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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 2015

(Act 13 of 2015)

PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS

Infectious Disease (Prohibition of Public Assemblies) (No. 2) Order, 2020

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread across the majority of the countries in the world;

AND, WHEREAS, the Public Health Commissioner published a Notice in the Gazette on 20th March, 2020 declaring a Public Health Emergency in Seychelles and directed all persons to comply with the directions and orders issued by the public health authorities and cooperate with the Public Health Authority in preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19 in Seychelles;

AND, WHEREAS, by a Prohibition Order dated 21st March, 2020 which was published through Seychelles Nation and Department of Health, Seychelles, website on 26th March 2020, and in the Gazette of 23rd March, 2020, the Public Health Commissioner ordered the prohibition of all public assemblies and all indoor public assemblies in the whole of Seychelles;

AND, WHEREAS, the Public Health Commissioner considers it necessary to impose more restrictions on the movement and assembling of people in Seychelles to effectively curb the spread of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 8 of the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (S.I. 8 of 1960), the Public Health Commissioner hereby makes the following further orders —

1. (a) all retail shops in Seychelles shall be closed between 6.30 o'clock in the evening and 6.30 o'clock in the morning;
- (b) all retail food outlets shall be closed between 8.00 o'clock in the evening and 6.30 o'clock in the morning; and
- (c) the owner, manager, or any person in control, of the trade premises shall comply with the existing directions issued by the Public Health Commissioner in respect of social or physical distancing and hygiene to be observed by the workers and consumers at such trade premises so as to remove the risk of infection or spread of an infectious disease.
2. In furtherance of the promulgation of the Public Health (Infectious Disease) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2020 (S.I. 58 of 2020), where a prohibition order is in force —
 - (a) no assembly of more than four persons shall be held for any purpose in any building without the permission of the Public Health Commissioner, which permission may be subject to such conditions as are specified in the permit;
 - (b) any group of four or more persons who have assembled spontaneously shall disperse and any member of such group who fails to depart when instructed by a police officer to do so, may be arrested without warrant and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding SCR20,000 or to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years;
 - (c) no games shall be held and no assembly of more than four persons for any activity or purpose shall be held on any beach without the permission of the Public Health Commissioner.
3. In regards to indoor public assemblies, the prohibition order shall not have the effect of prohibiting assembly exclusively for the purposes of work at the workplace or shopping or consumption at any trade premises or making use of any service including medical assistance, provided that the employer, worker, owner, manager, consumer or any person in control of the premises shall comply with any direction of the Public Health Commissioner in respect of social or physical distancing and hygiene.
4. In regards to outdoor public assemblies, the prohibition shall not have the effect of prohibiting assembly at bus stops, bus station, ports or airports exclusively for the purposes of travel or at medical facility for the purpose of seeking medical assistance subject to complying with any directions of the Public Health Commissioner in respect of social or physical distancing and hygiene.
5. Appropriate action shall be taken, against any person who fails to comply with this order, under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations.
6. All the persons in Seychelles are hereby directed to refrain from engaging in or taking part in public assemblies or indoor public assemblies from the date of publication of this notice until further orders.

Made this 30th day of March, 2020

DR. JUDE GEDEON
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER
