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Public Health (COVID-19) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred on me under sections 16, 17, 18, 38 and 43 of the Public Health Act, 1970¹ and in respect of the state of emergency declared by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister under section 23(1) of the Constitution of Lesotho against Covid-19 pandemic, I,

NKAKU KABI

Minister responsible for health, make the following regulations -

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations shall be cited as the Public Health (Covid-19) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and shall come into operation on the 8th April, 2020.

Interpretation

2. Regulation 2 of the Public Health (Covid-19) Regulations, 2020 (in these regulations referred to as "the principal regulations") is amended in regulation 2 by deleting the definition of "institution" and substituting the following:

"Institution" includes a Government department, Government agency, Non-Governmental Organisation working in collaboration with the Government in providing essential goods and services, and a care facility for vulnerable groups;"

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended by -

(a) deleting -

- (i) the word "and" at the end of paragraph (c);
- (ii) the comma at the end of paragraph (d) and substituting it with a semi-colon;

- (iii) inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (d):

“(e) Maputsoe bridge; and

(f) Qacha’s Nek bridge.”.

Amendment of regulation 10

4. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is amended in subregulation (3) by deleting -

- (a) subregulation “3(14)” and substituting subregulation “3(15)”;
- (b) the word “of” after the word “fine” and substituting the words “not exceeding”.

Amendment of Schedule I

5. Schedule I of the principal regulations is amended by -

- (a) deleting the full stop at the end of item 23 and substituting it with a semi-colon and the word “and” after the semicolon; and
- (b) inserting the following item after item 23:
“24. Non-Governmental Organisation which provides essential goods and services.”.

Amendment of Schedule III

6. Schedule III of the principal regulations is deleted and replaced with the following:

SCHEDULE III

OPERATING HOURS OF BUSINESS (regulation 5)

The following businesses and enterprises are authorised to carry on business during weekdays, including Saturdays between the following hours, but all businesses and enterprises which operate from 8am to 2pm shall remain closed on Sundays and public holidays:

Types of Business	Trading Hours
1. Pharmacy/Chemist	24 hrs
2. Petrol dealer	24 hrs
3. Funeral undertaker/Mortuary	24 hrs
4. Food and medicine manufacturing company	8am to 2pm
5. Commercial bank	8am to 3pm
6. General Cafe	8am to 2pm
7. Supermarket	8am to 2pm
8. Mini-Supermarket	8am to 2pm
9. Specialised dealer in animal foods/farm feeds	8am to 2pm
10. Wholesaler	8am to 11am
11. Wholesaler-Meat	8am to 11am
12. Transport	
(a) International Route, Air, Freight Transport and logistics;	8am to 4pm
(b) Road, Freight and logistics;	8am to 4pm
(c) Passenger Public Transport;	7am to 4pm
13. Warehouse activities (distribution centres)	8am to 2pm
14. Domestic fuel dealer	8am to 2pm
15. Bakery	8am to 2pm
16. Butcher	8am to 2pm
17. Greengrocer	8am to 2pm
18. Specialised dealer in pre-packing of grains	8am to 11am
19. Dairy shop	8am to 11am

*Businesses and enterprises covered include those that operate in the areas of production and manufacturing, selling and provision of specialised services except for food and medicine manufacturing companies

*All other businesses shall remain closed until a notice to the contrary is made

DATED:

NKAKU KABI
MINISTER OF HEALTH

NOTE

1. Act No. 12 of 1970