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RE: TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS - BOTSWANA

The above subject matter refers.

You are by this communique' notified of the revised requirements for travelers entering and exiting Botswana ensuing the lifting of travel restrictions that effected on 9th Novembers 2020 and my subsequent communication to yourself through savingram 20/33 XIV (101) dated 13th November 2020: All Travelers are expected to meet the following requirements:

- a) Present a negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test done within 72 hours upon arrival for the traveler that has been outside Botswana for 36 hours or longer.
- b) Travelers who have been outside Botswana for less than 36 hours will be allowed entry using the negative COVID-19 PCR test obtained upon exit.
- c) Complete a COVID-19 self-declaration Screening form and undergo temperature checks upon entry into Botswana

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- d) May be required to undertake mandatory testing and possible isolation or quarantine, as per section 76 (1) (2) and 80 of the Public Health Act of 2014 if found to have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.
- e) Complete a traveler locator form, providing accurate contact information while in Botswana. The local health authority may contact the traveler within 14 days of arrival.
- f) Returning citizens and residents not meeting the requirement will undergo 14-day mandatory quarantine and testing at their own cost (as assessed by local authority).
- g) Children aged under five (5) years are upon arrival exempted from the 72 hour negative COVID-19 PCR test result requirement but should undergo screening for COVID-19 symptoms.
- h) Non-citizen travelers not meeting the requirement and unable to bear the cost for testing and quarantine upon arrival will be **DENIED** entry into Botswana.
- i) Travelers exiting Botswana are expected to comply with travel regulations of the destination country at their own expense.

These requirements have been revised in response to the feedback from the public that they have been ambiguous. Kindly ensure immediate implementation of these requirements.

Thank you.

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