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(CHAPTER 34)**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) Regulations, I HEREBY make the following Order for every island and cay in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas —

1. Citation.

This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 3) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2020.

2. Amendment of order 13 of the principal Order.

Order 13 of the principal Order is amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (2), of the following new paragraph —

“(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(d), a person aboard a pleasure craft which has been anchored offshore in Bahamian waters for at least fourteen days, shall be permitted to disembark into a port in The Bahamas to conduct routine business while adhering to physical distance protocols and order 8.”.

3. Revocation and replacement of orders 14 and 15 of the principal Order.

Orders 14 and 15 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

“ **14. Restriction on domestic travel.**

- (1) No person shall offer for hire or seek to travel on any —
 - (a) mail boat, sailing inter island, except for transport of freight; or
 - (b) inter island private commercial sea transport other than a ferry service —
 - (i) within a chain of islands which are a part of any family island;

- (ii) to and from Harbour Island for the delivery of pharmaceuticals; and
 - (iii) to and from Bimini, for the transport of essential workers;
 - (c) commercial or general aviation aircraft, flying inter island except for a medical emergency, the transport of freight or the transportation of persons as specified in paragraph (3) or (4), operated by —
 - (i) an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holder; or
 - (ii) a general aviation aircraft owner or pilot.
- (2) No aircraft shall be permitted to land or depart at any Family Island airport except for —
- (a) a flight referred to in paragraph (1)(c); or
 - (b) any other flight,
- as approved in writing by the Director of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority, prior to departure from any airport.
- (3) A person who resides —
- (a) in New Providence or Grand Bahama and is returning to New Providence or Grand Bahama from any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule*;
 - (b) in any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule* and is travelling from New Providence or Grand Bahama to any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule*,
- may travel inter island by air or sea where he has been issued a valid travel authorisation card issued in accordance with order 15.
- (4) A person who resides in any of the Family Islands listed in the *Second Schedule* shall be authorised to travel to and from another Family Island listed in the *Second Schedule*.
- (5) The Competent Authority may vary any of the requirements above by Order.

15. Travel authorisation card.

- (1) No person shall travel or attempt to travel inter island without being in possession of a valid travel authorisation card.
- (2) A person desirous of travelling inter island shall apply for a travel authorisation card by —
 - (a) registering with the Ministry of Health; and
 - (b) submitting to a medical exam.

- (3) A medical exam referred to in paragraph (1)(d) shall be conducted by a physician authorised by the Ministry of Health and consist of a risk assessment questionnaire or a physical exam or both to determine the risk level of the applicant.
- (4) Where a physician determines that the results of the medical exam indicates that —
 - (a) the applicant is low risk, the physician shall —
 - (i) report his assessment to the Ministry of Health and recommend the issuance of a travel authorisation card; and
 - (ii) where the physician considers it necessary, refer the applicant to the Ministry of Health to be tested for Covid 19;
 - (b) the applicant is high risk, the physician shall —
 - (i) report his assessment of the applicant to the Ministry of Health; and
 - (ii) refer the applicant to the Ministry of Health to be tested for Covid 19.
- (5) The Ministry of Health may issue a travel authorisation card to an applicant —
 - (a) who has been assessed as low risk; or
 - (b) whose results of the test administered under paragraph (4)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) is negative.
- (6) Notwithstanding the issuance of a travel authorisation card under paragraph (5), the Ministry of Health may —
 - (a) revoke the travel authorisation card; and
 - (b) require the holder of the travel authorisation card to reapply where it is suspected that the holder is now high risk for contracting Covid 19.”.

4. Amendment of First Schedule to the principal Order.

The First Schedule of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) in Part A —
 - (i) by the insertion immediately after item (47) of the following new item —

“(47A) Laundromats, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 8:00 p.m.”; and
 - (ii) by the deletion and substitution of item (65) as follows —

“(65) Effective Monday 25th day of May, 2020, clearing banks and the Post Office Savings Banks are permitted to operate between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.”; and

- (b) in Part E by the deletion and substitution of paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) as follows —
- “(3) A person referred to in paragraph (1) —
- (a) shall be required to —
 - (i) undergo a RTPCR Covid 19 molecular diagnostic test administered by an accredited lab, prior to returning to The Bahamas; and
 - (ii) to submit or cause to be submitted to the Office of the Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health, the results of the test together with his contact information;
 - (b) may be required to undergo a RTPCR Covid 19 molecular diagnostic test administered by the Ministry of Health upon arrival.
- (4) Any —
- (a) aircraft or airline; or
 - (b) vessel,
- proposing to travel to New Providence or Grand Bahama to return a person referred to in paragraph (1), is required to apply to the Director General of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority or the Director of the Bahamas Maritime Authority for the necessary approvals prior to departure.
- (5) No aircraft, airline or vessel referred to under paragraph (4) shall permit any person to board the aircraft, airline or vessel without first being presented with —
- (a) the test results referred to in paragraph (3)(a); or
 - (b) verification from the Ministry of Health that the person has been authorised for the test to be administered in accordance with paragraph (3)(b).
- (6) Every person returning to The Bahamas shall —
- (a) be required to be quarantined for a period of fourteen days either at their residence or where that person is unable to safely quarantine at their residence, at a facility to be determined by the Ministry of Health; and

- (b) be subject to mandatory quarantine verification monitoring by the Ministry of Health.”

Made this 22nd day of MAY, 2020



PRIME MINISTER