

BELIZE:

**QUARANTINE (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID-19) REGULATIONS, 2020.**

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BELIZE:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 136 of 2020

REGULATIONS made by the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 4 of the Quarantine Act, Chapter 41 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto it enabling.

(Gazetted 3rd October, 2020)

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Minister there is the imminent threat of further community spread of COVID-19 as a result of the numerous cases present in the countries neighbouring Belize;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 from persons arriving at any port by land or water;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister by section 4 of the Quarantine Act, the following Regulations is made.

PART I

Preliminary

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

QUARANTINE (PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE) (COVID 19) REGULATIONS, 2020.

Interpretation.**2.** For the purposes of these Regulations–

“Act” means the Quarantine Act;

“airport” means the Phillip Goldson International Airport;

“App” means a computing application developed in conjunction with the Ministry responsible for health and the Ministry responsible for tourism as part of the health and safety protocols in response to COVID-19 to enable the registration of persons in Belize and to provide information to these persons on the conditions under which they are permitted entry into Belize;

“approved hotel or tourist accommodation” means a hotel or tourist accommodation that certified as Gold Standard;

“BPO” means Business Process Outsourcing;

“COVID-19” means the disease caused by the virus SARS-CoV2 which is an infectious disease which emerged during 2019 and was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 11 March, 2020;

CAP. 275.

“Belize Tourism Board” means the Belize Tourism Board established under section 3 of the Belize Tourism Board Act;

“designated officer” means any public officer employed with the Ministry of Health or the Department of Immigration or Nationality Services or any person designated by the Authority to carry out any function under these Regulations;

“foreign home owner” means a foreigner who owns real property home in Belize

“foreign tourist” means a foreigner travelling to Belize for vacation only;

“hotel or tourist accommodation” means any premises being operated as a hotel or tourist accommodation in any part of Belize and licensed for that purpose under the Hotels and Tourist Accommodation Act; **CAP. 285.**

“permanent resident” means a person granted permanent residency in accordance with section 21A of the Belizean Nationality Act; **CAP. 161.**

“proprietor” means the owner or proprietor of any hotel or tourist accommodation, and the term includes any person who is responsible for the management of, or who is in control of, the hotel or tourist accommodation;

“PCR test” means a test that detects the presence of the SARS-CoV2 in an infected person’s body;

“public transportation” means any form of transportation available to the public, which runs on fixed or established routes and charges a fare;

“Qualified Retired Person” means any person designated as a Qualified Retired Person under section 3 of the Retired Persons (Incentives) Act; **CAP. 62.**

“rapid test” means a test for the rapid, qualitative detection of the nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV2 in human nasal swab or throat swab specimen; and

“social distancing” includes the practice of staying home, avoiding crowds, refraining from touching one another and maintaining a distance of no less than six feet from other persons.

3. These Regulations shall apply to the entire country of Belize. **Application.**

PART II

*Protocols***Wearing of
face masks.**

4.–(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 every person shall, at all times and in every place, whether public or private, wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering,

provided that children under the age of six years old shall not be required to wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1) a person shall not be required to wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering if that person is—

- (a) at a private residence;
- (b) exercising;
- (c) swimming;
- (d) driving alone or driving with immediate family members.

(3) No owner or manager of a business, office or establishment shall allow any person to enter or remain in that business, office or establishment without wearing and keeping on, a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(4) It shall be a defence to any proceedings under these Regulations for an owner or manager of a business, office or establishment to show that he took all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with sub-regulation (3).

(5)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-regulation (1), the owner or manager of a business, office or establishment may prescribe the types of face masks or other face (nose and mouth) coverings which are permissible for entry to that business, office or establishment.

5.–(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every person shall practice social distancing.

Social distancing, etc.

(2)Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1) the following persons shall not be required to practice social distancing–

- (a) persons of the same party swimming;
- (b) employees at a business or office allowed to operate under these Regulations, including a government office, where the square footage of the building in proportion to the number of employees, does not allow for the observance of social distancing protocols,

provided that all such employees shall at all times wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

6.–(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every business, office or establishment allowed to operate under these Regulations, including government offices, shall abide by social distancing protocols if the square footage of that business or office allows for persons to maintain a distance of six feet from other persons.

Social distancing protocols and other requirements for businesses and offices.

(2)If the square footage of a business or office, including a government office, allows for persons to maintain a distance of six feet from other persons, that business or office, including a government office shall–

- (a) ensure that all customers and staff maintain social distancing of no less than six feet in or outside their business;
- (b) determine the number of persons that may be permitted in that business or office, including a government office, at any one time, provided that the determined number is proportionate to the square footage of the business or office and the social distancing protocols to be observed;
- (c) place distance markers six feet apart, indicating where each customer must stand in a line at a check out point;
- (d) place distance markers six feet apart on the outside of the establishment, indicating where customers must stand while waiting to enter the business or office.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), every BPO company or business allowed to operate under these Regulations shall—

- (a) maintain, at any given time, a number of employees that is proportionate to the square footage of the establishment; and
- (b) observe social distancing protocols.

(4) Every BPO allowed to operate under these Regulations shall install or appoint a special internal auditor for COVID-19 who shall submit a written weekly report to the Ministry of Health detailing—

- (a) the number of employees of the BPO and the number of employees who presented themselves to work during the reported week;

- (b) the number of floors being utilized for the operation of the BPO;
- (c) the number of supervisors per floor during the reported week;
- (d) the number of employees who call in sick and who are working on a rotational basis;
- (e) the protocols being implemented and observed by the BPO;
- (f) any other information required by the Ministry responsible for health.

(5) The Ministry responsible for health may carry out spot checks and inspections of any business, office or establishment allowed to operate under these regulations to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

(6) A business, office or establishment allowed to operate under these regulations found to be in contravention of any provision of these Regulations is liable to immediate closure of the BPO by Notice served on the BPO under the hand of the Director of Health Services.

7. The following recreational non-contact sports shall be allowed—

Non-contact sports.

- (a) tennis;
- (b) golf;
- (c) table tennis; and
- (d) any other similar non-contact sports.

(2) Notwithstanding regulation 4, persons participating in any of the sporting activities under sub-

regulation (1) shall, while engaged in the sporting activity, be exempt from the following—

- (a) practicing social distancing; or
- (b) wearing a face mask or other face (mouth) covering.

Exercising.

8. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, exercise by walking, running, or cycling shall be allowed subject to the following conditions—

- (a) a person shall practice social distancing protocols and maintain a minimum of six feet distance between persons while exercising; and
- (b) a cyclist shall ride in single file only.

Closure of bars, rum shops, casinos, etc.

9. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, the following shall be closed—

- (a) bars, rum shops, discotheques, and night clubs;
- (b) casinos and gaming establishments; and
- (c) gymnasiums.

Restriction on social activities.

10. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no person shall host nor attend—

- (a) a private party which includes any person from outside of the immediate household of the house occupant;
- (b) a recreational or competitive sporting event;

- (c) a wedding which hosts ten or more persons other than the bride, bridegroom, official witnesses and the marriage officer;
- (d) a banquet, ball or reception;
- (e) any social event;
- (f) a funeral, except ten members of the immediate family and at least one officiant and essential mortuary staff;
- (g) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization;
or
- (h) a church service or other service of worship which hosts ten or more persons other than the person officiating the service and two auxiliary personnel.

11.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, spas, beauty salons and barber shops shall be allowed to operate, subject to the following conditions—

Restriction on spas, beauty salons and barber shops.

- (a) services offered shall be by appointment only;
and
- (b) only two customers shall be allowed to be in a spa, beauty salon or barber shop at any one time, the customer being attended to and the customer who is waiting.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1)—

- (a) if the square footage of a spa, beauty salon or barber shop is such that social distancing

protocols cannot be observed between both customers, there shall only be one customer at a time; or

- (b) if the square footage of a spa, beauty salon or barber shop is such that social distancing protocols can be observed, that spa, beauty salon or barber shop may determine the number of customers permitted in the spa, beauty salon or barber shop, provided that the determined number is proportionate to the square footage of the spa, beauty salon or barber shop and the social distancing protocols to be observed.

Restriction on restaurants, saloons, diners, etc. and street food vendors.

12. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19—

- (a) restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments holding a restaurant licence may operate for dining in services,

provided that no more than ten customers shall be allowed to dine at any one given time,

and provided further that dining shall be by reservation only;

- (b) street food vendors shall offer only the service of take-out or delivery from a private property.

Closure of schools.

13. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, schools shall remain closed but may operate online.

Operating remotely.

14.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious

disease COVID-19, employers shall implement measures to allow their employees to operate remotely where that business is one which the duties of the employee are capable of being performed from the employee's place of residence.

(2) Employees who are permitted to work remotely under sub-regulation (1) shall—

- (a) be available for work during that employee's normal working hours;
- (b) stay at home and observe social distancing protocols and curfew impositions; and
- (c) report to the employer as required or instructed.

(3) Where an employee's assigned tasks at his place of employment can only be discharged at his place of employment, that employee shall report to work unless instructed by the employer not to report to the place of work in order to try to contain the spread of COVID-19.

15.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19—

Transportation.

- (a) every person travelling on public transportation shall wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering for the duration of the travel;
- (b) no person who is not wearing a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering, shall be allowed by the operator or conductor of public transportation to board any means of public transportation; and
- (c) the operator and any conductor of, public transportation shall at all times during the travel,

wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(2)The provision of public transportation by any means is limited to seating capacity.

(3)While social distancing of six feet shall not be observed on any public transportation, every operator of public transportation shall have a hand sanitizer for use by every passenger.

(4)Every person travelling on a bus is required to purchase a ticket which will entitle the holder to queue up, observing social distancing of six feet between persons, for an orderly boarding of the bus.

(5)Every operator of public transportation arriving at a terminal in Belize shall instruct the passengers to disembark and that operator shall oversee the sanitization of the said means of public transportation by personnel on site at the terminal.

(6) Prior to boarding any means of public transportation at a terminal, every passenger shall wash and sanitize his hands at the conveniences provided at the terminal, and where passengers are picked up elsewhere than at a terminal where proper sanitization of hands could not occur, every passenger boarding that public transportation shall sanitize his hands using hand sanitizer that is provided by the operator of the public transportation as required under sub-regulation (3).

(7)It shall be a defence to any proceedings under these Regulations for an operator or conductor of public transportation to show that he took all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with his obligation under these regulations.

(8) Without prejudice to the foregoing, all passengers and public transportation providers shall abide by guidelines issued by the Ministry with responsibility for health, prior to boarding or disembarking from any means of public transportation utilized.

PART III

Entry through the airport

16.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, persons with business concerns in Belize shall apply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or to the nearest consulate for approval to travel to Belize by air.

**Application to
travel to
Belize by air.**

(2) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, foreign home owners and long stay non-nationals shall apply to the Belize Tourism Board for approval to travel to Belize by air.

(3) An application under sub-regulation (1) or (2) shall be in the form provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Belize Tourism Board, as the case may be, and shall provide the following information—

(a) for persons with business concerns in Belize—

- (i) proof of ownership of, or investment in a business or company; and
- (ii) an itinerary containing all scheduled activities while in Belize;

(b) for foreign home owners—

- (i) title to property or other form of proof of ownership; and

(ii) recent utility bill in the name of the applicant; and

(c) for long stay non-nationals—

(i) lease agreement; and

(ii) recent utility bill in the name of the applicant.

(4) A person required to apply to travel to Belize shall not be allowed entry into Belize unless that person has been granted approval to travel to Belize by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Belize Tourism Board, as the case may be.

(5) Notwithstanding approval to travel to Belize, every person arriving in Belize is subject to the immigration laws of Belize.

(6) Persons with business concerns in Belize granted permission to enter Belize shall—

(a) strictly adhere to the approved itinerary;

(b) not make any changes to the itinerary without the prior written approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

(c) use only one motor vehicle for transportation and one driver during the entire time that he is in Belize.

**Requirements
for foreign
tourist prior
to arrival.**

17.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, every foreign tourist shall, prior to arrival at the airport—

(a) reserve or book his stay at an approved hotel or tourist accommodation; and

- (b) make arrangements with the hotel or tourist accommodation at which he is staying to be transported to that hotel or tourist accommodation by any means of transportation provided directly by that hotel or tourist accommodation.

(2) A foreign tourist shall produce to a designated officer, upon being requested to do so, documentation to show to the satisfaction of the designated officer that the visitor has made a reservation or booking at an approved hotel or tourist accommodation.

(3) A foreign tourist who is unable to produce documentation to the satisfaction of a designated officer, showing his booking or reservation at an approved hotel or tourist accommodation, upon being requested to do so, may be denied entry into Belize and thereupon required to return to his port of origin at his own expense at the earliest possible occasion.

(4) No foreign tourist, while he is in Belize, shall use any means of transportation other than transportation provided directly by the hotel or tourist accommodation at which he is staying.

18.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, every person shall, prior to arrival or upon arrival at the airport—

Requirement to download app.

- (a) download the app on an electronic device; and
- (b) input the information required by the app.

(2) Every person shall—

- (a) ensure that all information input into the app is true and accurate; and

(b) comply with all terms and conditions for use of the app.

(3) Every foreign tourist shall—

(a) ensure that the app remains downloaded on his mobile device for the duration of his visit in Belize; and

(b) keep his mobile device with him at all times.

Testing requirements.

19.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, every person who enters Belize through the airport shall submit to testing by the Ministry responsible for health if that person does not provide a PCR test or other test for SARS-CoV2 approved by the Ministry responsible for health, taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Belize.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), every person with business concerns in Belize shall, upon arrival in Belize, provide a PCR test or other test for SARS-CoV2 approved by the Ministry responsible for health taken within 72 hours prior to arrival.

(3) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, notwithstanding that a person may provide a PCR test or other test for SARS-CoV2 approved by the Ministry responsible for health taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Belize, that person may be subjected to random testing by the Ministry responsible for health.

(4) Any person who is not a Belizean who fails to comply with sub-regulations (1), (2) or (3) shall be denied entry into Belize.

(5) A person denied entry under sub-regulation (4) shall—

- (a) be required to return to his port of origin at his own expense at the earliest occasion; and
- (b) if unable to be immediately returned to his port of origin, at the person's own expense, be put into mandatory quarantine at a government designated quarantine facility at the direction of, and for a period of time as directed by, the Quarantine Authority and in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry responsible for health.

20.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every Belizean, permanent resident, holder of a valid work permit, Qualified Retired Person, foreign home owner or long stay non-national who enters Belize through the airport shall be subjected to self-quarantine by remaining in his place of abode or other place and physically isolating himself from all other persons for a period of ten days from the day after his arrival at the airport.

Quarantine.

(2) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, any person who tests positive for COVID-19 after being administered a PCR test, rapid test or other test for SARS-CoV2, shall, at the person's own expense, be put into mandatory quarantine at a government designated quarantine facility at the direction of, and for a period of time as directed by, the Quarantine Authority and in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry responsible for health.

21. Any person, who enters Belize through the airport, shall comply with all health and safety protocols issued by the government of Belize, the Ministry of Health and the Belize Tourism Board to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to the following—

Compliance with health and safety protocols.

- (a) to wear a facemask, when required to do so; and
- (b) to observe social distancing protocols.

Fees for testing.

22. Every person entering Belize shall pay the cost, as determined by the Ministry responsible for health, for a PCR test or other test for SARS-CoV2 approved by the Ministry responsible for health.

Offence and penalty.

23.—(1) Any person, who breaches any of the regulations under this Part commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both such fine and term of imprisonment.

(2) Any person, who assaults, obstructs, intimidates, threatens, or resists any designated officer or other person acting under the authority of these Regulations, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both such fine and term of imprisonment.

(3) Any person, other than a Belizean citizen or Belizean permanent resident, who breaches any of these Regulations, may be expelled from Belize at his own expense at the earliest possible time.

Recovery by civil proceedings.

24. Notwithstanding regulation 23, the Quarantine Authority may, by civil proceedings, recover against any person the cost for a PCR test or other test for SARS-CoV2 approved by the Ministry responsible for health.

PART IV

Entry through land and sea ports

Closure of land and sea ports.

25.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, every

land and sea port of entry into and exit out of Belize shall be closed.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), land and sea ports of entry into and exit out of Belize shall not be closed to—

- (a) cargo shipments;
- (b) emergency medical travel approved by the Director of Health Services in consultation with the Minister;
- (c) persons allowed to return under regulation 26 and granted approval in accordance with regulation 27.

26.—(1) A person returning to Belize at any land or sea port shall be allowed entry at that port if that person—

- (a) is a Belizean or Permanent Resident returning from abroad with proof of having received urgent medical care;
- (b) is a Belizean or Permanent Resident required to be in Belize to assist health officials in Belize in urgent medical situations;
- (c) is a returning Belizean student or Permanent Resident student enrolled at, or a graduand of, an educational institution abroad;
- (d) is a returning Belizean national or Permanent Resident;
- (e) is a resident Belizean diplomat;
- (f) is a foreign diplomat resident in, and accredited to, Belize;

Entry of persons returning to Belize at any land or sea port.

- (g) is the holder of a valid work permit;
- (h) is a consultant or specialist technician required to be in Belize to assist in an emergency or on a needs basis;
- (i) is a business person with investments in Belize.

(2) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of COVID-19, a person allowed entry pursuant to sub-regulation (1) shall be put into immediate mandatory quarantine or self-quarantine at the discretion of the Quarantine Authority.

Permission to enter Belize.

27. A person qualified under regulation 26 who desires to travel to Belize by land or sea shall apply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or to the nearest consulate or embassy for permission to enter prior to arriving at any every land and sea port of entry in Belize.

Offence and penalty for entering or exiting Belize contrary to regulation 25.

28.—(1) Every person entering or exiting Belize contrary to regulation 25 commits an offence is liable to—

- (a) mandatory quarantine; and
- (b) three months imprisonment.

(2) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under this regulation is liable, in addition to the imposition of mandatory quarantine, to imprisonment for a period of one year.

(3) A person who is liable to mandatory quarantine under this regulation shall, if convicted, be quarantined—

- (a) for a period of time as directed by the Quarantine Authority; and

- (b) at a place to be determined by the Quarantine Authority.

(4) Where a person arrested and charged but not convicted under this regulation is liable to mandatory quarantine, that person shall be subject to mandatory quarantine under regulation 30.

29.—(1) The following procedures shall be followed on the arrest and charge of a person who enters or exists Belize in contravention of regulation 26—

Procedure on arrest and charge of persons entering or exiting Belize illegally.

- (a) upon arrest and charge, the person shall immediately be submitted to the Ministry responsible for health for testing, as may be required;
- (b) after testing, the person arrested and charged shall be taken to court to be arraigned; and
- (c) after arraignment, the person shall be quarantined for the period directed by the Quarantine Authority, whether or not that person has been granted bail.

(2) If a person who has been arrested cannot immediately be charged, or if charged, cannot immediately be taken to court after being tested by the Ministry of Health, that person shall—

- (a) be isolated in a cell at the police station in the judicial district where the offence was committed; and
- (b) be brought before the court at its earliest sitting.

(3) After the completion of the period of quarantine directed by the Quarantine Authority, a person arraigned shall be—

- (a) released pending trial if that person was granted bail; or
- (b) remanded pending trial if that person was not granted bail.

(4) Notwithstanding the pronouncement by the magistrate of the guilt or innocence of a person arrested and charged, that person shall serve the period of mandatory quarantine prior to being committed to prison or released, as the case may be.

(5) Where a person charged under regulation 28 is found guilty of the offence, that person shall serve the term of imprisonment as directed by the magistrate after completing the period of mandatory quarantine directed by the Quarantine Authority.

PART V

Miscellaneous

Mandatory quarantine.

30.—(1) A person who develops flu-like symptoms and who reasonably suspects he is infected with SARS-CoV2 or that he may have had contact with someone who has travelled to or from a country affected by COVID-19—

- (a) shall immediately inform the Ministry with responsibility for health; and
- (b) at the person's own expense, shall be put into immediate mandatory quarantine at the direction of, and for a period of time as directed by, the Quarantine Authority and in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry responsible for health.

(2) A directive by the Quarantine Authority to quarantine a person under this regulation shall be given in

writing and addressed to the person being put in quarantine and shall include any guidelines or additional measures of the Ministry with responsibility for health.

(3) The Quarantine Authority shall direct that a log be kept of every person put into quarantine under this regulation and that details be recorded of the person's progress during the period of time under quarantine.

(4) Upon completion of the time period of quarantine under this regulation, if the person exhibits no flu-like symptoms, the person may be released from quarantine at the direction of the Quarantine Authority.

(5) Where a person kept under quarantine develops flu-like symptoms, the Quarantine Authority shall direct that the person be put into immediate isolation at a designated hospital or other isolation centre.

(6) The Quarantine Authority may issue any directives or institute any administrative measures necessary in carrying out the mandate of this regulation.

31.—(1) A person commits an offence if that person—

- (a) contravenes regulation 30; or
- (b) escapes or leaves mandatory quarantine before the period of time directed by the Quarantine Authority.

(2) A person who commits an offence under this regulation is liable on summary conviction to—

- (a) mandatory quarantine; and
- (b) three months imprisonment.

Offences in relation to mandatory quarantine.

(3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under this regulation is liable, in addition to the imposition of mandatory quarantine, to imprisonment for a period of one year.

General
offence and
penalty.

32.—(1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations or incites or attempts to incite any other person to contravene any of these Regulations commits an offence.

(2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations for which no penalty is specifically provided is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or to imprisonment for two (2) years.

(3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under these Regulations for which no penalty is specifically provided is liable to imprisonment for a period of two years.

Repeal and
savings.
S.I. No. 126 of
2020.
S.I. 134 of
2020.

33. The Quarantine (Prevention Of The Spread Of Infectious Disease) (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 is repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal, nothing in these Regulations shall affect anything done, any proceedings taken or a right which has accrued or a liability which has been incurred under the repealed regulations before the coming into force of these Regulations and anything done, any proceedings taken or a right which has accrued or a liability which has been incurred under the repealed regulations shall be deemed to have been done, taken, accrued or incurred, as the case may be, under these Regulations.

34. These regulations shall come into force on the 2nd day of October, 2020. Commencement.

MADE by the Minister responsible for quarantine this 2nd day of October, 2020.



HON. PABLO MARIN
Minister of Health
(Minister responsible for quarantine)