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Government Notice No. 511 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT
(Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS
(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, covering of nose and mouth with appropriate item or mask and social distancing.

2. USE OF MASKS IN PUBLIC PLACES

A person shall wear a 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 entering and exiting Botswana shall have a valid 72 hours PCR negative test;
- (b) All travellers entering Botswana may at their own cost be required to undertake immediate COVID-19 testing and isolation or quarantine within the COVID zone of entry;
- (c) Non-citizen and non-resident travellers who do not meet the requirements of paragraph 3 (a) shall not be allowed entry into Botswana; and
- (d) Travel by all Government employees, parastatals and State owned entities is suspended for regional and international meetings, workshops and conferences until further notice.

4. COVID-19 TESTS FOR INTER-ZONAL TRAVEL

The Director may require a person who wishes to undertake inter-zonal travel to take a COVID-19 test where the applicant —

- (a) is travelling (inclusive of transit) from a COVID-19 high risk to a low risk zone;;
- (b) Where a person's COVID-19 test results are positive they will not be allowed to leave the zone until after 10 days of isolation.

For purposes of this paragraph "high risk zone or area" means a COVID-19 zone or area which the Director determines has a high number of COVID-19 cases.

Where a person's COVID-19 test results are positive an inter-zonal permit shall not be issued.

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5. TRAVEL ACROSS COVID ZONES

- (a) A person shall not undertake non-essential travel;
- (b) A person shall not travel across COVID-19 zones without a permit;
- (c) A person may only travel across COVID-19 zones to —
 - (i) attend a funeral of an immediate member of the family, or
 - (ii) to access a 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 (c) (i), “immediate member of the family” means a spouse, son, daughter, siblings or parent.

6. GATHERINGS

All informal public gatherings of more than 2 people are prohibited::

7. MEETING

- (a) Every meeting shall have a host or convener. The host or convener of a meeting shall be responsible for the adherence to COVID-19 protocols for persons attending the meeting;
- (b) A meeting, workshop or conference shall have a maximum of 50 persons;
- (c) A person shall not travel across COVID-19 zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference; and
- (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) a convener or facilitator may apply for a permit to cross COVID-19 zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference;

8. SOCIETIES

A maximum of 50 individuals may meet for the following societies as set out below —

- (a) any club, company, partnership, association and political parties registered by the Registrar of Societies;

9. FAITH-BASED ORGANISATION SERVICES

Faith-based organisation services shall —

- (a) have a maximum of 100 persons;
- (b) not last more than 2 hours per session;
- (c) not make provision for food or allow for the sale of food; and
- (d) have a maximum of two religious services per day:

Provided that the necessary Covid-19 health related protocols, including facial coverings, social distancing of 1 – 2 metres between individual persons and those stated at paragraph 13, are adhered to during and between each service.

10. 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 consumed at such services save for immediate members of the family;

11. 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*.

12. SOCIAL DISTANCING

A distance of 1 – 2 metres between individual persons shall be maintain in any public gathering such as —

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

13. GENERAL ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC

- (a) To cover nose and mouth using appropriate item/mask in all public spaces;
- (b) To frequently wash hands with soap and clean water;
- (c) To ensure easy access to clean water and soap for hand washing at any public gathering;
- (d) To ensure strict hand washing and surface cleaning for all equipment used during burial;
- (e) To clean high touch areas with disinfectants (examples of high touch areas are doors, elevators, counters, etc.);
- (f) To cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when sneezing or coughing;
- (g) To avoid direct contact with anyone with cold or flu symptoms;
- (h) To avoid handshakes, hugs and kisses when greeting each other;
- (i) To ensure continued safety of other users of health facilities, individuals who have cold or flu symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat) 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 should not be relied on by the public as credible and correct information.

Government Notice No. 485 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 20 day of November, 2020.

DR. MALEBOGO KEBABONYE,
Director of Health Services.

Government Notice No. 512 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (Cap. 22:04)

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

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.

Every meeting shall have a host or convener. The host or convener of a meeting shall be responsible for the adherence to COVID-19 protocols for persons attending the meeting.

The following societies may meet as set out below provided that at any one time, the number of persons attending a meeting shall not exceed 50 —

- (a) any club, company, partnership or association registered by the Registrar of Societies;
- (b) political parties; and
- (c) central committees of political parties.

Faith-based organisations shall have a maximum of two religious services per day and shall not have more than 100 persons per service.

Government Notice No. 322 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 20th day of November, 2020.

DR. M. KEBABONYE,
Director of Health Services.

Statutory Instrument No. 137 of 2020

DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) ACT
(Act No. 15 of 2017)

**DEEDS REGISTRY (AMENDMENT) ACT (DATE OF
COMMENCEMENT) ORDER, 2020**
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1. This Order may be cited as the Deeds Registry (Amendment) Act (Date of Commencement) Order, 2020. Citation
2. The Deeds Registry (Amendment) Act shall come into operation on 20th November, 2020. Commencement of Act No. 15 of 2017

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