% w/w permethrin and used indoors against mosquitoes via residual surface spraying, in accordance with document No. 86462/31-03-2025 of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

24. The fact that the provisions of the present decision do not pertain to an administrative procedure requiring registration in the National Registry of Administrative Procedures – MITOS,

we hereby decide as follows:

Article 1

Purpose and Scope

1. The purpose of this Decision is to prevent the introduction and establishment of new invasive mosquito species in Greece that act as vectors of communicable diseases, thereby avoiding consequences for both public health and the economy.

2. This Decision establishes the obligation for airline companies, as well as any natural or legal person, private or public entity, that owns or operates aircraft, to implement mosquito control measures on aircraft arriving from countries / regions with established populations of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes or with reported populations of *Aedes aegypti* and an increased estimated risk of their establishment - or of the establishment of any other mosquito species not endemic to Greece that may pose a threat to public health.

3. The scope of this Decision covers all aircraft (private or public interest, passenger or cargo, civil or military) arriving from (i.e. having departed from) countries / regions included in the list published by the Ministry of Health or having made a stopover in such countries/regions.

4. Single- and two-seat military fighter aircraft (jets) and combat helicopters are excluded from the scope of this Decision, with the exception of aircraft that are transported and remain aboard ships.

5. Given the continuous spread of invasive mosquito species (e.g. *Aedes aegypti*) to new regions and countries, the published list is updated at regular intervals.

Article 2

Mosquito Control Measures on Aircraft

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the International Health Regulations (IHR), and specifically within the framework for controlling vectors (insects) of public health importance on aircraft arriving at points of entry into the national territory from a country/region with established or reported populations of mosquito vectors of the species *Aedes aegypti* (with an

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increased estimated risk of establishment), or other mosquito vector species not endemic to Greece, such aircraft must be kept free from mosquito vectors.

2. In particular, when an aircraft departs from or makes a stopover in areas where vector species (mosquitoes) not established in Greece are present, additional public health measures must be implemented. Specifically, for aircraft arriving from countries / regions with established or reported populations of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes (and an increased estimated risk of their establishment), or other non-endemic mosquito species that may pose a threat to public health, the application of mosquito control measures - namely, the use of biocidal products targeting adult mosquitoes - is required..

Residual spraying of interior surfaces of the aircraft is identified as the recommended method (residual application), with aerosol spraying of biocidal products into aircraft areas where mosquitoes may have entered being considered an alternative. The methods, procedures, and precautions related to residual spraying of interior aircraft surfaces, as well as aerosol spraying in areas potentially accessed by mosquitoes, are outlined in the WHO manual entitled "*Aircraft Disinsection Procedures and Methods*", which is available on the official website of the Ministry of Health.

3. Depending on the method applied to the obligated aircraft, procedures must be established - as outlined in the relevant WHO manual - for the effective use of biocidal products approved by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food. Such use must comply with the terms and conditions stated in their marketing authorization and with all relevant safety precautions.

4. The application of biocidal products for residual spraying must be carried out exclusively by licensed pest control operators, with qualified scientific personnel ensuring their correct and safe implementation.

5. In cases where aerosol spraying of biocidal products is to be performed by the aircraft crew in the passenger cabin, passengers must be informed in advance - prior to boarding - about the purpose and necessity of the spraying and the type of biocidal product to be used.

6. If a passenger notifies the crew of a serious medical condition that may

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be affected by the spraying, they must be given the opportunity to disembark prior to the spraying, leaving their luggage on board the aircraft.

7. When aerosol spraying has been used, any fully or partially used aerosol containers must remain on board the aircraft so that the authorities referred to in Article 5 may inspect them at the destination, if deemed necessary.

Article 3

Certification of Mosquito Control Measures on Aircraft

1. Each residual spraying application must be accompanied by a *Residual Disinsection Certificate* - certifying the application of biocidal products against mosquitoes on aircraft - based on the WHO guideline model (template provided in Annex A). This certificate must be made available, under the responsibility of the airline operators, private aircraft operators, and any party obligated under paragraph 2 of Article 1, for inspection by the competent Authorities referred to in Article 5. Any aerosol spraying must be recorded in the *General Declaration* of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (template provided in Annex B), which must also be available for inspection by the competent Authorities referred to in Article 5. The Residual Disinsection Certificate shall be signed by the qualified scientist of the pest control operator, as defined in paragraph 4 of Article 2.

2. Aircraft commanders or authorized representatives of the obligated aircraft referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 1 are required to notify the competent authorities at the arrival airport only in cases where no biocidal spraying against mosquitoes has been carried out.

3. The obligated entities referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 1 must retain records of copies of the Certificates mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article and of the General Declarations of their aircraft for a period of three months, available to the inspection Authorities of Article 5 upon request.

Article 4

Notification of the National Requirement for Mosquito Control

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Measures on Aircraft

The Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority shall ensure the publication of the provisions of this Decision in Aeronautical Publications.

Article 5

Inspection Authorities, Violations, and Enforcement of Sanctions

1a. The competent Authorities at airports (excluding military airports) for the mandatory inspection of the *Residual Disinsection Certificate* - certifying the application of biocidal products against mosquitoes on aircraft - and/or the General Declaration of the flight, are the Airport Health Authority at Athens International Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos”, for the airport bearing the same name; and the Public Health and Sanitary Control Services of the Regional Authorities / Regional Units for the airports within their jurisdiction, excluding Athens International Airport. These Authorities shall inspect airline operators and private aircraft operators with regard to the implementation of mosquito control measures on aircraft arriving from countries / regions listed pursuant to Article 1.

1b. The competent Authority at military airports for the mandatory inspection of the *Residual Disinsection Certificate* and/or the General Declaration of the flight is the Medical Service of the respective military airport.

1c. At joint-use airports (civil and military), responsibility for the mandatory inspection of the *Residual Disinsection Certificate* and/or the General Declaration of the flight is divided between the Authorities mentioned in the previous paragraphs, depending on whether the aircraft is civil or military.

2. Airport managing authorities are required to inform the competent inspection services, in an appropriate manner and within a reasonable time frame, of flight details originating from countries listed in paragraph 3 of Article 1 of the present Decision. Such information shall include the flight number, date and time of arrival, and the name of the airline operator.

3. The competent Certificate inspection services must provide their contact details to the Airport Operating Authorities (including military airports) within their respective areas of responsibility. They must also, upon request by airline operators, inform them of the reason for the aircraft disinsection requirement, and verify that the application of the approved biocidal products has been carried out in accordance with the terms of their marketing authorization, as issued by the competent service of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

4. In case of non-compliance with the mosquito control measures stipulated in Articles 2 and 3 of this Decision, the aircraft shall be restricted to a designated area of the airport, with no boarding or disembarkation permitted - except in the case provided for in paragraph 6 of Article 2 - nor loading or unloading of cargo, except for the supervised provision of fuel, water, food, and supplies by the competent Authorities, until aerosol spraying is carried out at the arrival airport, under the responsibility of the aircraft commander. The obligation to ensure availability of an appropriate and approved biocidal product lies with the parties defined in paragraph 2 of Article 1.

5. The competent Certificate inspection services referred to in Article 5 shall inform the Ministry of Health of any non-compliance by obligated aircraft operators with regard to the completion and presentation of the disinsection certificates - verifying the application of biocidal products against mosquitoes on board aircraft.

Article 6

Entry into Force

The present Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Government Gazette, with the exception of the provisions of Article 5, which shall enter into force on the date of publication of the relevant provisions in the Aeronautical Publications.

Annexes A and B form an integral part of this Decision.

This decision shall be published in the Government Gazette.

Athens, 23 May 2025

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