

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (No. 27)

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IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health and Child Care has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020) made the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (No. 27).

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 200 of 2020 (hereinafter called the principal order), is amended in section 26C (“Persons entering Zimbabwe from neighbouring and other countries”)(4)(b) in subsection (4) by the repeal of paragraph (b) and the substitution of—

“(b) with proof of a valid PCR negative certificate shall, if he or she—

- (i) has arrived from India or has transited through India in the course of his or her journey to Zimbabwe submit to being retested (at his or her own expense) for COVID-19, and if—
  - A. found to be positive be taken to an isolation centre at the direction of an enforcement officer (and all reasonable expenses associated with the isolation shall be borne by the isolated person); or
  - B. found to be negative, be quarantined in an hotel (designated for the purpose by an enforcement officer) at his or her own expense, for a period of ten days from date of arrival in Zimbabwe (at the end of which period he or she shall submit to being retested for COVID-19 at his or her own expense by or at the direction of an enforcement officer); or

- (ii) has not arrived from India or has not transited through India in the course of his or her journey to Zimbabwe, be admitted into Zimbabwe for the purpose for which he or she is permitted to enter Zimbabwe.”.

3. Section 26F of the principal order is repealed and the following is substituted—

*“Special lockdowns of Hurungwe, Kariba, Kwekwe and Makonde Districts*

26F (1) In this section—

“affected districts” means Hurungwe District, Kariba District, Kwekwe District and Makonde District that are subject to special lockdown;

“contact tracing” is the process of identifying, assessing, and managing people who have been exposed to the COVID-19 disease to prevent its onward transmission;

“Hurungwe District”, “Kariba District”, “Kwekwe District” and “Makonde District” means the districts whose boundaries are set out in items 23, 28, 29 and 31 respectively of Part II of the First Schedule to the Rural District Councils (Districts) Notice, 1992 (Statutory Instrument 67 of 1992);

“long haulage truck” means any vehicle engaged in the transport of freight over long distances;

“special lockdown” means the additional lockdown restrictions imposed on the affected districts by virtue of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this order, for the period ending on the 27th June, 2021, Hurungwe District, Kariba District, Kwekwe District and Makonde District shall be subject to the following special restrictions (which shall be additional to the other restrictions imposed by this order to the extent that the latter are not inconsistent with special restrictions)—

- (a) there shall be a curfew from 1800 hours to 0600 hours:

Provided that vehicular traffic in transit through the affected districts during curfew is not permitted except for such traffic connected with an essential service;

- (b) all business permitted to operate by the other provisions of this order shall not open earlier than 0800 hours or close later than 1500 hours;
- (c) notwithstanding section 5 (“Prohibition of gatherings”) (1)(c) (concerning the carriage of passengers on a public transport vehicle), such public transport vehicle may not carry at any time passengers in excess of half its maximum seating capacity;
- (d) as elsewhere provided in this order, persons must at all times, while in a public place or in a public transport vehicle wear face masks, and sanitise their hands and subject themselves to temperature testing whenever entering any business premises or boarding a public transport vehicle;
- (e) formal face-to-face meetings in any public place are subject to the restrictions specified in section 26E (“Partial reversion to Level IV national lockdown”) (2)(c)(iii);
- (f) all gatherings for the purpose of a funeral shall be restricted to 30 persons, and may only take place in the presence of, or under the supervision or guidance of, an enforcement officer, and in accordance with any instructions he or she may give;
- (g) all gatherings permitted by section 5(1)(j), (k) and (l) are prohibited;
- (h) no individual may loiter in a public place, that is to say, frequent or linger at, in or within any public place to no apparent purpose (the proof of which purpose lies with that person if confronted by an enforcement officer);

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- (i) all bars, drinking places, nightclubs and beerhalls shall be closed;
- (j) bottle stores may only operate from 1000 hours to 1500 hours, subject to the prohibition against drinking on the premises of the bottle store and to strict adherence with all measures in this order with respect to the wearing of face masks, temperature checks, sanitising of hands and social distancing, for the purpose of verifying which any enforcement shall have unhindered access to any bottle store; and
- (k) restaurants and food outlets may only serve customers on a takeaway basis, and may not provide seating for waiting customers; and
- (l) hotel restaurant and bars and restaurants and bars attached to tourist lodges, backpackers' lodges and other guesthouses are restricted to providing room service only;
- (m) the offices of any business or government or local government department (other than such a business or department that is or provides an essential service) must be so decongested (whether by rotation of personnel or otherwise) that at any time, if the staff complement of the business exceeds four employees, not more than one quarter such complement must be present together at office of the business or department;
- (n) long haulage trucks are to stop, park and rest in places designated by an enforcement officer before proceeding on their journeys;
- (o) all persons are subject to contact tracing at the direction of an enforcement officer, and any person found as a result of such tracing to have been exposed to the COVID-19 disease shall be quarantined or isolate, as appropriate;

- (p) with respect to designated tobacco auction floors as defined section 12, and the Grain Marketing Board the following measures are in force—
  - (i) operating hours are restricted to the hours between 0800 hours and 1500 hours;
  - (ii) every employee of a designated tobacco auction floor must have been tested negative for COVID-19 within the preceding ten days by means of a PCR or rapid antigen test, for the purpose of verifying which any enforcement shall have unhindered access to the designated tobacco auction floor in question during its hours of operation; and
  - (iii) not more than two persons can accompany any batch of tobacco bales being moved into an auction floor; and
  - (iv) the Grain Marketing Board and every auctioneer as defined in section 12 shall prohibit access to his or her premises and its immediate environs by vendors, hawkers and other informal traders, and any one or more persons so prohibited shall be deemed to be in contravention of section 5(3); and
  - (v) all measures in this order with respect to the wearing of face masks, temperature checks, sanitising of hands and social distancing must be strictly enforced, for the purpose of verifying which any enforcement shall have unhindered access to the premises of the Grain Marketing Board or designated tobacco auction floor in question during its hours of operation; and

(3) Any person who, within an affected district, contravenes any of the special restrictions prescribed by this section, or who refuses to comply with any lawful instruction of an enforcement

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officer acting to enforce them, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to the penalties prescribed in section 5(3) of the principal regulations, as if such person partook in a gathering prohibited by that section.”.