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(CHAPTER 34)**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations, 2020, I HEREBY make the following Order —

1. Citation.

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) (No. 3) (Amendment) Order, 2020.

2. Amendment of order 2 of the principal Order.

Order 2 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) in paragraph (1), by the deletion of the words and figures, “7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.” and the substitution therefor of the words and figures “10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.”;
- (b) in paragraph (2), by the insertion immediately after subparagraph (j) of the following new subparagraph —
“(jj) a hotel with guests;”.

3. Amendment of order 4 of the principal Order.

Order 4 of the principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (3) of the following new paragraph (4) —

- “(4) A person is not required to wear a face mask while exercising but is required to have a face mask visibly in his possession and easily accessible.”

4. Amendment of order 8 of the principal Order.

Order 8 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) in subparagraph (2)(a), by the deletion of the words and figures “3 and 4” and the substitution therefor of the words and figures “3, 4 and 5”;
- (b) by the deletion and substitution of subparagraph (2)(b) as follows —
“(b) may do so utilizing —
 - (i) in store or in person service subject to this Order; or

- (ii) the curbside pickup and delivery protocol as set out in the *First Schedule*;
 - (iii) where permitted, both in store or in person services and curbside pickup and delivery.”; and
- (c) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (2) of the following new paragraph (3) —
- “(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) —
- (a) a hardware store;
 - (b) a grocery store;
 - (c) a pharmacy;
 - (d) a gas station;
 - (e) a water production company,
- shall be permitted to operate between the hours of 5:00 am and 8:00 pm on Friday the 31st day of July, 2020.”.

5. Amendment of order 19 of the principal Order.

Order 19 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) in paragraph (b), by the deletion of the word “and” where it appears after the semi colon; and
- (b) in paragraph (c), by the deletion of the full stop and the substitution therefor of the words and figures “; and”;
- (c) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (c) of the following new paragraph (d) —
 - “(d) harvesting of crabs beyond the hours of curfew set out in order 2(1).”.

6. Revocation and replacement of order 21 of the principal Order.

Order 21 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“21. Inter island travel.

- (1) Effective 7:00 pm on Tuesday the 28th day of July, 2020 no person shall travel inter island except —
 - (a) in respect of an emergency;
 - (b) for the transport of essential goods or services; or
 - (c) where that person —
 - (i) prior to travelling, undergoes a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test and obtains a negative result; and
 - (ii) upon arrival on the other island, submits to mandatory quarantine at a government identified facility or any other

- appropriate facility as determined by the Ministry of Health, for a period of fourteen days.
- (2) Residents of the islands of Mayaguana, Inagua, Crooked Island, Acklins and Long Cay may travel within those islands without meeting the requirements of paragraph (1)(c).
 - (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a citizen, legal resident or visitor ten years old or younger shall —
 - (a) not be required to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test prior to arrival in The Bahamas; and
 - (b) be required to submit to mandatory quarantine in accordance with paragraph (1)(c).
 - (4) For the purposes of this order —
 - (a) a hotel is an appropriate facility for quarantine under paragraph (1)(c);
 - (b) the results of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test shall be valid for a period of ten days from the date on which the test was taken; and
 - (c) a negative test result means a result of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test result indicating that a person is COVID 19 free.
 - (5) All passengers travelling inter island shall be required to wear face masks in accordance with order 4.
 - (6) The operator of any aircraft, passenger ferry or mailboat carrying persons inter island shall deny the boarding of any person who —
 - (a) is not wearing a face mask and shall ensure that travellers continue to wear their face mask throughout the journey;
 - (b) has not complied with paragraph (1)
 - (c) has not provided evidence of his exemption to comply with paragraph (1) in accordance with paragraphs (2) or (3);
 - (7) An operator referred to in paragraph (6) who permits a person to travel contrary to paragraph (6) commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars in respect of each passenger in violation.
 - (8) There shall be no ferry operation between East End, Grand Bahama and Crown Haven, Abaco.”.

7. Insertion of a new order 21A into the principal Order.

The principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after order 21 of the following new order —

“21A. Travel by sea.

- (1) Every port of entry in every Family Island shall be closed with the exception of any port of entry which is a public dock.
- (2) Any person entering The Bahamas by sea must —
 - (a) comply with the requirements of order 25 or 26 as applicable and submit prior to arrival in The Bahamas, valid negative results from a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test;
 - (b) stop at the port of entry at the intended destination pursuant to paragraph (1) and deliver to the local authority, a copy of the negative RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test and a valid health visa;
 - (c) not travel to any other island before or during the commencement of his quarantine in accordance with paragraph (d);
 - (d) at his own expense, quarantine on his vessel or other appropriate location for a period of fourteen days and undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test at the end of the fourteen day period.
- (3) For the purposes of this order —
 - (a) the results of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test shall be valid for a period of ten days from the date on which the test was taken; and
 - (b) a negative test result means a result of a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test result indicating that a person is COVID 19 free.”.

8. Revocation and replacement of order 23 of the principal Order.

Order 23 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“23. Public transportation.

- (1) Subject to guidelines issued by the Ministry of Tourism and approved by the Ministry of Health taxi services may operate;
- (2) No person shall offer or seek to hire any private or public bus services.”.

9. Amendment of order 25 of the principal Order.

Order 25 of the principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (3) of the following new paragraph (3A) as follows —

- “(3A) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), a citizen or legal resident shall be permitted entry into The Bahamas without the requirement of a negative RTPCR COVID 19 test result provided that such person —

- (a) demonstrates that he is unable to undergo the required testing in accordance with paragraph (2) in the jurisdiction of his initial departure; and
- (b) agrees, at his own expense —
 - (i) to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test immediately upon arrival in The Bahamas;
 - (ii) to submit to mandatory quarantine or self isolation for a period of fourteen days upon arrival in The Bahamas; and
 - (iii) to undergo a RTPCR COVID 19 molecular diagnostic test at the end of the period specified in subparagraph (ii)
- (c) agrees to be monitored in accordance with order 27.”.

10. Amendment of order 26 of the principal Order.

Paragraph (7) of order 26 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion of the word “from” and the substitution therefor of a full stop.

11. Amendment of order 30 of the principal Order.

Order 30 of the principal Order is amended by the deletion and substitution of paragraph (a) as follows —

- “(a) any place of quarantine or isolation station which includes a government identified quarantine facility;”.

12. Amendment of order 37 of the principal Order.

Order 37 of the principal Order is amended in paragraph (1) by the deletion of the words “order 4” and the substitution therefor of the words “this Order”.

Made this 31ST day of JULY, 2020



PRIME MINISTER