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AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 GENERAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT, 2015

In terms of section 29(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015 (Act No. 1 of 2015), I have amended the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 30 November 2020

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 233 of 23 September 2020 as amended by Government Notice No. 235 of 29 September 2020 and Government Notice No. 256 of 21 October 2020.

Amendment of regulation 2 of Regulations

2. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) These regulations come into operation on the date of publication in *Gazette* and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 25 January 2021.”.

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

3. Regulation 5 is amended by the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

“(3) Despite any contrary condition applicable to any type of liquor licence issued under the Liquor Act, the sale of liquor in terms of a liquor licence and the purchase of liquor may -

- (a) where the seller is the holder of an off-sales licence -
 - (i) only take place starting at the time specified in the liquor licence until 18:00 on a week day;
 - (ii) only take place starting at the time specified in the liquor licence until 13:00 on a Saturday,
- (b) where the seller is the holder of an on-consumption licence, only take place starting at the time specified in the liquor licence until 22:00 provided that the holder of a club liquor licence may sell liquor until 00:00; and
- (c) in both cases referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b), not take place on a Sunday and on a public holiday.

Amendment of regulation 6 of Regulations

4. Regulation 6 of the Regulations is amended by the insertion of the following subregulation after subregulation (3):

“(3A) Subregulation (3) does not apply to retail shops.”.

Amendment of regulation 8 of Regulations

5. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is amended by the -

- (a) substitution for subregulation (4) of the following subregulation:

“(4) Persons permitted to enter Namibia under subregulation (2) may not enter Namibia unless such persons at the time of entering Namibia present to an authorised person a negative SARSCOV-2 PCR test result from the country of departure -

- (a) which test result is not older than 72 hours; and
- (b) which test result was issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue SARSCOV-2 PCR test results.” and

- (b) the insertion of the following subregulation after subregulation (4):

“(4A) Subregulation (4) does not apply to children under the age of 5 years.”.

Amendment of regulation 9 of Regulations

6. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is amended by -

- (a) the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) A person referred to in subregulation (1) who enters Namibia with a negative SARSCOV-2 PCR test result which is older than 72 hours must be subjected to mandatory supervised quarantine and must be tested for COVID-19, at his or her own cost and -

- (a) if such person tests positive for COVID-19, such person will be placed in isolation at his or her own cost; and
- (b) if such person tests negative for COVID-19, such person must be released from quarantine.”; and

- (b) the substitution for subregulation (2A) of the following subregulation:

“(2A) Despite subregulation (2), Namibian citizens, holders of Namibian permanent residence permits and holder of Namibian employment permits, who are returning to Namibia, may enter -

- (a) without a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result; or
- (b) with a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result,

provided that -

- (i) in the case of a person referred to in paragraph (a), such person will be tested for COVID-19 immediately on arrival and will be subjected to mandatory supervised quarantine and if the results are negative such person will be released from quarantine; and
- (ii) in the case of a person referred to in paragraph (b), such person will be subjected to isolation at a designated quarantine facility, an isolation facility or home isolation subject to approval after an assessment by an authorised person.”.

Amendment of Regulation 16 of Regulations

7. Regulation 16 of the Regulations is amended by the insertion of the following subregulation after subregulation (2):

“(2A) The testing for COVID-19 on human remains will only be conducted on the remains of a person who had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or where a person was in direct contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case prior to his or her death.”.
