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In the context of the epidemiological situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the exceptional measures adopted to deal with the disease COVID-19, the ban on air traffic to and from Portugal from 17 April 2020 was determined all flights to and from countries outside the European Union, with certain exceptions, through Order No. 3427-A / 2020, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, No. 55, supplement, of 18 March 2020.

Given that the aforementioned epidemiological situation has been worsening, both in Portugal and in other countries, demonstrating the experience of the high risk of spreading the virus resulting from the international circulation of passengers, it is necessary to extend the aforementioned ban, within a framework of prevention and containment of the pandemic also through the establishment of air traffic restrictions.

Notwithstanding, there remains a need to provide for exceptions to such restrictions, under the terms already provided for in Dispatch No. 3427-A / 2020, as well as within the scope of the Special Rural Fire Fighting Device, allowing entry into territory aircraft that will integrate this device and whose international public tender for the lease of 26 air

Thus, in conjunction with paragraph 1 of article 18, paragraph 1 of article 19, paragraph 1 of article 27 and article 29 of Decree-Law no. 169-B / 2019, of 3 December, of no. 2 of article 33 of Law no. 27/2006, of 3 July, and no. 1 of Order no. 819/2020, of January 15, from the Minister of Infrastructure and Housing, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, no. 14, of January 21, 2020, the Minister of National Defense, the Minister of Internal Administration, the Minister of Health and, in the use of the powers delegated by the Minister for Infrastructure and Housing, the Assistant Secretary of State and Communications determine the following:

1 - Prohibit air traffic to and from Portugal on all flights to and from countries outside the European Union, except:

a) Countries associated with the Schengen Area (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland);

b) Portuguese speaking countries; from Brazil, however, only flights from and to São Paulo and to and from Rio de Janeiro will be admitted;

c) The United Kingdom, the United States of America, Venezuela, Canada and South Africa, given the presence of important Portuguese communities.

2 - The provisions of the preceding paragraph do not apply to flights intended to allow national citizens to return to Portugal or to holders of a residence permit in Portugal, nor to flights intended to allow return to the respective countries of foreign citizens who are in Portugal. Portugal, provided that such flights are promoted by the competent authorities of such countries, subject to prior request and agreement, and in compliance with the principle of reciprocity.

3 - This order does not apply to State aircraft and the Armed Forces, to aircraft that integrate or will integrate the Special Rural Fire Fighting Device, to flights for the exclusive transportation of cargo and mail, as well as to flights of character humanitarian or medical emergency and on technical scales for non-commercial purposes.

4 - This order takes effect as of 00:00 on April 18, 2020 and is effective for a period of 30 days.

April 16, 2020. - The Minister of National Defense, João Titterington Gomes Cravinho. - The Minister of Internal Administration, Eduardo Arménio do Nascimento Cabrita. - The Minister of Health, Marta Alexandra Fartura Braga Feared by Almeida Simões. - The Assistant Secretary of State and Communications, Alberto Afonso Souto de Miranda.