

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment)
(National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 3)

Preamble: Extension of the National Lockdown

WHEREAS a State of Disaster in connection with the COVID-19 formidable infectious disease was declared in the 23rd March, 2020, by Statutory Instrument 76 of 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020, was published on the 29th March, 2020 in Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020, declaring a national lockdown to contain the spread of the COVID-19 formidable infectious disease with effect from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020;

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to extend the national lockdown for a further period to the 3rd May, 2020 and to provide for other matters in connection therewith;

NOW THEREFORE IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health has, in terms of section 68 of the Public Health Act [*Chapter 15:17*], made the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 3).

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020 (hereinafter called “the principal order”), is amended in section 2 (“Interpretation”)—

(a) in the definition of “essential service” by the repeal of paragraph (j) and the substitution of—

“(j) communications and telecommunication services, including the Internet, any public or licensed broadcasting service, and the activities of persons as journalists, newspaper vendors or employees of such services;”;

(b) by the insertion of in the following definitions—
“attendant” in relation to—

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- (a) a designated truck stop, means an enforcement officer, fuel attendant or other employee at such stop; or
- (b) a border post, means a revenue or customs officer, enforcement officer or other person employed at such border post to assist drivers of goods vehicles during the period of national lockdown;

“crossborder goods vehicle” means goods vehicle ferrying goods from Zimbabwe to a neighbouring country and back, or from a neighbouring country to Zimbabwe and back;

“designated truck stop” means a location for the refuelling and the supply of other services (including the facility for drivers and their crews to sleep in their vehicles overnight at the stop) in respect of transit goods vehicles and crossborder goods vehicles, designated by the Minister responsible for transport in the *Gazette* or by notice in such manner as the Minister thinks necessary for bringing such designation to the attention of all persons who, in his or her opinion, ought to have notice thereof;

“goods vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including an articulated vehicle, constructed or adapted for the conveyance of goods;

“goods vehicle in transit” means goods vehicle ferrying goods through Zimbabwe between two countries”.

3. Section 4 (“National lockdown”)(1) of the principal order”) is amended in by the deletion of “for the period of 21 days from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020” and the substitution of “for the period from the 30th March, 2020, to the 3rd May, 2020”.

4. Section 5 (“Prohibition of gatherings”)(1) of the principal order”) is amended in subsection (1) by the deletion of “for the period of 21 days from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020” and the substitution of “for the period from the 30th March, 2020, to the 3rd May, 2020”.

5. Section 7 (“Closure of airports and restrictions on aerial transportation”) of the principal order”) is amended in subsection (1)—

- (a) by the deletion of “For the period of 21 days from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020” and the substitution of “For the period from the 30th March, 2020, to the 3rd May, 2020;
- (b) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (c)—
 - “(d) aerodromes operated by or on behalf of Government establishments that are directed to be opened in accordance with section 4(1)(d).”.

6. Section 8 (“Power to close ports of entry and exit”)(1) of the principal order is amended by the insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph (c)—

- “(d) the arrival and departure of any passenger or cargo aircraft engaged in an essential service, in accordance with the following restrictions—
 - (i) unless flight plan of the aircraft contemplated an overnight stopover, or except in exiguous circumstances, every such aircraft must depart within ten (10) hours of arrival;
 - (ii) every member of the crew of such aircraft not on overnight stopover must remain on board the aircraft until its departure, but if it is necessary for any of them to disembark—
 - A. the crew member must submit to being sanitised or disinfected in the manner required by an enforcement officer immediately on disembarkation, wear a face mask, and not associate with any other persons than (subject to the social distancing rule) members of the relevant airport or aerodrome services staff;
 - B. if it becomes necessary for any member of the crew of such aircraft to stay overnight, every such member shall proceed to and remain at a place of quarantine at the airport or aerodrome until departure (or if any such member is infected with COVID-19,

- a place of isolation), or at some other place indicated by an enforcement officer;
- (iii) every member of the crew of such aircraft on overnight stopover must proceed to and remain at a place of quarantine at the airport or aerodrome until departure (or if any such member is infected with COVID-19, a place of isolation), and otherwise comply with subparagraph and (ii);
 - (e) the entry and exit of any goods vehicle in transit engaged in an essential service, in accordance with the following restrictions—
 - (i) when arriving at the border the driver must—
 - A. be in possession of a functional thermometer for measuring body temperature, sufficient face masks for himself or herself and any member of the crew of the vehicle, sufficient hand sanitizing fluid or disinfectant, and at least one receptacle for dispensing such fluid or disinfectant (or if not in possession thereof must be able to obtain them at the border post);
 - B. submit to being sanitised or disinfected in the manner required by an enforcement officer at the border post;
 - (ii) the driver of the goods vehicle must not stop except at a border post, or a designated truck stop, and at such post or stop the driver and every member of the crew of such vehicle must remain in the vehicle and may only temporarily leave therefrom (and in that event without violating the social distancing rule) for the purpose of—
 - A. using ablution facilities;
 - B. assisting in refuelling their vehicles while inside the forecourt of the fuel outlet;(if the driver or any member of his or her crew requires to obtain food or other basic necessities,

- the driver or crew member must not disembark from the vehicle but such food or supplies must be obtained through attendants at such border post or designated truck stop);
- (iii) in the case of drivers of crossborder goods vehicles, enforcement officers at the border or designated truck stop where the goods are offloaded must disinfect the goods and the premises at which they are offloaded as soon as possible after the offloading;
 - (iv) every driver and every member of the crew of a transit goods vehicle or cross-border goods vehicle requiring to remain in Zimbabwe for a period in excess of 24 hours must proceed to and remain at a place of quarantine at the border post, designated truck stop or other place designated by an enforcement officer until departure (or if any such member is infected with COVID-19, a place of isolation);
 - (v) every driver and every member of the crew of a transit goods vehicle or cross-border goods vehicle who, being a citizen or resident of Zimbabwe, returns to Zimbabwe upon delivery of the goods in question, shall be treated as a returning citizen or resident for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)."

7. Section 12 ("Prohibition of hoarding of medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 and other offences") is amended by the repeal of subsection (3) and the substitution of the following subsections—

"(3) No person shall export or attempt to export from Zimbabwe medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 unless the exporter or other person in charge of the consignment for export of such supplies produces to a revenue, customs or enforcement officer a certificate issued by or under the authority of the Minister to the effect that such supplies are in excess of what is required in Zimbabwe to combat the disease.

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(3a) Any person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (3) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to fine not exceeding level twelve or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year to both such fine and such imprisonment.”.