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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(Cap. 63:01)

Directions for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19

The Director of Health Services hereby gives the following direction under section 25 of the Public Health Act –

1. MOST EFFECTIVE PREVENTION

The most effective prevention of transmission of COVID-19 is frequent hand wash with clean water and soap for at least 40 seconds.

2. TRAVEL

- (a) All persons coming to Botswana from high risk countries (as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO)) shall not be allowed entry into the country until further notice;
- (b) Issuance of Visa at Ports of entry and at all Embassies for any person from high risk areas is suspended with immediate effect until further notice;
- (c) Current visas of persons from high risk countries are cancelled with immediate effect until further notice;
- (d) International travel by all Government employees, parastatals and State owned entities is suspended with immediate effect until further notice;
- (e) All Government, parastatals and State owned entities' international meetings and conferences are cancelled until further notice; and
- (f) All public gatherings of more than 10 people is prohibited. For the purpose of this paragraph, public gathering includes but is not limited to –
 - (i) religious activities,
 - (ii) sports events,
 - (iii) conferences,
 - (iv) wedding celebrations,
 - (v) music concerts,
 - (vi) parties,
 - (vii) gymnasiums, or
 - (viii) any other activity or place where the public gathers (with the exception provided under the heading "Social distancing").

3. SOCIAL DISTANCING

- (a) The public shall maintain a maximum of 50 individuals and a distance of 1-2 metres between individual persons in –
 - (i) Banks,
 - (ii) Restaurants, including take-away restaurants,
 - (iii) Supermarkets/shops,

- (iv) Pharmacies,
 - (v) Post offices,
 - (vi) Government service departments,
 - (vii) Funerals,
 - (viii) Memorial services;
- (b) Funerals and memorial services shall not last more than 2 hours and food shall not be provided thereat (with the exception of the family members);
- (c) Visits to prisons are not allowed (with exceptions to consulting Attorneys).

4. *GENERAL ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC –*

- (a) To frequently wash hands with soap and clean water;
- (b) To postpone all non-essential travel;
- (c) To ensure easy access to clean water and soap for hand washing at any public gathering where a maximum of 50 persons are allowed;
- (d) To ensure strict hand washing and surface cleaning for all equipment used during burial;
- (e) To clean high touch areas with disinfectants. (Examples of high touch areas are doors, elevators, counters, etc.);
- (f) To cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when sneezing or coughing;
- (g) To avoid direct contact with anyone with cold or flu symptoms;
- (h) To avoid handshakes, hugs and kisses when greeting each other; and
- (i) To ensure continued safety of other users of health facilities, individuals who have cold or flu symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat) and have had contact with returning travelers shall –
 - (i) Call the numbers 997, 3632756 /3632757 /363 2773;
 - (ii) Not use public transport; and
 - (iii) If using private vehicle or on foot, should alert health facility officers on arrival before entering facility.
- (j) Information from any other source other than the Director of Health Service and the World Health Organisation should not be relied on the public as credible and correct information.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2020.

DR. M. TSHIPAYAGAE,
Director Health Services.

Statutory Instrument No. 30 of 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(Cap. 63:01)

**PUBLIC HEALTH (DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY)
ORDER, 2020**
(Published on 20th March, 2020)

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

PARAGRAPH

1. Citation
2. Declaration of public health emergency

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Director of Health Services by section 23 of the Public Health Act, the following Order is hereby made —

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Health (Declaration of a Public Health Emergency) Order, 2020. Citation

2. It is hereby declared that a public health emergency exists, in order to minimise the risk and possible spread of the COVID-19. Declaration of public health emergency

MADE this 20th day of March, 2020.

M. TSHIPAYAGAE,
Director of Health Services.

Statutory Instrument No. 31 of 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(Cap. 63:01)

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PROHIBITION OF ENTRY INTO BOTSWANA)
ORDER, 2020**

(Published on 20th March, 2020)

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

PARAGRAPH

1. Citation
2. Prohibition of entry into Botswana

IN RECOGNITION of the risk posed by the COVID-19 VIRUS and in exercise of the powers conferred on the Minister of Health and Wellness by section 80(1) of the Public Health Act, the following Order is hereby made —

1. This Order may be cited as the Prohibition of Entry into Botswana Order, 2020.

Citation

2. Any person from the countries listed below or any other country that maybe added by the World Health Organisation are restricted or prohibited to enter Botswana, at its borders or any specified part of Botswana until further notice except for citizens of Botswana and non-citizens resident in Botswana:

Prohibition of
entry into
Botswana

Provided that the provisions of section 80 (1) (c) and (d) shall with the necessary modification apply to citizens and non-citizens resident in Botswana returning from the said countries —

- (a) Austria;
- (b) Belgium;
- (c) China;
- (d) Denmark;
- (e) United Kingdom;
- (f) South Korea;
- (g) France
- (h) Japan;
- (i) Iran
- (j) United States of America
- (k) Germany;
- (l) Italy;
- (m) Netherlands;
- (n) Norway;
- (o) Spain;
- (p) Sweden;
- (q) Switzerland; and
- (r) India.

MADE this 20th day of March, 2020.

Dr. LEMOGANG KWAPE,
Minister of Health and Wellness.

Statutory Instrument No. 32 of 2020

LIQUOR ACT
(Cap. 43:11)

LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2020
(Published on 20th March, 2020)

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation
2. Amendment of Second Schedule of Cap. 43:11 (Sub. Leg.)

IN RECOGNITION of the risk posed by the COVID-19 VIRUS and in exercise of the powers conferred on the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry by section 42(1) as read with section 42(2) (c) of the Liquor Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

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| Citation | 1. These Regulations may be cited as Liquor (Amendment) Regulations, 2020. |
| Amendment of
Second Schedule
of Cap. 43:11
(Sub. Leg.) | 2. The Liquor Regulations are amended in the Second Schedule by substituting for the Schedule, the following new Schedule — |

SECOND SCHEDULE
(reg. 8)

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

<i>Licence</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Hours</i>
1. Bar liquor	Monday to Thursday	Closed
	Friday to Saturday	Closed
	Sunday and Public Holiday	Closed
2. Bottle store liquor	Monday to Saturday	1000 hrs to 2000 hrs
3. Liquor depot	Monday to Thursday	1000 hrs to 2000hrs
	Friday to Saturday	1000 hrs to 2000hrs
	Sunday and Public Holiday	1000 hrs to 2000hrs
4. Discotheque/nightclub	Monday to Thursday	Closed
	Friday to Saturday	Closed
	Sunday and Public Holiday	Closed
5. Club liquor	Monday to Thursday	Closed
	Friday to Saturday	Closed
	Sunday and Public Holiday	Closed
6. Temporary liquor	Monday to Saturday	Closed
	Trade fair	Closed
	Festivals	Closed
	Picnics	Closed
	Other public activities	Closed
7. Wholesale liquor	Monday to Saturday	0800 hrs to 1700 hrs
8. Distributor liquor	Monday to Saturday	0800 hrs to 1700 hrs”.

MADE this 20th day of March, 2020.

PEGGY O. SERAME,
*Minister of Investment, Trade and
Industry.*

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Statutory Instrument No. 33 of 2020

SHOP AND RESTAURANT HOURS ACT
(Cap. 43:04)

**SHOP AND RESTAURANT HOURS (RESTAURANT HOURS)
REGULATIONS, 2020**
(Published on 20th March, 2020)

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation
2. Limitation of hours of trade for restaurants

IN RECOGNITION of the risk posed by the COVID-19 virus and in exercise of the powers conferred on the Minister of Investment, Trade and Investment by section 3 of the Shop and Restaurant Hours Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

1. These Regulations may be cited as Shop and Restaurant Hours (Restaurant Hours) Regulations, 2020. Citation
2. A restaurant shall operate between 1000 hours and 2000 hours until further notice. Limitation of hours of trade for restaurants

MADE this 20th day of March, 2020.

PEGGY O. SERAME,
*Minister of Investment, Trade and
Industry.*

Statutory Instrument No. 34 of 2020

IMMIGRATION ACT
(Cap. 25:02)

IMMIGRATION (POINTS OF ENTRY) ORDER 2020
(Published on 20th March, 2020)

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

PARAGRAPH

1. Citation
2. Specified points of entry
3. Revocation of S.I. No. 16 of 2016

SCHEDULE

IN RECOGNITION of the risk posed by the COVID-19 virus and in exercise of the powers conferred on the Minister of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs by section 4 (1) (a) of the Immigration Act, the following Order is hereby made —

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Citation | 1. This Order may be cited as the Immigration (Points of Entry) Order, 2020. |
| Specified points of entry | 2. The border posts, rail entry points and airports set out in the Schedule are hereby specified as points of entry into Botswana for the purposes of the Act. |
| Revocation of S.I. No. 16 of 2016 | 3. The Immigration Regulations are hereby revoked. |

SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 2)

BORDER POSTS

Kazungula Road;
Mamuno;
Martin's Drift;
Mohembo;
Ngoma;
Pioneer;
Ramatlabama;
Ramokgwebana; and
Tlokweg.

RAIL ENTRY POINTS

Ramatlabama
Vakaranga

AIRPORTS

Francistown;
Ghanzi;
Kasane;
Jwaneng;
Lobatse;

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Mahalapye;
Maun;
Orapa;
Palapye;
Selebi-Phikwe;
Seretse Khama Airport;
Serondela Airstrip;
Shakawe; and
Tuli Lodge.

MADE this 20th day of March, 2020.

ANNA MARIA MOKGETHI,
*Minister of Nationality, Immigration
and Gender Affairs.*

