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Government Notice No. 301 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT
(Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS, 2020
(Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.))

Directions for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19

THE Director of Health Services hereby gives the following direction under regulation 16 (4) (c) of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 —

1. MOST EFFECTIVE PREVENTION

The most effective prevention of transmission of COVID-19 is frequent hand wash with clean water and soap for at least 40 seconds.

2. USE OF MASKS IN PUBLIC PLACES

A person shall wear a cloth face mask or homemade item that covers the nose and mouth or another appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth when in a public place.

3. TRAVEL

- (a) All persons coming to Botswana from high risk countries (as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO)) shall not be allowed entry into the country until further notice;
- (b) Issuance of Visa at Ports of entry and at all Embassies for any person from high risk areas is suspended with immediate effect until further notice;
- (c) Current visas of persons from high risk countries are cancelled with immediate effect until further notice;
- (d) International travel by all Government employees, parastatals and State owned entities is suspended with immediate effect until further notice; and
- (e) Travel for regional and international meetings, workshops and conferences are cancelled until further notice.

4. TRAVEL ACROSS COVID ZONES

- (a) A person shall not undertake non-essential travel;
- (b) A person shall not travel across COVID zones without a permit;
- (c) A person may only travel across COVID zones to —
 - (i) attend a funeral of an immediate member of the family, or
 - (ii) access his or her farm, ranch, garden, ploughing field (*masimo*) or cattle post (*moraka*):
Provided that the person has been issued with a permit under the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations; and
- (d) For purposes of paragraph 4 (c) (i), “immediate member of the family” means a spouse, son, daughter, siblings or parent.

5. GATHERINGS

All public gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited:
Provided that parties shall not be held.

6. MEETING

- (a) A meeting, workshop or conference shall have a maximum of 50 persons;
- (b) A person shall not travel across COVID zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference; and
- (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) a convener or facilitator may apply for a permit to cross COVID zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference.

7. FUNERALS

- (a) A funeral and a memorial service shall have a maximum of 50 persons; and
- (b) Funeral and memorial services shall not last more than 2 hours and food shall not be provided at such services:
Provided that food may be provided for members of the household.

8. FAITH-BASED ORGANISATION SERVICES

Faith-based organisation services shall —

- (a) Have a maximum of 50 persons;
- (b) Not make provision for food or allow for the sale of food; and
- (c) Have a maximum of 2 religious services per week.

9. CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL OCCASIONS

A maximum of 50 individuals and a distance of 1 – 2 metres shall be maintained at cultural and traditional occasions such as —

- (a) *Go isa mafoko*;
- (b) *Patlo*;
- (c) *Magadi*; or
- (d) *Kgoroso*.

10. SOCIAL DISTANCING

A distance of 1 – 2 metres between individual persons shall maintain in a —

- (a) Gathering;
- (b) Bank;
- (c) Restaurant, including take-away restaurant;
- (d) Supermarket and a shop;
- (e) Pharmacy;
- (f) Government service department; and
- (g) Memorial service.

11. GENERAL ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC

- (a) To frequently wash hands with soap and clean water;
- (b) To ensure easy access to clean water and soap for hand washing at any public gathering where a maximum of 50 persons are allowed;
- (c) To ensure strict hand washing and surface cleaning for all equipment used during burial;
- (d) To clean high touch areas with disinfectants (examples of high touch areas are doors, elevators, counters, etc.);
- (e) To cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when sneezing or coughing;
- (f) To avoid direct contact with anyone with cold or flu symptoms;
- (g) To avoid handshakes, hugs and kisses when greeting each other;
- (h) To ensure continued safety of other users of health facilities, individuals who have cold or flu symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat) and have had contact with returning travelers shall —
 - (i) Call the number 16649,
 - (ii) Not use public transport, and
 - (iii) If using a private vehicle or on foot, alert health facility officers on arrival before entering the facility; and
- (i) Information from any other source other than the Director of Health Services and the World Health Organization should not be relied on by the public as credible and correct information.

Government Notice No. 284 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2020.

DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE,
Director of Health Services.

Government Notice No. 302 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT
(Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS, 2020
(Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.))

Restrictions for Arts and Entertainment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised —

- (a) the opening of the following arts and entertainment facilities —
 - (i) art galleries,
 - (ii) theatres,
 - (iii) amphitheatres,
 - (iv) halls and conference facilities,
 - (v) cinemas,
 - (vi) recording studios, and
 - (vii) television; and
- (b) the gathering in preparation of arts and entertainment activities listed below —
 - (i) exhibitions,
 - (ii) drama,
 - (iii) disc jockeys,
 - (iv) music,
 - (v) poetry,
 - (vi) comedy,
 - (vii) choral (quartet),
 - (viii) traditional song and dance, and
 - (ix) traditional instruments.

An arts and entertainment host may operate where he or she has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director for that he or she is able to comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the *Government Gazette*, that —

- (a) all persons in attendance of an arts and entertainment activity and facility, shall —
 - (i) Not exceed 50, persons excluding the performers at facilities,
 - (ii) Not exceed 50, persons at an activity,
 - (iii) Be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or with hand sanitiser, and
 - (iv) Observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two metres apart from each other,
- (b) daily disinfecting of premises where arts and entertainment are held is carried out, under the supervision of the Director,
- (c) observe a minimum of a 30 minutes break every 2 hours during an activity or event to allow for ventilation of the facilities,
- (d) arts and entertainment premises, shall be closed, upon direction of the Director, where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has had accessed premises has come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has had access to the premises,
- (e) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of an arts and entertainment facility is carried out by the host, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees celsius and above, such person shall not be allowed to access the meeting premises and the person shall be referred to the Director,
- (f) an arts and entertainment facility host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and
- (g) the register referred to in paragraph (f) shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services for the purposes of contact tracing, and shall be open for inspection by a law enforcement officer for investigation of an offence under the Regulations.

Government Notice No. 282 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2020.

DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE,
Director of Health Services.

Government Notice No. 303 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT
(Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS, 2020
(Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.))

Restrictions for the Holding of Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised that meetings, workshops and conferences may be convened:

Provided that —

- (a) a meeting, workshop or conference shall not have more than 50 persons in attendance at any time;
- (b) a person shall not travel across COVID zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference;
- (c) notwithstanding paragraph (b) a convener or facilitator may apply for a permit to cross COVID zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference; and
- (d) a meeting, workshop or conference host may operate where he or she has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director for that purpose, of he or she has the ability to comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the *Government Gazette*, that —
 - (i) all persons in attendance of a meeting, workshop or conference shall —
 - (aa) wear a cloth face mask or home made item that covers the nose and mouth or another appropriate,
 - (bb) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or provided with hand sanitiser, and
 - (cc) observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two metres apart from each other,
 - (ii) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of a meeting, workshop or conference is carried out by the host, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees celsius and above, such person shall not be allowed to access the meeting premises and the person shall be referred to the Director,
 - (iii) daily disinfecting of premises where a meeting, workshop or conference is held, under the supervision of the Director,
 - (iv) a 30 minutes break every 2 hours during a meeting, workshop or conference to allow for ventilation of the facilities where the premises are enclosed,
 - (v) the premises where a meeting, workshop or conference shall be closed, upon direction of the Director, where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has had accessed premises has come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has had access to the premises,
 - (vi) a meeting, workshop or conference host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and
 - (vii) the register referred to in paragraph (vi) shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services for the purposes of contact tracing, and shall be open for inspection by a law enforcement officer for investigation of an offence under the Regulations.

Government Notice No. 292 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2020.

DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE,
Director of Health Services.

Government Notice No. 304 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT
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Restrictions for Meetings of Societies

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised that societies may meet and at any one time the number of persons attending a meeting shall not exceed 50.

The following societies may meet as set out below —

- (a) faith based organizations, which shall have a maximum of two religious services per week;
- (b) any club, company, partnership or association registered by the Registrar of Societies; and
- (c) all central committees of political parties;

Provided that:

- (i) a society may operate where it has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director for that purpose, of its ability to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- (ii) all persons in attendance of a meeting shall —
 - (aa) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or with hand sanitiser,
 - (bb) observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two metres apart from each other, and
 - (cc) comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the Government *Gazette*,
- (iii) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of a meeting is carried out by the host, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees celsius and above, such person shall not be allowed to access the meeting premises and the person shall be referred to the Director,
- (ii) regular disinfecting of premises where meetings are held is carried, under the supervision of the Director,
- (iii) upon direction of the Director, a meeting place, shall be closed, where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has had accessed premises has come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has had access to the premises,
- (iv) a meeting host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and
- (v) the register referred to in paragraph (vi) shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services for the purposes of contact tracing, and shall be open for inspection by a law enforcement officer for investigation of an offence under the Regulations.

Government Notice No. 280 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2020.

DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE,
Director of Health Services.

Government Notice No. 305 of 2020

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Liquor Restrictions

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President acting in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised the following liquor restrictions as set out below —

- (a) a liquor licensee shall sell intoxicating liquor as set out in the Schedule:
Provided that —
- (i) intoxicating liquor shall be sold for off-site (home) consumption, and
 - (ii) a restaurant licensed under the Trade Act and a bar liquor licensed under the Liquor Act shall sell intoxicating liquor for off-site (home) consumption; and
- (b) a traditional beer licensee shall sell traditional beer as set out in the Schedule:
Provided that —
- (i) intoxicating liquor shall be sold for off-site (home) consumption, and
 - (ii) a licensee has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director that he or she is able to comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the Government *Gazette* with the exception of the requirement to take record body temperature.

SCHEDULE

<i>Licence</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Liquor		
Bar liquor	Thursday to Saturday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Thursday to Saturday)	1200 hours to 1800 hours
Bottle store liquor	Thursday to Saturday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Thursday to Saturday)	1000 hours to 1600 hours
Liquor depot	Thursday to Saturday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Thursday to Saturday)	1200 hours to 1800 hours
Discotheque/ nightclub	Closed	Closed
Distributor liquor	Monday to Wednesday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Monday to Wednesday)	0800 hours to 1600 hours
Wholesale liquor	Monday to Wednesday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Monday to Wednesday)	0800 hours to 1600 hours
Club liquor	Thursday to Saturday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Thursday to Saturday)	1200 hours to 1800 hours
Temporary liquor	Closed	Closed
Restaurant bar	Thursday to Saturday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Thursday to Saturday)	1200 hours to 1800 hours

Traditional Beer

Liquor depot	Monday to Saturday (including a Public Holiday which falls on Monday to Saturday)	1200 hours to 1700 hours
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Government Notice No. 283 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2020.

DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE,
Director of Health Services.