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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.

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MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 21 October 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.

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 at 00:00 on 22 October 2020 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 30 November 2020.”.

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

3. Regulation 4 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) For the purpose of this regulation, “gathering” means a group of more than 200 persons.”.

Amendment of regulation 9 of Regulations

4. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is amended by -

(a) the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation:

“(1) Persons who -

(a) may not be refused entry into Namibia under regulation 8(1); or

(b) are permitted entry under regulation 8(2),

must, on entering Namibia, be subjected to quarantine requirements as set out in these regulations and the directives.”.

(b) by the deletion of subregulations (1A), (1B) and (1C);

(c) the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) Persons referred to in subregulation (1) who on entry into Namibia present to an authorised person a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue such test results and which test result -

(a) is not older than 72 hours, may not be subjected to mandatory quarantine provided that they comply with the requirements of these regulations while in Namibia;

(b) is older than 72 hours but not older than seven days, must be subjected to supervised quarantine -

(i) at home or at a tourism facility approved by an authorised person;
or

(ii) if the place referred to in subparagraph (i) does not meet the quarantine requirements, at a designated quarantine facility,

for a period of seven day.”.

(d) the insertion after subregulation (2) of the following subregulations:

“(2A) Despite subregulation (2), returning Namibian citizens or holders of Namibian residence or employment permits may enter Namibia -

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

but in either case such persons must be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing or isolation at a designated quarantine or an isolation facility for a period of seven days.

(2B) Despite subregulation (2) -

- (a) persons referred to in regulation 8(6);
- (b) crew members of the motor vehicles, locomotives, aircraft or shipping vessels referred to in regulation 8(6)(a);
- (c) providers of essential services or goods; or
- (d) persons entering Namibia to provide humanitarian assistance,

may enter Namibia without an SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result but such persons must be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing for COVID-19 at a designated quarantine facility for a period of seven days.”.

Substitution of regulation 10 of Regulations

5. The following regulation is substituted for regulation 10 of the Regulations:

“10. (1) For the purposes of this regulation -

“vehicle” means a vehicle as defined in section 1 of the Road and Transport Act, 1999 (Act No. 22 of 1999) and includes a locomotive that is used for the transportation of passengers or goods by railway; and

“motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle as defined in section 1 of the Road and Transport Act, 1999 (Act No. 22 of 1999).

(2) Every owner or operator of a vehicle used for the purposes of conveying persons or goods for reward must -

- (a) ensure that the driver of a public vehicle carrying passengers in terms of an authorisation granted in terms of any law wears a mask and the driver must ensure that all passengers wear masks at all times;
- (b) provide alcohol-based hand sanitisers for use in the vehicle; and
- (c) regularly disinfect or cause the regular disinfection of the vehicle used for the purposes of conveying persons or goods, before and after each conveyance.

(3) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with subregulation (2) commits an offence and is on conviction liable to the penalties specified in section 29(3) of the Act.”.

Amendment of Regulation 27 of Regulations

6. Regulation 27 of the Regulations is amended by the deletion of subregulation (2).
