GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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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.

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MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Windhoek, 15 January 2022

SCHEDULE

Definitions

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.”.