GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 5 of 2024

The Public Health Act (Laws, Volume 17, Cap. 295)

The Public Health (Infected Areas) (Cholera) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section 28 and 30 of the Public Health Act, the following Regulations are made:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Infected Areas) (Cholera) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024 and shall be read as one with the Public Health (Infected Areas) (Cholera) Regulations, 2017, in these Regulations referred to as the principal Regulations.

Title

S.I. No. 79 of 2017

- 2. The principal Regulations are amended by the insertion of the following new regulation immediately after regulation 4:
- Insertion of regulation
- 4A. (1) A person shall not be permitted to enter a hospital or be a bedsider at a cholera treatment centre unless that person is permitted by an authorised officer.
- Prohibition or restriction of entry into hospital
- (2) For purposes of this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - "bedsider" means an informal caregiver including a family member, relative or friend for an in-patient during the hospital duration; and
 - "cholera treatment centre" means a hospital, observation centre or part of a hospital, observation centre or station that is being used to treat a patient with cholera.

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Amendment of regulation 5

3. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended by the insertion of the words "or a suspected case of cholera", immediately after the word cholera.

Insertion of regulation 10A

4. The principal Regulations are amended by the insertion of the following new regulation immediately after regulation 10:

Soap and water at premise or building open to public 10A. A person who operates or is in charge of a premises or building open to the public shall provide soap, clean and safe running water for use by visitors at that premises or building.

Insertion of regulation 12A

5. The principal Regulations are amended by the insertion of the following new regulation immediately after regulation 12:

Cholera announcement at place of worship or public gathering

- 12A. (1) A place of worship or public gathering shall announce and disseminate cholera messages to the congregants or attendees during the worship or public gathering.
- (2) A person who operates or is in charge of a place of worship or public gathering shall keep a record of the announcement or dissemination referred to under subregulation (1).

S. T. Masebo, Minister of Health

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