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(National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 4)

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, 2020 (No. 4).

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 2 (“Interpretation”) —

(a) in the definition of “essential service” subsection (1) by the insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph (y)-

“(z) the work of Vehicle Inspectorate Department (VID) in the Ministry responsible for transport;

(aa) the work of Chief Immigration Officer appointed in terms of section 5 of the Immigration Act [Chapter 4:02] and his or her staff”;

(b) by the insertion of the following definition —

““passenger service vehicle” means a vehicle which is used to operate a passenger transport service as defined in the Road Motor Transportation Act [Chapter 13:15]”.

3. Section 4 (“National lockdown”) (6) of the principal order is amended—

(a) in the definition of “essential service” subsection (1) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (x)—

“(y) in subsection (1)(f) by the deletion of “all intercity transport” and the substitution of “subject to subsection (8), all intercity transport”;

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- (b) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (7) —

“(8) With effect from the 20th September, 2020, the operator of any passenger service vehicle may ply intercity routes, subject to the following conditions —

- (a) the operator shall apply in writing to the Commissioner of Road Motor Transportation appointed in terms of section 3 of the Road Motor Transportation Act (No. 1 of 1997) to ply the intercity routes he or she was previously licensed to operate in terms of that Act or, if not so previously licensed, to ply the intercity routes specified in his or her application;
- (b) the Commissioner of Road Motor Transportation will assign a temporary registration number (for the duration of the national lockdown) to operators approved under this section, and specify which intercity routes the operator is registered to ply;
- (c) it is a condition of registration under paragraph (b) that operators will comply with any applicable guidelines issued by the Minister of Health from time to time (taking into account WHO guidelines on the operation of public passenger transport);
- (d) operators of passenger service vehicles registered to ply intercity routes under this subsection shall operate their vehicles with the curfew hours specified in section 25;
- (e) the period of validity of registration under this section expires on the

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date when the national lockdown ends, whereupon operators who had been licensed under the Road Motor Transportation Act before the national lockdown and operators plying intercity routes solely by virtue of registration under this section must obtain the appropriate licence under that Act.”.

4. Section 4 (“Prohibition of gatherings”) (l)(j) of the principal order is amended by the deletion of “not more than fifty (50) adult individuals gathered at a place of worship for the purpose of worship” and the substitution of “not more than one hundred (100) adult individuals gathered at a place of worship for the purpose of worship”.

5. Section 6 (“Automatic extension of permitted residence of foreign nationals”) of the principal order is amended by the insertion of the following subsection, the existing section becoming subsection (1)-

“(2) With effect from the seventh day after the date of promulgation of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 4), the period of extended validity under subsection (1) of diplomatic visa, temporary residence permit or employment permit of every foreign national during the period of national lockdown is terminated, and any affected person wishing to extend or renew such visa or permit must do so in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act [Chapter 4:02].”.

6. Section 18 (“Additional Part V exempted persons: low-risk sportspersons”) of the principal order is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (7) —

“(7a) With effect from the 20th September, 2020, the operator of any gymnasium falling within the definition of “business in the formal commercial and industrial sector” in section 16 is permitted to open for business at any time between 0630 hours and 1830 hours, and the patrons thereof shall comply with subsection (6) as if they were spectators at low risk sports events.”.

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7. Section 19B (“Special provisions for restaurants, hotels and the tourism sector”) of the principal order is amended—

(a) in subsection (2) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (d) —

“(e) the Trustees of the National Museums and Monuments established under the National Museums and Monuments Act [*Chapter 25:11*] may open the monuments, museums and other facilities for which they are responsible to members of the public.”;

(b) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (7) —

“(7a) Subsection (7) shall apply to the employees of and facilities managed by the Trustees of the National Museums and Monuments as they apply to the Parks and Wild Life Management.”.

8. Section 24 (“Deferment of expiry of certain documents issued under Cap. 12:11”) of the principal order is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (4) —

“(5) Notwithstanding this section, the period of extended validity under subsection (2) of a learner’s licence, or under subsection (3) of a defensive driving certificate, or the extension of the period before which a public service vehicle driver must again be tested under subsection (4), is terminated with effect from the seventh day after the date of promulgation of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 4), unless the Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development by General Notice in the *Gazette* specifies a later date or dates for such termination.”.