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EXEMPTED BUSINESSES AND UNDERTAKINGS

Pursuant to Order 5(1)(m) of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020, the following businesses or undertakings shall continue to be exempted from the provisions of Order 5 —

Nothing herein shall derogate from the provisions of order 5 and 16 of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19)(No. 2) Order, 2020 as amended by order of the Competent Authority from time to time.

ELECTRONIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

(1) (a) Two Way Radio Communications system providers; and

(b) Electronic communications or Technology service providers and IT support businesses,

shall be allowed to operate during the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm or when needed in an emergency provided that the above entities shall not be open to the general public, but shall provide business to business support to its various clients remotely or on call, as may be required.

(2) Businesses engaged in the repair and maintenance or the provisioning of ATM machines.

FARMING, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES RESOURCE

(3) Farms including hydroponic farms with or without live animals may operate during the hours between 6:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m but shall not be open to the general public;

(4) Plant nurseries in New Providence, on Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 6:00 am and 12:00 pm.

(5) Animal husbandry – feeding and tending livestock for human consumption may operate during the hours between 6:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m but shall not be open to the general public;

(6) Nassau Humane Society;

(7) Humane Society of Grand Bahama;

(8) Veterinarians may operate on call and as needed to service their clients and only open the office on an emergency basis;-

(9) National Park wardens on call and only when they may be needed;

(10) Fishing:

(a) Subsistence Fishing by no more than one person or not more than two members of an immediate family during daylight hours and not later than 8pm;
(b) Commercial fishing for domestic consumption only. All product must be taken directly to a processing plant and may only be sold to a Wholesale distributor or grocery store, and not to the general public.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

(11) Counsel and Attorneys when —
(i) required to attend an in-person court hearing;
(ii) attending their office for the purpose of preparing for a court hearing;
(iii) advising people living in institutions or deprived of their liberty;
(iv) discharging instructions in existing criminal or urgent civil matters or taking instructions in new criminal or urgent civil matters where this cannot be done by audio-visual means;
(v) assisting in the performance of urgent commercial transactions;
(vi) acting in connection with the execution of wills subject in all cases to producing identification if requested to do so; or
(vii) accompanying persons on bail with reporting conditions to a designated police station for the sole purpose of complying with such conditions.

(12) Any businesses that provides property management with landscaping services and/or maintenance services on Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm., provided that there are no dealings with the general public.

TRAVEL SERVICES

(13) Rental car businesses may be open to the general public during the hours of 8 am to 1pm to allow only for the return of car rentals and the extension of any rental contracts that may be required in light of the Order.

OTHER SERVICES

(14) Groceries and non-alcoholic beverages mobile delivery services may operate during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

(15) Business to Business Suppliers of cleaning chemicals may operate during the hours of 9am to 2pm provided that such entities shall be closed to the general public.

(16) Janitorial and similar services supplied to Businesses may operate during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to ensure that other businesses are sanitized and cleaned, as may be essential to its clients.

(17) Pool maintenance and supplies businesses may operate during the hours of 9am to 5pm or any lesser period as may be determined by such business.

(18) Funeral homes and all public and private cemeteries.

(19) Fabric stores for the purpose of the sale of materials approved by the Competent Authority to an approved manufacturer for the use of constructing hygienic, surgical or face masks between the hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m., and shall not be open to the general public.

(20) Manufacturers of hygienic, surgical or face masks as approved by the Competent Authority, for sale by home delivery or sale to grocery stores, pharmacy and the medical profession between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

(21) Auto part stores, in New Providence, on Tuesdays between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 pm.

(22) Hardware, plumbing, home and hurricane awnings and protection stores, in New Providence, on Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

(23) Hardware, lumber, plumbing and electrical stores on Family Islands that cater to construction shall be permitted to open Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

(24) Construction on —

(a) New Providence and Grand Bahama between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm; and

(b) any Family Island.

(25) Landscapers and irrigation personnel which are not directly tied to a property maintenance business shall be permitted to operate on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

(26) Auto dealerships under contract for the servicing of Government vehicles, between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.

INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS

The following industrial manufacturers are permitted to open but only to maintain industrial equipment, conduct any essential business or service, or such other business as may be exempted by the Competent Authority under paragraph 5(m) of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order,

2020 and utilizing only essential workers:

(27) Polymers International Ltd.;

(28) Grand Bahama Power Company;

(29) Bradford Grand Bahama Limited;

(30) PharmaChem Technologies G.B. Ltd.;

(31) Freeport Container Port Ltd, as already provided in Order 16(2)(c);

(32) Bahama Rock - Martin Marietta;

(33) Buckeye Bahamas Hub Ltd;

(34) Grand Bahama Shipyard Ltd., (including the take away food service Antoni's located on the premises);

(35) Bahamas Industrial Technologies Ltd.;

(36) Bahamian Brewery;

(37) Freeport Aggregates Limited;

(38) Quality Services Limited;

PERSONAL SERVICES

(39) Non-Profit Organizations, Churches and Civic Organizations, utilizing only essential persons, who provide food packages to persons in need. The said entities may operate during the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION

(40) AUTEC Naval Base, OPBAT, Customs and Border Protection;

(41) Consular Officers, Diplomatic Security Agents, Embassy and Security Personnel may operate during the hours of 9am to 5pm or in an emergency, with the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

SECURITY SERVICES

In addition to and without derogating from any that are listed in the Order, the following security related services are permitted to operate as contemplated under Order 16(2)(g):

(42) Jacks Bay Development Ltd., may continue to operate to provide its in-house security;

(43) Commonwealth Brewery may continue to operate only as needed to permit its security manager and other in house security personnel to secure sites and respond to any emergency as needed.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

(44) Money transmission businesses, between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00 pm, which are operating from premises which are stand alone, meaning that clients can enter without the need to go through another premises, and which are unconnected to, or to be found within, any other business premises.

(45) Life, health and general insurance companies, broker and agents may open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, subject to sanitation, physical distancing and the entry of not more than one person for every 30 square feet of publicly accessible space.

HEALTH SERVICES

(46) Subject to order 7C of the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020 *(S.I. No. 21 of 2020),* a person providing medical, therapeutic or other patient care whether in a person's home or in a residential care establishment or facility.

RELIGIOUS ADMINISTRATION

(47) Church administrative offices Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

JUDICIAL SERVICES

(48) Judicial Officers acting in the course of their judicial duties.

(49) Staff of the Office of the Judiciary who have been designated in writing as an essential worker by the Chief Justice only when acting in the course of their duties.

Only essential workers necessary for the performance of the core functions of the businesses itemized above are to be utilized, while adhering at all times to physical distancing requirements and the requirement to wear a mask specified in the Emergency Powers (Covid 19) (No. 2) Order, 2020.

Entities listed herein shall seek approval from the Commissioner of Police, if and as required, pursuant to Order 2 and 13.

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