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Ministria e Shëndetësisë - Ministarstva Zdravstva – Ministry of Health Zyra e Sekretarit të Përgjithshëm/ Ured Stalnog Sekretara/ Office of the Secretary General

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Minister of Health, in support of Article 145, point 2 of the Constitution of Republic of Kosovo, in accordance with the Articles 10 and 11 of the Law no. 06/L-113 for organization and functioning of state administration and state agencies (Official Gazette No. 7, 01 March 2019), Article 11 paragraph 1.5 of the Law No. 08/L-117 on the Republic of Kosovo, Regulation (GRK) Nr. 14/2023 for the areas of administrative responsibilities of the Office of Prime Minister and Ministries, based on Article 12, paragraph 1.10 of the Law No. 04/L-125 on health, for implementation of the Law No. 02/L-78 on Public Health, issues this:

DECISION

For approval of today's recommendations of the NIPHK

- 1. From 14.08.2024 to 17.08.2024, the working hours are limited;
 - 1.1 During this period of the extreme heat, it is recommended to change the working hours in order to avoid the work on the hottest hours of the day, in the period from 11:00 to 16:00;
 - 1.2 To apply the flexible working hours that implies allowing the workers to start their work earlier in the morning or work from home, if possible;
 - 1.3 Pregnant women to be released from work during the peak of heat 11:00-16:00, or to work from home;
 - 1.4 During the period 11:00-16:00, the work is prohibited for citizens with chronic diseases, or they should work from home;
 - 1.5 To be prohibited works in the construction sector, that are exposed on the sun during the period from 11:00-16:00;
 - 1.6 To disseminate information through the information sources and brochures and other information materials for ways of protecting from heat;

- 1.7 To ensure medical examinations for the employees who show the signs of stress from the heat and are exposed to the extreme heat;
- 1.8 Those that deal with agriculture, to plan their development in the early morning or late afternoon, in order to avoid exposure to the great heat;
- 2 The decision enters into force on the day of signature.

Based on the recommendations of the National Institute for Public Health of Kosovo for undertaking measures due to the high temperatures, which can affect the daily activities and present serious risk for the health and wellbeing of people, it was decided as in the disposition of this decision.

Dr. Arben Vitia

Minister of Health

Decision to be sent to:

- Minister's Cabinet;
- Deputy Ministers;
- General Secretary
- NIPHK;
- Legal Department;
- Archive of MH;
- Work Inspectorate