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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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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 published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as set out in the Schedule.

DR. K. SHANGULA
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 15 January 2022

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations published under Government Notice No. 91 of 30 April 2021 as amended by Government Notices No. 108 of 31 May 2021, No. 128 of 16 June 2021, No. 138 of 30 June 2021, No. 144 of 9 July 2021, No. 151 of 15 July 2021, No. 160 of 31 July 2021, No. 175 of 14 August 2021, No. 189 of 6 September 2021, No. 205 of 15 September 2021, No. 232 of 15 October 2021, No. 246 of 4 November 2021, No. 249 of 15 November 2021 and No. 281 of 15 December 2021.

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 16 January 2022 and cease to have effect at 24:00 on 15 February 2022.”.

Amendment of regulation 12 of Regulations

3. Regulation 12 of the Regulations is amended -

(a) by the substitution for subregulation (3) of the following subregulation:

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

- (a) may enter Namibia with or without a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result; and
- (b) will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine requirements, provided that such persons have a valid -
 - (i) negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result which -
 - (aa) is not older than 72 hours calculated from the date that the sample for testing was taken; and
 - (bb) was issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results;
 - (ii) de-isolation certificate, not older than three months from the date of discharge from isolation, issued by the health authority in the country of departure; or
 - (iii) vaccination certificate -
 - (aa) showing that the persons concerned are fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
 - (bb) issued by a person or authority certified or authorised to administer COVID-19 vaccines and to issue vaccination certificates in any country;”;

(b) by the substitution for subregulation (4) of the following subregulation:

“(4) Despite subregulation (2) -

- (a) persons referred to in regulation 11(7);
- (b) crew members of the motor vehicles, locomotives, aircraft or shipping vessels referred to in regulation 11(7)(a);
- (c) providers of essential services or goods; or

(d) persons entering Namibia to provide humanitarian assistance,

may enter Namibia with or without a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result and will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine requirements, provided that such persons have a valid -

(i) negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result which -

(aa) is not older than 72 hours calculated from the date that the sample for testing was taken; and

(bb) was issued by a laboratory that is certified in the country of issue to issue SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results;

(ii) de-isolation certificate, not older than three months from the date of discharge from isolation, issued by the health authority in the country of departure; or

(iii) vaccination certificate -

(aa) showing that the persons concerned are fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and

(bb) issued by a person or authority certified or authorised to administer COVID-19 vaccines and to issue vaccination certificates in any country.”;

(c) by the substitution for subregulation (12) of the following subregulation:

“(12) Namibian citizens, holders of Namibian permanent residence permits and holders of Namibian employment permits who return to Namibia without a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result, valid vaccination certificate or de-isolation certificate referred to in subregulation (3)(b) are subject to mandatory quarantine -

(a) at a place of their choice provided such place is suitable as referred to the WHO guidelines for quarantine; or

(b) at designated quarantine facilities.”;

(d) by the addition after subregulation (15) of the following subregulation:

“(16) Namibian citizens, holders of Namibian permanent residence permits and holders of Namibian employment permits who on return to Namibia present a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result or on being tested are found to be SARS-CoV-2 PCR positive are subject to isolation at own cost -

(a) at a place of their choice provided such place has been approved for supervised isolation by an authorised person; or

(b) at an isolation facility.”.
